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COMMISSION

Proposal for a Council Decision concluding the Agreement for scientific and technical cooperation between the European Community and the State of Israel

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(Submitted by the Commission on 17 July 1998)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 130m, in conjunction with Article 228(2), first sentence, and the first subparagraph of Article 228(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas the European Community and Israel are pursuing specific research programmes in areas of common interest;

Whereas the State of Israel, on the one hand, and the European Community and its Member States, on the other hand, have signed a Euro-Mediterranean association agreement providing for the negotiation of a cooperation agreement in the field of science and technology;

Whereas the European Community and the State of Israel have concluded an agreement for scientific and technical cooperation for the duration of the Fourth Framework Programme for RTD;

Whereas by its Decision of 18 May 1998, the Council authorised the Commission to negotiate the renewal of the agreement for scientific and technical cooperation between the European Community and the State of Israel for the duration of the Fifth Framework Programme;

Whereas the Agreement for scientific and technical cooperation between the EC and the State of Israel should be approved and signed on behalf of the Community,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Agreement for scientific and technical cooperation between the European Community and the State of Israel is hereby approved. The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

Pursuant to Article 13 of the Agreement, the President of the Council shall give notification that the procedures necessary for the entry into force of the Agreement have been completed on the part of the European Community.