EU/Korea Cooperation Agreement: Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS)

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PURPOSE: to conclude the Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2016/944 on the conclusion of the Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part.

CONTENT: the Council adopted a decision, approving on behalf of the European Union, the Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part.

This Agreement seeks to encourage, facilitate and enhance cooperation between the Parties in civil global satellite navigation. The sectors for cooperation activities in satellite navigation and timing are:

- radio-spectrum,
- scientific research and training,
- industrial cooperation,
- trade and market development,
- standards, certification,
- regulatory measures,
- augmentations,
- security,
- liability and cost recovery.

The Parties agreed to apply the following principles to cooperation activities covered by this Agreement:

- mutual benefit based on an overall balance of rights and obligations including contributions;
- partnership in the GALILEO Programme in accordance with the procedures and rules governing the management of GALILEO;
- reciprocal opportunities to engage in cooperative activities in the European Community and its Member States and Korean GNSS projects for civil use;
- timely exchange of information that may affect cooperative activities;
- appropriate protection of intellectual property rights;
- freedom to provide satellite navigation services in the territories of the Parties;
- unrestricted trade in GNSS goods in the territories of the Parties.

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