EC/Kazakhstan agreement: partnership and cooperation agreement, protocol after the 2004 enlargement

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PURPOSE: to update the partnership and co-operation agreement (PCA) between the Republic of Kazakhstan and the EU following the accession of ten new Member States.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council and Commission Decision 2006/710/EC, Euratom on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Kazakhstan, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia, and the Slovak Republic to the European Union.

CONTENT: following the accession of ten new Member States to the EU in May 2004, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with the Republic of Kazakhstan to update the previously agreed partnership and co-operation agreement by drawing up a Protocol to the PCA. The Protocol itself covers certain technical adjustments linked to institutional and legal developments within the EU and seeks to reflect the EU's new landscape following enlargement. The Protocol was signed on behalf of the European Community and the Member States on 30 April 2004 in accordance with Council Decision 2006 /709/EC. Pending its entry into force, the Protocol has been applied on a provisional basis as from the date of accession.

This Decision concludes the Protocol, the text of which is attached to the document.