

## AGREEMENT

### between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation extending and amending the Agreement on a concerted action project in the field of registration of congenital abnormalities (medical and public health research)

THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY,

and

THE SWISS CONFEDERATION,

hereinafter referred to as 'the Contracting Parties',

Whereas on 1 August 1980 the Swiss Confederation acceded to the Agreement on a concerted action project in the field of registration of congenital abnormalities (medical and public health research), hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement', signed by the European Economic Community and the Hellenic Republic on 14 December 1979;

Whereas the Agreement expired on 31 December 1981;

Whereas, by its Decision of 17 August 1982, the Council of the European Communities adopted a sectoral research and development programme in the field of medical and public health research – concerted action – (1982 to 1986), which includes the continuation of the project relating to registration of congenital abnormalities;

Whereas it is in the common interest of the Contracting Parties to continue the research covered by the Agreement;

Whereas the renewal of the Agreement necessitates supplementary contributions from the Contracting Parties,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

#### *Article 1*

The Agreement shall be renewed for the period 1 January 1982 to 31 December 1986.

#### *Article 2*

The Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

1. Article 3 shall be replaced by the following:

#### *'Article 3*

In order to facilitate the execution of the project, the General Concerted Action Committee and the relevant Concerted Action Committee set up by the Decision of the Council of the European Communities of 17 August 1982 shall be enlarged to include the Swiss Confederation for the purposes of all activities arising from the concerted action project covered by this Agreement.

The terms of reference of these enlarged Committees are set out in Annex B.

The secretarial services for the enlarged Committees shall be provided by the Commission.'

2. Article 5 is hereby amended as follows:

- the word 'Committee' in paragraph 1 shall be replaced by 'enlarged General Committee',
- paragraph 2 shall be deleted,
- paragraph 3 shall be replaced by the following:  
'2. On completion of the project, the Commission, in agreement with the enlarged General Committee, shall send to the States a consolidated report on the implementation and results of the project particularly so that the results obtained may be accessible as rapidly as possible to the enterprises, institutions and other parties concerned, especially in the social areas.'

3. The following text shall be added to Annex A:

'2 bis. Improvement of intra-uterine diagnosis and studies on early foetal loss, death in early childhood and foetal growth disturbances.'

4. Annex B shall be replaced by Annex I to this Agreement.

5. Annex C shall be amended as follows:

- point III shall be replaced by the following

'III. The funds paid by the Swiss Confederation shall be credited to the concerted action project as budget receipts allocated to a chapter in the statement of revenue of the

budget of the European Communities (Commission section).'

- the provisional timetable annexed shall be replaced by Annex II to this Agreement.

#### *Article 3*

The estimated financial contribution from the Contracting Parties to the coordination costs for the period 1 January 1982 to 31 December 1986 shall be:

- 600 000 ECU from the European Economic Community,
- 55 000 ECU from the Swiss Confederation.

The ECU is defined in the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities and in the financial provisions adopted pursuant to that Regulation.

#### *Article 4*

The project shall be evaluated before the end of the third year. In the light of this evaluation the Commission of the

European Communities may, after consulting the enlarged General Committee, submit a proposal for revision of the project in accordance with the appropriate procedures.

#### *Article 5*

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on 1 January 1982.
2. It shall apply, on the one hand, to the territories in which the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community is applied, under the conditions laid down in that Treaty, and, on the other hand, to the territory of the Swiss Confederation.

#### *Article 6*

This Agreement, drawn up in a single original in the Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek and Italian languages, each text being equally authentic, shall be deposited in the archives of the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Communities, which shall transmit a certified copy to each of the Contracting Parties.

## ANNEX I

## 'ANNEX B

## TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE ENLARGED COMMITTEES

## I. The enlarged General Concerted Action Committee

1. The General Committee shall:
  - contribute to the best possible implementation of the programme by giving its opinion on all its aspects,
  - endeavour to integrate those parts of national research activities covered by the Agreement into a process of coordination between the Contracting Parties,
  - coordinate, within the programme as defined in Annex A to the Agreement, the activities, duration and, possibly, early termination of the projects forming the research areas of this programme, according to emerging needs or results of periodical evaluations,
  - indicate guidelines for the enlarged Concerted Action Committee,
  - advise the Commission on allocation of funds for coordination purposes, supporting centralized facilities, meeting urgent needs in critical areas, and undertaking exploratory activities with a view to the preparation of future programmes.
2. The reports and opinions of the enlarged General Committee shall be forwarded to the Contracting Parties. The Commission shall forward these opinions to the Committee for Scientific and Technical Research (CREST).

## II. The enlarged Concerted Action Committee

1. The Committee shall:
  - assist the enlarged General Committee in its management tasks by ensuring the scientific and technical execution of all those projects allocated to it in accordance with its competence,
  - evaluate the results and draw conclusions as regards their application,
  - be responsible for the exchange of information referred to in the first paragraph of Article 5,
  - keep abreast of national research being done in the field of the projects and, more especially, of scientific and technical developments likely to affect their execution,
  - suggest guidelines to the project leaders.
2. The Committee's reports and opinions shall be forwarded to the enlarged General Committee and to the Commission.
3. The project leaders shall attend the meetings of the Committee but shall not have the right to vote.

## ANNEX II

## PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

for the coordination costs relating to the concerted action project in the field of registration of congenital abnormalities

Budget Item 7367 'Medical research'

PROJECT: I.1.4

(ECU)

	1982		1983 to 1986		Total	
	AC	AP	Annual AC	Annual AP	AC	AP
I. Initial estimate of overall requirements:						
— Staff	—	—	—	—	—	—
— Administrative operating expenditure	20 000	20 000	20 000	20 000	100 000	100 000
— Contracts	100 000	100 000	100 000	100 000	500 000	500 000
Total	120 000	120 000	120 000	120 000	600 000	600 000
II. Revised estimate of expenditure taking into account additional requirements arising from the accession of the Swiss Confederation:						
— Staff	—	—	—	—	—	—
— Administrative operating expenditure	20 000 + 5 000	20 000 + 5 000	20 000 + 5 000	20 000 + 5 000	100 000 + 25 000	100 000 + 25 000
— Contracts	100 000 + 6 000	100 000 + 6 000	100 000 + 6 000	100 000 + 6 000	500 000 + 30 000	500 000 + 30 000
New total	120 000 + 11 000	120 000 + 11 000	120 000 + 11 000	120 000 + 11 000	600 000 + 55 000	600 000 + 55 000
III. Difference between I and II to be covered by contributions from the Swiss Confederation	11 000	11 000	11 000	11 000	55 000	55 000
IV. Total expenditure 1979 to 1981	—	—	—	—	352 000	352 000

AC = Appropriation for commitments.

AP = Appropriation for payments.