Research: supplementary programme, Joint Research Centre JRC for the EAEC 2004-2006, Petten reactor

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PURPOSE : adoption of a supplementary research programme to be implemented by the Joint Research Centre for the European Atomic Energy Community. LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Decision 2004/185 /Euratom concerning the adoption of a supplementary research programme to be implemented by the Joint Research Centre for the European Atomic Energy Community. CONTENT : The programme's aims are primarily: - to provide more than 250 days per year of operation of the HFR in order to guarantee availability of neutrons for experiments. - to allow for the rational use of this reactor according to the needs of research institutions requiring HFR support in areas such as: improvement of safety of existing nuclear reactors, health, including the development of medical isotopes to answer the questions of medical research and the testing of medical therapeutic techniques, fusion, fundamental research and training and waste management, including the possibility of developing nuclear fuel devoted to the elimination of weapon-grade plutonium. The supplementary research programme on the operation of HFR is hereby adopted for a period of three years, starting on 1 January 2004. The financial contributions estimated as necessary for the execution of the programme amount to about EUR 30,6 million. It includes provision for the reactor decommissioning. The contributions to the programme will come from the Netherlands and France. The breakdown of these contributions is as follows: - The Netherlands: EUR 29,75 million; - France: EUR 0,90 million; - Total: EUR 30,65 million.