EC/Canada Agreement: amending the scientific and technical cooperation agreement

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OBJECTIVE: to widen the field of application of the Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the European Community and Canada. CONTENT: the Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the European Community and Canada entered into force on 27 February 1996. This agreement was designed to stimulate cooperation in the area of RTD between the parties in terms of research projects conducted under the Community framework for RTD, and to develop joint research projects on the basis of mutual interest (see CNS95227). In the meantime, the parties have expressed the desire to amend the Agreement in order to widen its field of application. This is the objective of this proposal to amend the Agreement, which aims to extend current cooperation to all areas covered by Article 130 G(a) of the Treaty (?implementation of research, technological development and demonstration programmes, by promoting cooperation with and between undertakings, research centres and universities?) and, only as far as networks between infrastructure operators and related research projects are concerned, Article 130 G(d) of the Treaty (?stimulation of the training and mobility of researchers in the Community"). The proposal stipulates that for Canada, these activities include all non-defence science and technology activity funded or performed by services or agencies of the Canadian government (this cooperation may include science activities funded by the governments of the provinces or territories of Canada).