EC/Egypt agreement: scientific and technological cooperation

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PURPOSE: to conclude an Agreement on scientific and technological cooperation between the EC and Egypt.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2008/180/EC concerning the conclusion of the Agreement on scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt.

CONTENT: this Decision approves the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the EC and Egypt, on behalf of the Community.

The Agreement is based on the principles of mutual benefit, reciprocal opportunities for access to each other's programmes and activities relevant to the purpose of the Agreement, non-discrimination, the effective protection of intellectual property, and equitable sharing of intellectual property rights. Participation in indirect actions of legal entities established in Egypt shall be subject to the terms and conditions for legal entities in third countries established by a decision taken by the European Parliament and the Council according to Article 167 of the Treaty, Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation and other applicable Community legislation.

It should also be noted that the European Community must draft documents of general application in the official languages of all the Member States. The President of the Council shall be authorised to approve with Egypt, via an Exchange of Letters, that the text of the Agreement is authentic in all the languages of the Member States following the accessions of 2004 and 2007.