EC and EAEC/Canada/Sweden/Ukraine/US agreement: EAEC and EC accession to the Science and Technology Centre in Ukraine

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OBJECTIVE: to enable the Community to join the Science and Technology Centre in Ukraine.
SUBSTANCE: the Science and Technology Centre in Ukraine (STCU) was created in October 1993 by an agreement between Canada, Sweden, the USA and Ukraine and is based, in its substance and form, on the same principles as the Moscow International Science and Technology Centre (ISTC), ratified by Regulation 395/92/EEC. The Centre's priority is to finance Science and Technology projects for peaceful purposes in Ukraine or other interested states of the former Soviet Union (e.g. redirecting the activities of scientists specializing in the area of weapons of mass destruction towards peaceful activities, nuclear safety and repairing the effects of nuclear accidents). The Community had previously not shown an interest in participating in the Centre's activities, but as its investments and the number of its scientific projects has grown, the Community has reconsidered its position. This proposal aims to enable the Community to join the STCU as a full member, which would give it a seat on the governing board, in the knowledge that Sweden will relinquish its seat as soon as the Community takes its place. In the financial statement annexed to the proposal for a regulation, the Commission estimates the Community's contribution to the STCU at ECU 3 million, to be taken from the TACIS budget in 1997.