


Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	1996/0134(CNS)	Procedure completed
EC/Israel agreement: scientific and technical cooperation agreement		
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Geographical area Israel		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy	PSE STOCKMANN Ulrich	25/06/1996
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Budget	1945	25/07/1996
	Research	1912	25/03/1996
	Agriculture and Fisheries	1908	19/03/1996
	Research	1776	27/06/1994

Key events			
19/10/1994	Additional information		Summary
14/05/1996	Legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0205	Summary
06/06/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
16/07/1996	Vote in committee		
16/07/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0250/1996	
18/07/1996	Debate in Parliament		
19/07/1996	Decision by Parliament	T4-0430/1996	Summary
25/07/1996	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		Summary
25/07/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		
19/08/1996	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1996/0134(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
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Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		COM(1996)0205 OJ C 228 07.08.1996, p. 0006	14/05/1996	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0250/1996 OJ C 261 09.09.1996, p. 0013	16/07/1996	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0430/1996 OJ C 261 09.09.1996, p. 0182-0195	19/07/1996	EP	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act
Decision 1996/505 OJ L 209 19.08.1996, p. 0022 Summary

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1. Category of referral: Council Decision 2. Expected date of referral: expected for 1995 (first part) 3. Committee responsible: ENER 4. Previous Community legislation: No previous general agreement, but cooperation in specific areas (see point 10) 5. Previous position of EP: One part of the 4th Framework Programme on Research and Development (R&D) for the EU is cooperation in the field of R&D. This scientific and technological cooperation in Europe is also extended to other scientific and technological cooperation frameworks in Europe outside the EU. The aim of this activity is to optimize research in Europe through appropriate cooperation, taking into account national efforts, both those of Member-States and those of EFTA-countries, as well as those of COST, EUREKA, and other European organizations. The objective of this cooperation is to promote the interest of the Community and to optimize the efforts made in the area of Research, Technological Development and Demonstration (RTD), by facilitating access to sources of science and technology of Third Countries. This approach was highly welcomed by the EP and the Council in its codecision on the Framework Programme. 6. Situation in the Member States (MS): All MS can participate via the various RTD-programmes of the EU in cooperation projects with Israeli partners. 7. Content of the planned legislation: Negotiations will start in November 1994; planned legislation could be in line with other agreements (see for example: Australia agreement, see point 10). 8. Legal Basis envisaged by the Commission: 130m in conjunction with Article 228(2) and 228(3). 9. Documentation and sources: EU 4th Framework Programme, COM(93) 0276, LINKOHR-Report on 4th Framework Programme, Doc. A3-0360/93, Part A and Doc. A3-0063/94, Council Decision of 26.4.1994, OJ L 126 of 18.5.1994, and L 115 of 6.5.1994, pp. 31-35. 10. Background information: The Research Council adopted on 24 September 1994 a Decision authorizing the Commission to negotiate a scientific and technical cooperation agreement between the Community and the State of Israel. That Decision supplements that on the negotiation of an association agreement. The objective is to associate Israel with the RTD programmes (except the nuclear programmes) adopted for the implementation of the Community R&D Framework Programme. As usual with this type of agreement, Israel's contribution to the budget for the programmes will be in the proportion that its GNP bears to the Community's. In addition, the agreement will provide for reciprocity in the opening of Israel's research activities equivalent to those of the Fourth Framework Programme to bodies established within the European Union. Negotiations with Israel will start in November 1994; signature of the final agreement is expected in mid-1995. The R&D cooperation with Israel follows the general objectives concerning R&D cooperation with third countries and international organizations: to add value to the Community's and the Member States' RTD activities and other Community policies by means of selective, mutually advantageous cooperation with third countries and international organizations (Research Council of 29.9.1994). Israel should participate in all EU-RTD-Programmes within the 4th Framework Programme (without nuclear research, EURATOM). The EU is extremely interested to support with this cooperation the ongoing peace process in the Middle East and to benefit from the high and exceptional RTD-potential in Israel. Cooperation EU-Israel in the field of Science and Technology was in line with the general Framework agreement on Cooperation from 1975. Israeli R&D institutions and scientists had in the past opportunities to cooperate with the EU: - in the multilateral R&D programme "Sciences et Technologies du Vivant pour Pays en

Développement" (STD, until 1991) - within the Community programme "International Scientific Cooperation" (R&D Cooperation on a bilateral basis between laboratories in the EU and third Countries in Latin America, Asia and the Mediterranean Region). A cooperation agreement with Israel could be in line with the Australia-Agreement concerning scientific and technical cooperation (see: Council Decision of 27.6.1994, OJ L 188/17 of 1994): - research in areas of common interests - mutual benefits through R&D-cooperation - participation in R&D projects - shared use of R&D facilities - visits and exchange of scientists - exchange on information such as practices, laws, regulations and programmes. ?

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OBJECTIVE: conclusion of an EC/Israel agreement for scientific and technical cooperation providing for the participation of Israeli research entities in specific programmes adopted under the Fourth Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development and, on a reciprocal basis, the participation of Community research entities in Israeli research programmes. **CONTENT:** this agreement was signed by the Commission on behalf of the Community on 25 March 1996 and is designed to enable the Community and Israel to derive mutual benefit from the scientific and technical progress achieved through their reciprocal research programmes, with participation by the Israeli scientific community and industry in Community research programmes and independent and non-subsidised participation in Israeli research activity by bodies established in the Community. . The beneficiaries in the Community and Israel will be the scientific communities, industry and the population in general due to the direct and indirect impact of cooperation. . Provision is made for the protection of intellectual property and for the dissemination and use of information gathered as a result of the research projects. . The duration of the agreement corresponds to the duration of the Fourth Framework Programme for Research (i.e. three years from 1996). However, a clause is included to allow one or other party (or both) to terminate the agreement upon 12 months' notice. . A EC-Israel joint research committee is established to manage the activities proposed under the agreement. Similarly, Israel is invited to participate in the various management committees for the specific programmes covered by the Fourth Framework Programme for Research. . The agreement is financed, on the Community side, from the EC budget for the Fourth Framework Programme for Research (the financial statement allocates a total of ECU 1.59 million, that is, ECU 530 000 per year in 1996, 1997 and 1998). Israel's contribution to the budget of the Fourth Framework Programme will be in proportion to its GNP compared to that of the Union and in proportion to the funding of the specific programmes under the Fourth Framework Programme. ?

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In adopting the report by Mr Ulrich STOCKMANN (PSE, D), Parliament approved the conclusion of the Agreement. ?

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OBJECTIVE: conclusion of an EC/Israel Agreement for scientific and technical cooperation providing for the participation of Israeli research entities in the specific programmes adopted under the Fourth Framework Programme and, on a reciprocal basis, the participation of Community research entities in Israeli research programmes. **COMMUNITY MEASURE:** Council Decision (EC) 96/505 concluding the Agreement for scientific and technical cooperation between the European Community and the State of Israel. **SUBSTANCE:** This Agreement should enable Israel and the Community to derive mutual benefit from the scientific and technical progress achieved through their reciprocal research programmes, with participation by the Israeli scientific community and industry in Community research programmes and independent and non-subsidized participation in Israeli research activity by bodies established in the Community. . Beneficiaries in the EU and Israel will be the scientific communities, industry and the population generally, thanks to the direct and indirect impact of cooperation. . Provision is made for the protection of intellectual property and the dissemination and use of information derived from the research projects. . The duration of the Agreement corresponds to the duration of the Fourth Framework Programme (i.e. three years, from 1996). A clause is, however, included to permit one or other party (or the two) to terminate the Agreement upon 12 months' notice. . An EC-Israel joint research committee is established to manage the activities envisaged by the Agreement. At the same time, Israel is invited to participate in the various committees managing the specific programmes under the Fourth Framework Programme. . The Agreement is financed, on the Community side, from the EC budget covering the Fourth Framework Programme. Israel's contribution to the budget of the Fourth Framework Programme will be made in proportion to its GNP compared to the Union and in proportion to the funding of the various specific programmes under the Fourth Framework Programme. **ENTRY INTO FORCE:** the Agreement enters into force on the date on which the parties notify each other of the completion of the procedures necessary for this purpose. ?

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On behalf of the Community the Council approved the agreement in question, which had already been signed alongside the meeting of the Research Council on 25 March 1996.