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COUNCIL DECISION**of 22 November 2004**

concerning the signing of a Framework Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Albania on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Albania in Community programmes

(2005/517/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Articles 13, 71, 80, 95, 127, 137, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 157, 166, 175, 280 and 308 in conjunction with the second 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 a Framework Agreement with the Republic of Albania on the general principles for its participation in Community programmes.
- (2) Subject to its conclusion at a later date, the Agreement initialled on 2 September 2004 should be signed,

Sole Article

Subject to its conclusion at a later date, the President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person empowered to sign, on behalf of the European Community, the Framework Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Albania on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Albania in Community programmes.

Done at Brussels, 22 November 2004.

For the Council
The President
B. R. BOT