Research RTD 5th framework programme 1998-2002: association of Poland

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PURPOSE : in the context of the pre-accession strategy, the opening of the Fifth RTD Framework Programme to Poland for the period 1998-2002. CONTENT : this proposal for a Council Decision of the EC-Poland Association Council adopting the terms and conditions for the participation of Poland in Community programmes in the fields of research, technological development and demonstration (1998-2002). It is provided for that research entities established in Poland (universities, research organisations, industrial companies, including SMEs, or natural persons) may participate in EU programmes under the same conditions as EU entities. The proposal specifies the forms that this participation may take, as well as the implications as regards ownership, exploitation and dissemination of information and intellectual property arising from such participation. The financial contribution of Poland deriving from participation in the implementation of the specific programmes shall be established in proportion to, and in addition to, the amount available each year in the general EU budget for commitment appropriations to meet the Commission's financial obligations stemming from work to be carried out in the forms necessary for the implementation, management and operation of these programmes. The proportionality factor governing the contribution of Poland shall be obtained by establishing the ratio between the GDP of Poland, at market prices, and the sum of the GDPs, at market prices, of the EU Member States and Poland. The financial statement annexed to the proposal fixes the total contribution of Poland for the 5 years of the Framework Programmes at 226.22 million euros (it should be noted that Poland will be able to use some Phare resources to pay this contribution). Expenditures for Community management of programmes are estimated at O.25 million euros/year. Procedures are laid down to enable Polish representives to participate in the work of the committees of the various programmes. Provisions are also made to associate this country with any future framework programme.