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

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PURPOSE : to broaden the field of application of the Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the European Community and Canada. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Decision 1999/408/EC concerning the conclusion of the Agreement amending the Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the European Community and Canada. CONTENT : on the 27.02.1996 the Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the European Community and Canada entered into force. This Agreement aimed to stimulate cooperation in the area of research and development techniques between the parties in terms of research projects backed up by the Community Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development and to develop joint research projects on the basis of mutual interest (see procedure 1995/0227 CNS). In the meantime, the parties expressed the wish to amend the Agreement in order to broaden the field of application. The objective of this Decision is to amend the Agreement which seeks to extend the current cooperation to all the fields which are covered by Article 130 G, point a) of the Treaty (implementation of research programmes, technological development and demonstration by promoting the cooperation between businesses, research centres and universities) only as far as the infrastructure network users and the research programmes relating to them are concerned. The Decision stipulates that for Canada, these activities will cover all the scientific and technological activities other than defence financed or carried out by the services or agencies of the government of Canada (this cooperation may eventually include scientific activities financed by the Provincial Governments or the territories of this country). ENTRY INTO FORCE : the amending Agreement will enter into force on 30.04.1999.