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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 31 January 2005

on the signing of an Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt

(2005/492/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has negotiated, on behalf of the Community, an Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation with Egypt.
- (2) Subject to possible conclusion at a later date, the Agreement initialled on 4 March 2004 should be signed,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person empowered to sign, on behalf of the Community, the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt, subject to its possible conclusion at a later date.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 31 January 2005.

For the Council The President J. ASSELBORN