EC/Ukraine Agreement on cooperation in science and technology: renewal of the Agreement

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PURPOSE: to renew the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and Ukraine.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and Ukraine was signed in Copenhagen on 4 July 2002.

The Agreement stipulated that it shall be concluded for an initial period ending 31 December 2002 and will be renewable by common agreement between the Parties for additional periods of five years.

By its Decision 2011/182/EU of 9 March 2011, the Council approved the renewal of the Agreement for a further period of five years, until 8 November 2014. Renewal of the Agreement for five more years would be in the interest of both Parties so as to maintain continuity in the scientific and technological relations between Ukraine and the European Union.

It is now necessary to renew the Agreement.

CONTENT: the proposal calls on the Council to renew the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and Ukraine for an additional period of five years.

The material content of the renewed Agreement will be identical to that of the current Agreement, which expires on 7 November 2014.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATION: the financial envelope proposed for the implementation of the Agreement is **EUR 165 000** from 2014 to 2019.