Resaerch RTD, 5th EC framework-programme 1998-2002: specific programme "international role of Community research"

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OBJECTIVE: to adopt a specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration on 'Confirming the international role of Community research' (1998 to 2002). SUBSTANCE: with a view to the implementation of the fifth framework programme of R&TD, the Commission proposes adopting a specific programme on 'confirming the international role of Community research' for the period 1998-2002. The amount deemed necessary for the implementation of the specific programme is ECU 491 m (ECU 70 m for 1998-1999; ECU 421 m for 2000-2002). The strategic objectives of the programme are as follows: - to promote scientific and technological cooperation between undertakings, organisations and researchers from third countries and from the Community; - to facilitate access for research centres and undertakings established in the Community to scientific and technological knowledge available outside the Community and useful to the Community's interests; - to enhance the position and role of Community research in the international scientific and technological arena and to promote a European scientific and technological culture; - to prepare for the accession of new Member States (to contribute to the stabilisation of the RTD potential of the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union; to support the Euro-Mediterranean partnership; to contribute to the scientific development of developing countries); - to help European research players acquire information and gain experience of research capacity, activity and priorities of industrialised third countries and 'emerging economy' countries.