EC/Israel agreement: scientific and technical cooperation agreement for the duration of the 5th framework programme

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OBJECTIVE: to renew the scientific and technological cooperation agreement between the Community and Israel for the period of the Fifth Framework Programme of R&TD. SUBSTANCE: By means of its decision 96/505/EC of 25.07.1996, the Council concluded an agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the Community and Israel, which entered into force on 06.08.1996 (CNS96134). It may be recalled that this agreement associated Israel with all the specific non-nuclear programmes in the Fourth Framework Programme of research and technological development on the basis of common interest. The aim of the proposal is to continue the fruitful cooperation between the parties in the future Fifth Framework Programme of R&TD. The period covered by the cooperation is thus the same as that of the Framework Programme, i.e. 1998-2002. The agreement will be financed, on the Community side, from the Community budget for the Fifth Framework Programme. Israel will participate financially in proportion to its GDP as compared with that of the Member States of the Union plus that of Israel (the financial statement indicates, after calculation, that Israel's participation could be in the region of EUR 160 million over the whole of the period concerned, while the cost to the Community will be of the order of EUR 380 000 per annum, or EUR 1.5 million over the whole period).