

Proposal for a Council Decision concluding the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the People's Republic of China

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 170, in conjunction with Article 300(2), first sentence, and Article 300(3), first subparagraph, thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament,

(1) Whereas the European Community and the People's Republic of China are pursuing specific RTD programmes in areas of common interest;

(2) Whereas on the basis of past experience, both sides have expressed a desire to establish a deeper and broader framework for the conduct of collaboration in science and technology;

(3) Whereas this cooperation agreement in the field of science and technology forms part of the global cooperation between the European Community and the People's Republic of China;

(4) Whereas by its Decision of 22 June 1998, the Council authorised the Commission to negotiate an agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the People's Republic of China;

(5) Whereas by its Decision of 22 December 1998, the Council decided that the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation be signed on behalf of the European Community;

(6) Whereas the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation was signed on 22 December 1998;

(7) Whereas the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the EC and the People's Republic of China should be approved,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the People's Republic of China is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

Pursuant to Article 12 of the Agreement, the President of the Council shall give notification that the procedures necessary for the entry into force of the Agreement have been completed on the part of the European Community.