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from : General Secretariat of the Council
to : Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject : Adoption of a Council Decision authorising the Commission to negotiate the renewal of the agreement for scientific and technical cooperation between the European Community and the State of Israel.

1. On 12 August 2002, the Commission submitted to the Council its recommendation for the above-mentioned decision. The Commission's recommendation is based on Articles 170 and 300 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, having regard to Art.12 paragraph 4 of the agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the State of Israel¹.
2. The current agreement, which associates Israel to all the specific programmes of the Fifth Framework Programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration (RTD) activities, was concluded by Council Decision 1999/224/CE of 22.02.1999², and entered into force on 08.03.1999.

¹ O.J. L 83 of 27.03.1999, p.51.

² O.J. L 83 of 27.03.1999, p.50.

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3. Article 12, paragraph 4 of the agreement foresees that "where the Community adopts a new multi-annual framework programme for research and development, this agreement may be renegotiated or renewed under mutually agreed conditions".
4. On 27 June 2002, the European Parliament and the Council adopted Decision N° 1513/2002/EC concerning the sixth framework programme of the European Community for RTD activities (2002-2006)¹.
5. A renewal of the scientific and technical cooperation agreement between the European Community and the State of Israel is necessary to adapt the terms and conditions of this agreement to the rules applicable to the sixth framework programme.
6. The Research Working Party reached agreement on the text of the negotiating directives at its meeting of 30 September 2002.
7. It is suggested, therefore, that the Permanent Representatives Committee recommend that the Council adopt, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, the Decision and the negotiating directives as annexed to this note.

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¹ O.J. L 232 of 29.08.2002, p.1.

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COUNCIL DECISION

authorising the Commission to negotiate the renewal of the agreement for scientific and technical cooperation between the European Community and the State of Israel

1. The Council authorises the Commission to negotiate the renewal of the agreement for scientific and technical cooperation between the European Community and the State of Israel, including a provisional entry into force, allowing Israeli entities to participate in the first calls of the Sixth framework programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities, aimed at contributing towards the creation of the European Research Area (2002-2006).
2. The Commission will conduct the negotiations with the assistance of the special committee created for this purpose in accordance with Article 300 of the Treaty establishing the European Community.
3. The Council calls on the Commission to conduct these negotiations on the basis of the annexed negotiating directives.
4. The Commission will keep the Council informed of the state of progress of the negotiations.

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ANNEX II

Draft negotiating directives

Objective

The aim of the negotiations is to renew the present Agreement for the duration of the Sixth Framework Programme for Community RTD activities (2002-2006), and this in accordance with the procedure foreseen under Article 12, paragraph 4 of this Agreement. The terms and conditions of the present Agreement will be adapted to the rules applicable to the Sixth Framework Programme. It would be appropriate to foresee the provisional application of the renewed agreement so as to allow Israeli entities to participate in the first calls under the Sixth Framework Programme.

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