EC/Republic of Korea agreement: agreement for scientific and technological cooperation

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PURPOSE: to conclude the Scientific and Technological Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Korea.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2007/241/EC on the conclusion of the Scientific and Technological Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of Korea.

CONTENT: the Council adopted a decision approving the conclusion of an agreement with the Republic of Korea in order to develop and facilitate cooperative activities for peaceful purposes in the areas of science and technology. The Agreement is based on the principles of mutual benefit, reciprocal opportunities for access to each other's programmes and activities relevant to the purpose of the Agreement, non-discrimination, the effective protection of intellectual property and equitable sharing of intellectual property rights.

The agreement provides the implementation measures for the "direct" and "indirect" cooperation actions:

The direct cooperative activities under this Agreement may include:

- meetings of various forms, including those of experts, to discuss and exchange information on scientific and technological topics of a general or specific nature and to identify research and development projects and programmes that may be undertaken on a cooperative basis;

- exchange of information on activities, policies, practices, laws and regulations concerning research and development;

- visits and exchanges of scientists, technical personnel and other experts on general or specific subjects;

- implementation of cooperative projects and programmes which may be decided upon by the Joint Committee, in accordance with the respective laws and regulations of the Parties; and

- other forms of activities in the areas of science and technology,

For the purpose of developing "indirect" cooperative activities, any legal entity established in Korea or the Community may participate in research programmes or projects operated by the other Party and opened to its legal entities, in accordance with the respective laws and regulations of the Parties.

For the purpose of ensuring the effective implementation of this Agreement, the executive agents shall establish a Joint Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation. The Joint Committee shall consist of official representatives of each Party and shall be co-chaired by the representatives of both Parties. The Joint Committee shall establish its own rules of procedure by mutual consent.

The Joint Committee shall exchange views and information on scientific and technological policy issues and review and discuss the cooperative activities and accomplishments under this Agreement.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: this Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which the Parties exchange

diplomatic notes informing each other of the completion of their respective internal procedures necessary for the entry into force of this Agreement. It shall remain in force for five years and shall continue to be in force thereafter unless terminated by either Party.