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AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY
AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
RENEWING A PROGRAMME OF COOPERATION IN HIGHER
EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY,

of the one part, and

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

of the other part,

hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Parties",

NOTING that the Transatlantic Declaration adopted by the European Community and its Member States and the Government of the United States of America in November 1990 makes specific reference to strengthening mutual cooperation in various fields which directly affect the present and future wellbeing of their citizens, such as exchanges and joint projects in education and culture, including academic and youth exchanges;

CONSIDERING that the adoption and the implementation of the 1995 Agreement Between the European Community and the United States of America Establishing a Cooperation Programme in Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training give effect to the commitments of the Transatlantic Declaration and constitute Examples of highly successful and cost-effective cooperation;

NOTING that the New Transatlantic Agenda adopted at the EU-U.S. Summit in December 1995 in Madrid refers under Action IV – Building Bridges Across The Atlantic – to the EC/U.S. Agreement Establishing a Cooperation Programme in Education and Vocational Training as a potential catalyst for a broad spectrum of innovative cooperative activities of direct benefit to students and teachers and refers to the introduction of new technologies into classrooms, linking educational establishments in the United States of America with those in the European Union and encouraging teaching of each other's languages, history and culture;

ACKNOWLEDGING the crucial contribution of education and training to the development of human resources capable of participating in the global knowledge-based economy;

RECOGNISING that cooperation in education and vocational training should complement other relevant cooperation initiatives between the European Community and the United States of America;

NOTING that the 1997 "Bridging the Atlantic: People to People Links" Transatlantic Conference underlined the potential for cooperation between the European Community and the United States of America in the field of non-formal education;

ACKNOWLEDGING the importance of ensuring complementarity with relevant initiatives carried out in the field of higher education and vocational training by international organisations active in these fields such as OECD, UNESCO and the Council of Europe;

RECOGNISING that the Parties have a common interest in cooperation in higher education and vocational education and training between them;

EXPECTING to obtain mutual benefit from cooperative activities in higher education and vocational education and training;

RECOGNISING the need to widen access to the activities supported under this Agreement, in particular those activities in the vocational education and training sector; and

DESIRING to establish a formal basis for continued cooperation in higher education and vocational education and training;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

Purpose

This Agreement renews the Cooperation Programme in Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training (hereinafter referred to as "the Programme"), originally established under the 1995 Agreement Between the European Community and the United States of America Establishing a Cooperation Programme in Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training.