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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION

| THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, |
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| hereinafter referred to as the "Community", |
| of the one part, and |
| THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN, |
| hereinafter referred to as "Jordan", |
| of the other part, |
| hereinafter referred to as the "Parties", |
| CONSIDERING the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 170 in conjunction with Article 300(2), first subparagraph, first sentence, and paragraph 3, first subparagraph, thereof; |

CONSIDERING the importance of science and technology for the economic and social development of the Parties and the reference which was made in Article 43 of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, of the other part, which entered into force on 1 May 2002;

CONSIDERING the European Neighbourhood Policy and the EU strategy to strengthen the relations with the neighbourhood countries, in the framework of which the Parties have met and agreed on an Action Plan, one of which priorities was "to strengthen cooperation in science and technology". The Joint Action Plan of the European Neighbourhood Policy is in line with the Government of Jordan's Executive Programme (2007-2009) for Kuluna Al Urdun/the National Agenda, which aims to develop a sustainable socio-economic reform process;

WHEREAS the Community and Jordan undertook common research, technological development and demonstration activities, in various fields of common interest, and that it would be to their mutual advantage that each of them takes part in the activities of research and development of the other, on a reciprocity basis;

WISHING to establish a formal framework for cooperation in scientific and technological research which would make it possible to extend and intensify cooperative efforts in the fields of common interest and to encourage the use of the results of this cooperation considering their mutual economic and social interests;

WISHING to open the European Research Area to non-member countries and in particular to the Mediterranean partner countries,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

Scope and principles

- 1. The Parties shall encourage, develop and facilitate cooperative activities between the Community and Jordan in fields of common interest where they are pursuing research and development activities in science and technology.
- 2. Cooperative activities shall be conducted on the basis of the following principles:
- Promotion of a knowledge based society to foster the social and economic development of both Parties;
- Mutual benefit based on an overall balance of advantages;
- Reciprocal access to the activities of research programmes and projects undertaken by each Party;
- Timely exchange of information which may facilitate cooperative activities;
- Appropriate exchange and protection of intellectual property rights;
- Participation and funding in compliance with the relevant laws and regulations of the Parties.