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AGREEMENT
ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY
AND THE TUNISIAN REPUBLIC

THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

(hereinafter "the Community"),

of the one part, and

THE TUNISIAN REPUBLIC ("TUNISIA"),

of the other part,

hereinafter referred to as the "Parties",

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

HAVING REGARD to Decision No 1513/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2002 concerning the Sixth Framework Programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities, contributing to the creation of the European Research Area and to innovation (2002 to 2006) ,

CONSIDERING the importance of science and technology for their economic and social development and the reference thereto in Article 47 of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Tunisian Republic, of the other part, which entered into force on 1 March 2000 ²,

CONSIDERING that the Community and Tunisia are pursuing research, technological development and demonstration activities in a number of areas of common interest, and that participation in each other's research and development activities on a basis of reciprocity will provide mutual benefits,

DESIRING to establish a formal cooperation framework for scientific and technological research with a view to extending and intensifying the conduct of cooperative activities in areas of common interest and to encourage the application of the results of such cooperation to the economic and social benefit of both Parties,

CONSIDERING the desire to open up the European Research Area, to third countries, and in particular the Mediterranean partner countries,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

Purpose and principles

1. The Parties shall encourage, develop and facilitate cooperative scientific and technological activities between the Community and Tunisia in fields of common interest where they are pursuing scientific research and technological development activities.

2. The cooperative activities should be conducted on the basis of the following principles:
 - (a) promotion of a knowledge-based society for the benefit of the economic and social development of the two parties;
 - (b) mutual benefit based on an overall balance of advantages;
 - (c) reciprocal access to activities under the scientific research and technological development programmes and projects (hereinafter "research") undertaken by each party in the fields covered by this Agreement;
 - (d) timely exchange of information which may affect cooperative activities;
 - (e) appropriate protection of intellectual property rights.