Specific programme RTD: cooperation with third countries and international organisations 1994-1998

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- OBJECTIVE: provisional extension of the INTAS measures until the end of the Fourth Framework Programme for research and technological development, that is until 31.12.1998. - SUBSTANCE: Given that a majority of the Member States and the European Parliament supported the continuation of the INTAS measures (International Association for the promotion of cooperation with scientists in the newly independent States of the former USSR), the Commission proposed that the activities of this body be maintained until the end of the Fourth Framework Research Programme (as opposed to what was advocated in its strategic document COM(95)0190 -COS0207- in which it expressed support for the reintegration of the activities of this body into its own services). However, it was specified that: - this situation can under no circumstances set a precedent for other areas of scientific and technical cooperation between the EC and third countries, - the Commission has the right of veto as the EU's representative in the General Assembly; - the presidency of the General Assembly is entrusted to the Commission; - Community financing will represent 50% of the funds provided for the NIS of the former USSR, that is to say ECU 12 m - 15 m per year. This compromise arrangement will enable the Commission both to consolidate its position (and carry out its responsibilities as to the effective implementation and administration of its financial contribution) and to ensure that the Community's aims in respect of international cooperation are secured.