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AGREEMENT¹ ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND THE STATE OF ISRAEL

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION, acting on behalf of the European Community
(hereinafter "the Community"),

of the one part, and

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL, acting on behalf of the State of Israel
(hereinafter "Israel"),

of the other part,

hereinafter referred to as the "Parties",

CONSIDERING the importance of scientific and technical research for Israel and the
Community and their mutual interest in cooperating in this matter in order to make better
use of resources and avoid unnecessary duplication;

WHEREAS Israel and the Community are currently implementing research programmes in
fields of common interest;

WHEREAS Israel and the Community have an interest in cooperating on these programmes
to their mutual benefit;

CONSIDERING the interest of both Parties in encouraging the mutual access of their
research entities to research and development activities in Israel on the one hand, and to
the Community's framework programmes for research and technological development on
the other;

WHEREAS, for this purpose, it is desirable that a framework be established to encompass
the full extent of cooperation between Israel and the Community in the field of research;

¹ Came into force on 6 August 1996 by notification, in accordance with article 13.

WHEREAS the State of Israel, on the one hand, and the European Community and its Member States, on the other hand, have negotiated an agreement providing for the negotiation of a cooperation agreement in the field of science and technology;

WHEREAS, by Decision No 1110/94/EC, the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union adopted a Framework Programme of European Community activities in the field of research and technological development and demonstration (1994-1998), hereinafter called the "Fourth Framework Programme";

WHEREAS, without prejudice to the relevant provisions of the Treaty instituting the European Community,¹ this Agreement and any activities entered into under it will in no way affect the powers vested in the Member States to undertake bilateral activities with Israel in the fields of science, technology, research and development, and to conclude, where appropriate, agreements to that end,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

1. Research entities established in Israel may participate in all the specific programmes of the Fourth Framework Programme.
2. Israeli scientists or research entities may participate in the activities of the Joint Research Centre.
3. Research entities established in the Community may participate in research programmes and projects in Israel in themes equivalent to those of the programmes of the Fourth Framework Programme.
4. "Research entities" as referred to in this Agreement, shall include inter alia: universities, research organizations, industrial companies, including small and medium-sized enterprises, or individuals.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 298, p. 3 (English translation), vol. 294, p. 3 (authentic French text), vol. 295, p. 2 (authentic German text); vol. 296, p. 2 (authentic Italian text); vol. 297, p. 2 (authentic Dutch text); vol. 1376, p. 138 (authentic Danish text); vol. 1377, p. 6 (authentic English text); vol. 1378, p. 6 (authentic Irish text); vol. 1383, p. 146 (authentic Greek text), vol. 1452, p. 306 (authentic Portuguese text) and vol. 1453, p. 332 (authentic Spanish text)

ARTICLE 2

Cooperation may take the following forms:

- participation of research entities established in Israel in the implementation of all specific programmes adopted under the Fourth Framework Programme, in accordance with the terms and conditions laid down in the "rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities in research, technological development and demonstration activities of the European Community",
- financial contribution by Israel to the budgets of the programmes adopted for the implementation of the Fourth Framework Programme on the basis of the ratio of Israel's GDP to that of the Member States of the European Union,
- participation of research entities established in the Community in Israeli research projects and their results, in accordance with the terms and conditions applying in Israel in every case; research entities established in the Community participating in Israeli research projects within research and development programmes shall cover their own costs, including their relative share of the project's general management and administrative costs,
- regular discussions on the orientations and priorities of research policies and planning in Israel and the Community,
- discussions on cooperation prospects and development,
- timely provision of information concerning the implementation of RTD programmes in Israel and the Community, and concerning the results of work undertaken within the framework of cooperation.

ARTICLE 3

Cooperation may be achieved by the following means:

- participation in Community programmes or subprogrammes or joint research activities, and notably in shared cost research contracts, concerted actions,

coordination activities, including thematic networks, education and training activities, studies and assessments,

- joint meetings,
- visits and exchanges and research workers, engineers and technicians,
- regular, sustained contacts between programme or project managers,
- participation of experts in seminars, symposia and workshops.

ARTICLE 4

Cooperation may be adapted and developed at any time by mutual agreement between the Parties.

ARTICLE 5

Research entities established in Israel, participating in Community research programmes, shall, as regards ownership, exploitation and dissemination of information and intellectual property arising from such participation, have the same rights and obligations as those of research entities established in the Community, subject to Annex A.

Research entities established in the Community, taking part in Israeli research projects within research and development programmes, shall, as regards ownership, exploitation and dissemination of information and intellectual property arising from such participation, have the same rights and obligations as those of Israeli research entities in the project in question, subject to Annex C.

ARTICLE 6

A joint committee shall be established, to be called the "EC-Israel Research Committee", whose functions shall include:

- reviewing and evaluating the implementation of this Agreement,