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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 25 February 1991

concerning the conclusion of a Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria on a European Stimulation Plan for Economic Science (SPES)

(91/117/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 130q (2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ⁽¹⁾,

In cooperation with the European Parliament ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee ⁽³⁾,

Whereas by Decision 89/118/EEC ⁽⁴⁾, the Council adopted a European Stimulation Plan for Economic Science (1989 to 1992); whereas Article 5 of this Decision authorizes the Commission to negotiate agreements with third countries and in particular with those European countries having concluded framework agreements for scientific and technical cooperation with the Community with a view to associating them wholly or partly with the programme;

Whereas by Decision 87/177/EEC ⁽⁵⁾, the Council approved the conclusion on behalf of the European Economic Community of the Framework Agreement for scientific and technical cooperation between the European Communities and, among others, the Republic of Austria;

Whereas the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria on a European Stimulation Plan for Economic Science (SPES) should be approved,

Article 1

The Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria on a European Stimulation Plan for Economic Science (SPES) is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall carry out the notification as provided for in Article 10 of the Agreement.

Done at Brussels, 25 February 1991.

For the Council
The President
J.-C. JUNCKER

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 148, 16. 6. 1990, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 284, 12. 11. 1990, p. 72 and

Decision of 24 January 1991 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 31, 6. 2. 1991, p. 37.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 44, 16. 2. 1989, p. 43.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 71, 14. 3. 1987, p. 29.

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria on a European Stimulation Plan for Economic Science (SPES)

THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY,

hereinafter called 'the Community', and

THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA,

hereinafter called 'Austria',

both hereinafter called the 'Contracting Parties',

WHEREAS, by Decision 89/118/EEC, the Council of the European Communities, hereinafter called 'the Council', adopted a European stimulation plan for economic science (1989 to 1992) (SPES), hereinafter called 'the SPES programme';

WHEREAS the Contracting Parties concluded a Framework Agreement for scientific and technical cooperation which entered into force on 30 July 1987;

WHEREAS the association of Austria with the SPES programme can contribute to the overall strengthening of Europe's scientific potential;

WHEREAS the Contracting Parties expect to obtain mutual benefit from Austria's association with the SPES programme,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Austria is hereby associated, as from 1 January 1989, with the implementation of the SPES programme as set out in Annex A.

Article 2

The financial contribution of Austria, deriving from its association with the implementation of the SPES programme, shall be established in proportion to the amount available each year in the general budget of the European Communities for appropriations covering commitments to meet financial obligations of the Commission of the European Communities, hereinafter referred to as 'the Commission', resulting from work to be carried out in the framework of research contracts necessary to the implementation of the SPES programme and from management and administrative operating expenditure for the SPES programme.

The proportionality factor governing Austria's contribution shall be given by the ratio between Austria's gross domestic product (GDP), at market prices, and the sum of gross domestic products, at market prices, of the Member States of the Community and of Austria. This ratio shall be calculated on the basis of the latest available statistical data from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

The funds estimated as necessary for the execution of the SPES programme, the amount of Austria's contribution and the timetable of the commitment estimates are set out in Annex B.

The rules governing Austria's financial contribution to the execution of the SPES programme are set out in Annex C.

Article 3

For Austrian research and development bodies and persons, the terms and conditions for the submission and evaluation of proposals and the terms and conditions for the granting and conclusion of contracts under the SPES programme shall be the same as those applicable to research and development bodies and persons in the Community.

The contracts, drawn up by the Commission, shall define the rights and obligations of Austrian research and development bodies and persons, and in particular the methods of disseminating, protecting and exploiting the research results.

Article 4

During the third year of the SPES programme, the Commission shall address a report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the basis of an evaluation of the results so far achieved. This report shall be accompanied by suggestions for changes which may be necessary in the light of these results. A copy of that report shall be transmitted to Austria which in addition shall be informed of any possible suggestions for changes.

Article 5

Each Contracting Party undertakes, in accordance with its respective rules and regulations, to facilitate the movement and residence of research workers participating in Austria and in the Community in the activities covered by this Agreement.

Article 6

The Commission and the Austrian Federal Ministry for Science and Research shall ensure the implementation of this Agreement.

Article 7

This Agreement shall apply, on the one hand, to the territories in which the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community is applied and under the conditions laid down in that Treaty and, on the other hand, to the territory of the Republic of Austria.

Article 8

1. This Agreement is concluded for the duration of the SPES programme.

Should the Community revise the SPES programme, the Agreement may be denounced under mutually agreed conditions. Austria shall be notified of the exact content of the revised programme within one week after its adoption by the Community. The Contracting Parties shall notify each other within three months after the Community decision has been adopted if any termination of the Agreement is envisaged.

2. Where the Community adopts a new research and development programme in the field of economic science, this Agreement may be renegotiated or renewed under mutually agreed conditions.

3. Subject to paragraph 1, either Contracting Party may at any time terminate the Agreement with six months' notice. The projects and work in progress at the time of termination and/or expiry of this Agreement shall be continued until they are completed under the conditions laid down in this Agreement.

Article 9

The Annexes A, B and C to this Agreement shall form an integral part thereof.

Article 10

This Agreement shall be approved by the Contracting Parties in accordance with their existing procedures.

It shall enter into force on the date on which the Contracting Parties notify each other of the completion of the procedures necessary for this purpose.

Article 11

This Agreement shall be drawn up in duplicate in the Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish languages, each of these texts being equally authentic.

ANNEX A

**OBJECTIVES AND SUMMARY OF THE EUROPEAN PLAN TO STIMULATE ECONOMIC SCIENCE
(1989 to 1992) (SPES)**

1. The programme consists of a range of activities which have as their aim the establishment of a network of cooperation and interchange between economists of the highest professional quality at Community level.

The purpose of these activities is to:

- stimulate the mobility of Community economists and cooperation on joint research projects or networks by researchers of the Community Member States,
- improve training by encouraging doctoral students and researchers of the Community Member States to continue with their work in Community universities or research centres other than those of their country of origin,
- encourage young economists to return to the Community if they have been working for some time in centres of excellence in non-Community countries,
and
- favour or support the exchange of knowledge and information between researchers in economic science of Community Member States.

2. The programme shall be implemented by the following actions:

- scholarships, research grants, grants for multinational networks or research projects,
and
- subsidies for high-level training courses, organized in collaboration with the scientific communities concerned, and facilitating the carrying out of surveys and studies as well as access to data banks.

3. Consideration shall be given to applications for financial support made by individuals or institutions which satisfy each of the following criteria:

- (a) scientific excellence;
- (b) the multinational European aspects (transnational cooperation or activity outside the country of origin);
- (c) the European interest of the substance of the research either in terms of its general scientific value or its applied analytical content.

Where scientific and technical quality is comparable, particular attention will be given to projects likely to reduce scientific and technical development disparities between Member States and thereby to contribute to economic and social cohesion within the European Communities.

4. Topics of research are, *inter alia*:

- i) the Community's internal market programme and issues of microeconomic analysis, including industrial organization and the economics of regulatory policies (e.g. standards);
- ii) European integration economics, including issues of intra-European regional North-South relations;
- iii) the determinants of economic growth in Western Europe, including dynamic factors, such as advanced technology and innovation, and constraints, such as environmental concerns;
- iv) systematic issues in the monetary areas and macroeconomic and fiscal policy coordination;
- v) problems of trade policy and the role of Western Europe in the international division of labour;
- vi) employment, health and social policy issues, which have quite different characteristics in Western Europe, compared to the United States of America or Japan;
and
- vii) methodological and modelling problems relevant to the abovementioned subjects or otherwise of fundamental interest, the setting up of statistical concepts and adequate technical, social and economic indicators, as well as more precise economic models.

ANNEX B

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

The amount estimated as necessary to carry out the SPES programme shall be ECU 6 000 000.

Article 2

Austria's financial contribution for the execution of the SPES programme is estimated to be ECU 160 800.

Article 3

The timetable of the commitment estimates and of Austria's financial contribution is given in the following table.

Timetable of the commitments estimated as necessary for the execution of the SPES programme (commitment appropriations) and of Austria's contribution

(in ecus)

Year	Commitments for			Austria's contribution		
	Management and administrative operation	Contracts	Total	Management and administrative operation	Contracts	Total
1989	170 000	830 000	1 000 000	4 556	22 244	26 800
1990	260 000	1 740 000	2 000 000	6 968	46 632	53 600
1991	300 000	1 700 000	2 000 000	8 040	45 560	53 600
1992	320 000	680 000	1 000 000	8 576	18 224	26 800
Grand total	1 050 000	4 950 000	6 000 000	28 140	132 660	160 800

ANNEX C

FINANCING RULES

Article 1

These provisions lay down the financing rules for Austria referred to in Article 2 of the Agreement.

Article 2

At the beginning of each year, or whenever the SPES programme is revised so as to involve an increase in the amount estimated as necessary for its implementation, the Commission shall send to Austria a call for funds corresponding to its contribution to the costs provided under the Agreement.

This contribution shall be expressed both in ecus and in the Austrian currency, the composition of the ecu being defined in Council Regulation (EEC) No 3180/78. The value in Austrian currency of the contribution in ecus shall be determined on the date of the call for funds.

Austria shall pay its contribution to the annual costs under the agreement at the beginning of each year and at the latest three months after the call for funds is sent. Any delay in the payment of the contribution shall give rise to the payment of interest by Austria at a rate equal to the highest discount rate obtaining in the Member States of the Community on the due date. The rate shall be increased by 0,25 of a percentage point for each month of delay.

The increased rate shall be applied to the entire period of delay. However, this interest shall be payable only if the contribution is paid more than three months after a call for funds has been made by the Commission.

Article 3

The funds paid by Austria shall be credited to the SPES programme as budget receipts allocated to its appropriate heading in the statement of revenue of the general budget of the European Communities.

Article 4

The financial Regulation in force applicable to the general budget of the European Communities shall apply to the management of the appropriations.

Article 5

At the end of each year, a statement of appropriations of the SPES programme shall be prepared and transmitted to Austria for information.

COUNCIL DECISION

of 25 February 1991

concerning the conclusion of a Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland on a European Stimulation Plan for Economic Science (SPES)

(91/118/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ⁽¹⁾,

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Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee ⁽³⁾,

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Article 1

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The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

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Done at Brussels, 25 February 1991.

For the Council
The President
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WHEREAS the association of Finland with the SPES programme can contribute to the overall strengthening of Europe's scientific potential;

WHEREAS the Contracting Parties expect to obtain mutual benefit from Finland's association with the SPES programme,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Finland is hereby associated, as from 1 January 1989, with the implementation of the SPES programme as set out in Annex A.

Article 2

The financial contribution of Finland, deriving from its association with the implementation of the SPES programme, shall be established in proportion to the amount available each year in the general budget of the European Communities for appropriations covering commitments to meet financial obligations of the Commission of the European Communities, hereinafter referred to as 'the Commission', resulting from work to be carried out in the framework of research contracts necessary to the implementation of the SPES programme and from management and administrative operating expenditure for the SPES programme.

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The Commission and the Academy of Finland shall ensure the implementation of this Agreement.

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and
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ANNEX B

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

The amount estimated as necessary to carry out the SPES programme shall be ECU 6 000 000.

Article 2

Finland's financial contribution for the execution of the SPES programme is estimated to be ECU 121 200.

Article 3

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1992	320 000	680 000	1 000 000	6 464	13 736	20 200
Grand total	1 050 000	4 950 000	6 000 000	21 210	99 990	121 200

ANNEX C

FINANCING RULES

Article 1

These provisions lay down the financing rules for Finland referred to in Article 2 of the Agreement.

Article 2

At the beginning of each year, or whenever the SPES programme is revised so as to involve an increase in the amount estimated as necessary for its implementation, the Commission shall send to Finland a call for funds corresponding to its contribution to the costs provided under the Agreement.

This contribution shall be expressed both in ecus and in the Finnish currency, the composition of the ecu being defined in Council Regulation (EEC) No 3180/78. The value in Finnish currency of the contribution in ecus shall be determined on the date of the call for funds.

Finland shall pay its contribution to the annual costs under the agreement at the beginning of each year and at the latest three months after the call for funds is sent. Any delay in the payment of the contribution shall give rise to the payment of interest by Finland at a rate equal to the highest discount rate obtaining in the Member States of the Community on the due date. The rate shall be increased by 0,25 of a percentage point for each month of delay.

The increased rate shall be applied to the entire period of delay. However, this interest shall be payable only if the contribution is paid more than three months after a call for funds has been made by the Commission.

Article 3

The funds paid by Finland shall be credited to the SPES programme as budget receipts allocated to its appropriate heading in the statement of revenue of the general budget of the European Communities.

Article 4

The financial Regulation in force applicable to the general budget of the European Communities shall apply to the management of the appropriations.

Article 5

At the end of each year, a statement of appropriations of the SPES programme shall be prepared and transmitted to Finland for information.

COUNCIL DECISION

of 25 February 1991

concerning the conclusion of a Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway on a European Stimulation Plan for Economic Science (SPES)

(91/119/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 130q (2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ⁽¹⁾,

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Whereas by Decision 87/177/EEC ⁽⁵⁾, the Council approved the conclusion on behalf of the European Economic Community of the Framework Agreement for scientific and technical cooperation between the European Communities and, among others, the Kingdom of Norway;

Whereas the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway on a European Stimulation Plan for Economic Science (SPES) should be approved,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway on a European Stimulation Plan for Economic Science (SPES) is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall carry out the notification as provided for in Article 10 of the Agreement.

Done at Brussels, 25 February 1991.

For the Council

The President

J.-C. JUNCKER

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Decision of 24 January 1991 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 31, 6. 2. 1991, p. 37.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 44, 16. 2. 1989, p. 43.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 71, 14. 3. 1987, p. 29.

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway on a European Stimulation Plan for Economic Science (SPES)

THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY,
hereinafter called 'the Community', and

THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY,
hereinafter called 'Norway',

both hereinafter called the 'Contracting Parties',

WHEREAS, by Decision 89/118/EEC, the Council of the European Communities, hereinafter called 'the Council', adopted a European stimulation plan for economic science (1989 to 1992) (SPES), hereinafter called 'the SPES programme';

WHEREAS the Contracting Parties concluded a Framework Agreement for scientific and technical cooperation which entered into force on 17 July 1987;

WHEREAS the association of Norway with the SPES programme can contribute to the overall strengthening of Europe's scientific potential;

WHEREAS the Contracting Parties expect to obtain mutual benefit from Norway's association with the SPES programme,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Norway is hereby associated, as from 1 January 1989, with the implementation of the SPES programme as set out in Annex A.

Article 2

The financial contribution of Norway, deriving from its association with the implementation of the SPES programme, shall be established in proportion to the amount available each year in the general budget of the European Communities for appropriations covering commitments to meet financial obligations of the Commission of the European Communities, hereinafter referred to as 'the Commission', resulting from work to be carried out in the framework of research contracts necessary to the implementation of the SPES programme and from management and administrative operating expenditure for the SPES programme.

The proportionality factor governing Norway's contribution shall be given by the ratio between Norway's gross domestic product (GDP), at market prices, and the sum of gross domestic products, at market prices, of the Member States of the Community and of Norway. This ratio shall be calculated on the basis of the latest available statistical data from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

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Article 3

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The contracts, drawn up by the Commission, shall define the rights and obligations of Norwegian research and development bodies and persons, and in particular the methods of disseminating, protecting and exploiting the research results.

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During the third year of the SPES programme, the Commission shall address a report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the basis of an evaluation of the results so far achieved. This report shall be accompanied by suggestions for changes which may be necessary in the light of these results. A copy of that report shall be transmitted to Norway which in addition shall be informed of any possible suggestions for changes.

Article 5

Each Contracting Party undertakes, in accordance with its respective rules and regulations, to facilitate the movement and residence of research workers participating in Norway and in the Community in the activities covered by this Agreement.

Article 6

The Commission and the Royal Norwegian Ministry for Cultural and Scientific Affairs shall ensure the implementation of this Agreement.

Article 7

This Agreement shall apply, on the one hand, to the territories in which the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community is applied and under the conditions laid down in that Treaty and, on the other hand, to the territory of the Kingdom of Norway.

Article 8

1. This Agreement is concluded for the duration of the SPES programme.

Should the Community revise the SPES programme, the Agreement may be denounced under mutually agreed conditions. Norway shall be notified of the exact content of the revised programme within one week after its adoption by the Community. The Contracting Parties shall notify each other within three months after the Community decision has been adopted if any termination of the Agreement is envisaged.

2. Where the Community adopts a new research and development programme in the field of economic science, this Agreement may be renegotiated or renewed under mutually agreed conditions.

3. Subject to paragraph 1, either Contracting Party may at any time terminate the Agreement with six months' notice. The projects and work in progress at the time of termination and/or expiry of this Agreement shall be continued until they are completed under the conditions laid down in this Agreement.

Article 9

The Annexes A, B and C to this Agreement shall form an integral part thereof.

Article 10

This Agreement shall be approved by the Contracting Parties in accordance with their existing procedures.

It shall enter into force on the date on which the Contracting Parties notify each other of the completion of the procedures necessary for this purpose.

Article 11

This Agreement shall be drawn up in duplicate in the Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and Norwegian languages, each of these texts being equally authentic.

ANNEX A

OBJECTIVES AND SUMMARY OF THE EUROPEAN PLAN TO STIMULATE ECONOMIC SCIENCE
(1989 to 1992) (SPES)

1. The programme consists of a range of activities which have as their aim the establishment of a network of cooperation and interchange between economists of the highest professional quality at Community level.

The purpose of these activities is to:

- stimulate the mobility of Community economists and cooperation on joint research projects or networks by researchers of the Community Member States,
- improve training by encouraging doctoral students and researchers of the Community Member States to continue with their work in Community universities or research centres other than those of their country of origin,
- encourage young economists to return to the Community if they have been working for some time in centres of excellence in non-Community countries,
and
- favour or support the exchange of knowledge and information between researchers in economic science of Community Member States.

2. The programme shall be implemented by the following actions:

- scholarships, research grants, grants for multinational networks or research projects,
and
- subsidies for high-level training courses, organized in collaboration with the scientific communities concerned, and facilitating the carrying out of surveys and studies as well as access to data banks.

3. Consideration shall be given to applications for financial support made by individuals or institutions which satisfy each of the following criteria:

- (a) scientific excellence;
- (b) the multinational European aspects (transnational cooperation or activity outside the country of origin);
- (c) the European interest of the substance of the research either in terms of its general scientific value or its applied analytical content.

Where scientific and technical quality is comparable, particular attention will be given to projects likely to reduce scientific and technical development disparities between Member States and thereby to contribute to economic and social cohesion within the European Communities.

4. Topics of research are, *inter alia*:

- i) the Community's internal market programme and issues of microeconomic analysis, including industrial organization and the economics of regulatory policies (e.g. standards);
- ii) European integration economics, including issues of intra-European regional North-South relations;
- iii) the determinants of economic growth in Western Europe, including dynamic factors, such as advanced technology and innovation, and constraints, such as environmental concerns;
- iv) systematic issues in the monetary areas and macroeconomic and fiscal policy coordination;
- v) problems of trade policy and the role of Western Europe in the international division of labour;
- vi) employment, health and social policy issues, which have quite different characteristics in Western Europe, compared to the United States of America or Japan;
and
- vii) methodological and modelling problems relevant to the abovementioned subjects or otherwise of fundamental interest, the setting up of statistical concepts and adequate technical, social and economic indicators, as well as more precise economic models.

ANNEX B

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

The amount estimated as necessary to carry out the SPES programme shall be ECU 6 000 000.

Article 2

Norway's financial contribution for the execution of the SPES programme is estimated to be ECU 114 600.

Article 3

The timetable of the commitment estimates and of Norway's financial contribution is given in the following table.

Timetable of the commitments estimated as necessary for the execution of the SPES programme (commitment appropriations) and of Norway's contribution

(in ecus)

Year	Commitments for			Norway's contribution		
	Management and administrative operation	Contracts	Total	Management and administrative operation	Contracts	Total
1989	170 000	830 000	1 000 000	3 247	15 853	19 100
1990	260 000	1 740 000	2 000 000	4 966	33 234	38 200
1991	300 000	1 700 000	2 000 000	5 730	32 470	38 200
1992	320 000	680 000	1 000 000	6 112	12 988	19 100
Grand total	1 050 000	4 950 000	6 000 000	20 055	94 545	114 600

ANNEX C

FINANCING RULES

Article 1

These provisions lay down the financing rules for Norway referred to in Article 2 of the Agreement.

Article 2

At the beginning of each year, or whenever the SPES programme is revised so as to involve an increase in the amount estimated as necessary for its implementation, the Commission shall send to Norway a call for funds corresponding to its contribution to the costs provided under the Agreement.

This contribution shall be expressed both in ecus and in the Norwegian currency, the composition of the ecu being defined in Council Regulation (EEC) No 3180/78. The value in Norwegian currency of the contribution in ecus shall be determined on the date of the call for funds.

Norway shall pay its contribution to the annual costs under the agreement at the beginning of each year and at the latest three months after the call for funds is sent. Any delay in the payment of the contribution shall give rise to the payment of interest by Norway at a rate equal to the highest discount rate obtaining in the Member States of the Community on the due date. The rate shall be increased by 0,25 of a percentage point for each month of delay.

The increased rate shall be applied to the entire period of delay. However, this interest shall be payable only if the contribution is paid more than three months after a call for funds has been made by the Commission.

Article 3

The funds paid by Norway shall be credited to the SPES programme as budget receipts allocated to its appropriate heading in the statement of revenue of the general budget of the European Communities.

Article 4

The financial Regulation in force applicable to the general budget of the European Communities shall apply to the management of the appropriations.

Article 5

At the end of each year, a statement of appropriations of the SPES programme shall be prepared and transmitted to Norway for information.

COUNCIL DECISION

of 25 February 1991

concerning the conclusion of a Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Sweden on a European Stimulation Plan for Economic Science (SPES)

(91/120/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 130q (2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ⁽¹⁾,

In cooperation with the European Parliament ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee ⁽³⁾,

Whereas by Decision 89/118/EEC ⁽⁴⁾, the Council adopted a European Stimulation Plan for Economic Science (1989 to 1992); whereas Article 5 of this Decision authorizes the Commission to negotiate agreements with third countries and in particular with those European countries having concluded framework agreements for scientific and technical cooperation with the Community with a view to associating them wholly or partly with the programme;

Whereas by Decision 87/177/EEC ⁽⁵⁾, the Council approved the conclusion on behalf of the European Economic Community of the Framework Agreement for scientific and technical cooperation between the European Communities and, among others, the Kingdom of Sweden;

Whereas the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Sweden on a European Stimulation Plan for Economic Science (SPES) should be approved,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Sweden on a European Stimulation Plan for Economic Science (SPES) is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall carry out the notification as provided for in Article 10 of the Agreement.

Done at Brussels, 25 February 1991.

For the Council
The President
J.-C. JUNCKER

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 148, 16. 6. 1990, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 284, 12. 11. 1990, p. 72 and Decision of 24 January 1991 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 31, 6. 2. 1991, p. 37.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 44, 16. 2. 1989, p. 43.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 71, 14. 3. 1987, p. 29.

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Sweden on a European Stimulation Plan for Economic Science (SPES)

THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY,

hereinafter called 'the Community', and

THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN,

hereinafter called 'Sweden',

both hereinafter called the 'Contracting Parties',

WHEREAS, by Decision 89/118/EEC, the Council of the European Communities, hereinafter called 'the Council', adopted a European stimulation plan for economic science (1989 to 1992) (SPES), hereinafter called 'the SPES programme';

WHEREAS the Contracting Parties concluded a Framework Agreement for scientific and technical cooperation which entered into force on 27 August 1987;

WHEREAS the association of Sweden with the SPES programme can contribute to the overall strengthening of Europe's scientific potential;

WHEREAS the Contracting Parties expect to obtain mutual benefit from Sweden's association with the SPES programme,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Sweden is hereby associated, as from 1 January 1989, with the implementation of the SPES programme as set out in Annex A.

Article 2

The financial contribution of Sweden, deriving from its association with the implementation of the SPES programme, shall be established in proportion to the amount available each year in the general budget of the European Communities for appropriations covering commitments to meet financial obligations of the Commission of the European Communities, hereinafter referred to as 'the Commission', resulting from work to be carried out in the framework of research contracts necessary to the implementation of the SPES programme and from management and administrative operating expenditure for the SPES programme.

The proportionality factor governing Sweden's contribution shall be given by the ratio between Sweden's gross domestic product (GDP), at market prices, and the sum of gross domestic products, at market prices, of the Member States of the Community and of Sweden. This ratio shall be calculated on the basis of the latest available statistical data from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

The funds estimated as necessary for the execution of the SPES programme, the amount of Sweden's contribution and the timetable of the commitment estimates are set out in Annex B.

The rules governing Sweden's financial contribution to the execution of the SPES programme are set out in Annex C.

Article 3

For Swedish research and development bodies and persons, the terms and conditions for the submission and evaluation of proposals and the terms and conditions for the granting and conclusion of contracts under the SPES programme shall be the same as those applicable to research and development bodies and persons in the Community.

The contracts, drawn up by the Commission, shall define the rights and obligations of Swedish research and development bodies and persons, and in particular the methods of disseminating, protecting and exploiting the research results.

Article 4

During the third year of the SPES programme, the Commission shall address a report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the basis of an evaluation of the results so far achieved. This report shall be accompanied by suggestions for changes which may be necessary in the light of these results. A copy of that report shall be transmitted to Sweden which in addition shall be informed of any possible suggestions for changes.

Article 5

Each Contracting Party undertakes, in accordance with its respective rules and regulations, to facilitate the movement and residence of research workers participating in Sweden and in the Community in the activities covered by this Agreement.

Article 6

The Commission and the Swedish Council for Planning and Co-ordination of Research shall ensure the implementation of this Agreement.

Article 7

This Agreement shall apply, on the one hand, to the territories in which the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community is applied and under the conditions laid down in that Treaty and, on the other hand, to the territory of the Kingdom of Sweden.

Article 8

1. This Agreement is concluded for the duration of the SPES programme.

Should the Community revise the SPES programme, the Agreement may be denounced under mutually agreed conditions. Sweden shall be notified of the exact content of the revised programme within one week after its adoption by the Community. The Contracting Parties shall notify each other within three months after the Community decision has been adopted if any termination of the Agreement is envisaged.

2. Where the Community adopts a new research and development programme in the field of economic science, this Agreement may be renegotiated or renewed under mutually agreed conditions.

3. Subject to paragraph 1, either Contracting Party may at any time terminate the Agreement with six months' notice. The projects and work in progress at the time of termination and/or expiry of this Agreement shall be continued until they are completed under the conditions laid down in this Agreement.

Article 9

The Annexes A, B and C to this Agreement shall form an integral part thereof.

Article 10

This Agreement shall be approved by the Contracting Parties in accordance with their existing procedures.

It shall enter into force on the date on which the Contracting Parties notify each other of the completion of the procedures necessary for this purpose.

Article 11

This Agreement shall be drawn up in duplicate in the Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish languages, each of these texts being equally authentic.

ANNEX A

OBJECTIVES AND SUMMARY OF THE EUROPEAN PLAN TO STIMULATE ECONOMIC SCIENCE
(1989 to 1992) (SPES)

1. The programme consists of a range of activities which have as their aim the establishment of a network of cooperation and interchange between economists of the highest professional quality at Community level.

The purpose of these activities is to:

- stimulate the mobility of Community economists and cooperation on joint research projects or networks by researchers of the Community Member States,
- improve training by encouraging doctoral students and researchers of the Community Member States to continue with their work in Community universities or research centres other than those of their country of origin,
- encourage young economists to return to the Community if they have been working for some time in centres of excellence in non-Community countries,
and
- favour or support the exchange of knowledge and information between researchers in economic science of Community Member States.

2. The programme shall be implemented by the following actions:

- scholarships, research grants, grants for multinational networks or research projects,
and
- subsidies for high-level training courses, organized in collaboration with the scientific communities concerned, and facilitating the carrying out of surveys and studies as well as access to data banks.

3. Consideration shall be given to applications for financial support made by individuals or institutions which satisfy each of the following criteria:

- (a) scientific excellence;
- (b) the multinational European aspects (transnational cooperation or activity outside the country of origin);
- (c) the European interest of the substance of the research either in terms of its general scientific value or its applied analytical content.

Where scientific and technical quality is comparable, particular attention will be given to projects likely to reduce scientific and technical development disparities between Member States and thereby to contribute to economic and social cohesion within the European Communities.

4. Topics of research are, *inter alia*:

- i) the Community's internal market programme and issues of microeconomic analysis, including industrial organization and the economics of regulatory policies (e.g. standards);
- ii) European integration economics, including issues of intra-European regional North-South relations;
- iii) the determinants of economic growth in Western Europe, including dynamic factors, such as advanced technology and innovation, and constraints, such as environmental concerns;
- iv) systematic issues in the monetary areas and macroeconomic and fiscal policy coordination;
- v) problems of trade policy and the role of Western Europe in the international division of labour;
- vi) employment, health and social policy issues, which have quite different characteristics in Western Europe, compared to the United States of America or Japan;
and
- vii) methodological and modelling problems relevant to the abovementioned subjects or otherwise of fundamental interest, the setting up of statistical concepts and adequate technical, social and economic indicators, as well as more precise economic models.

ANNEX B

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

The amount estimated as necessary to carry out the SPES programme shall be ECU 6 000 000.

Article 2

Sweden's financial contribution for the execution of the SPES programme is estimated to be ECU 215 400.

Article 3

The timetable of the commitment estimates and of Sweden's financial contribution is given in the following table.

Timetable of the commitments estimated as necessary for the execution of the SPES programme (commitment appropriations) and of Sweden's contribution

(in ecus)

Year	Commitments for			Sweden's contribution		
	Management and administrative operation	Contracts	Total	Management and administrative operation	Contracts	Total
1989	170 000	830 000	1 000 000	6 103	29 797	35 900
1990	260 000	1 740 000	2 000 000	9 334	62 466	71 800
1991	300 000	1 700 000	2 000 000	10 770	61 030	71 800
1992	320 000	680 000	1 000 000	11 488	24 412	35 900
Grand total	1 050 000	4 950 000	6 000 000	37 695	177 705	215 400

ANNEX C

FINANCING RULES

Article 1

These provisions lay down the financing rules for Sweden referred to in Article 2 of the Agreement.

Article 2

At the beginning of each year, or whenever the SPES programme is revised so as to involve an increase in the amount estimated as necessary for its implementation, the Commission shall send to Sweden a call for funds corresponding to its contribution to the costs provided under the Agreement.

This contribution shall be expressed both in ecus and in the Swedish currency, the composition of the ecu being defined in Council Regulation (EEC) No 3180/78. The value in Swedish currency of the contribution in ecus shall be determined on the date of the call for funds.

Sweden shall pay its contribution to the annual costs under the agreement at the beginning of each year and at the latest three months after the call for funds is sent. Any delay in the payment of the contribution shall give rise to the payment of interest by Sweden at a rate equal to the highest discount rate obtaining in the Member States of the Community on the due date. The rate shall be increased by 0,25 of a percentage point for each month of delay.

The increased rate shall be applied to the entire period of delay. However, this interest shall be payable only if the contribution is paid more than three months after a call for funds has been made by the Commission.

Article 3

The funds paid by Sweden shall be credited to the SPES programme as budget receipts allocated to its appropriate heading in the statement of revenue of the general budget of the European Communities.

Article 4

The financial Regulation in force applicable to the general budget of the European Communities shall apply to the management of the appropriations.

Article 5

At the end of each year, a statement of appropriations of the SPES programme shall be prepared and transmitted to Sweden for information.

COUNCIL DECISION

of 25 February 1991

concerning the conclusion of a Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation on a European Stimulation Plan for Economic Science (SPES)

(91/121/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 130q (2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ⁽¹⁾,

In cooperation with the European Parliament ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee ⁽³⁾,

Whereas by Decision 89/118/EEC ⁽⁴⁾, the Council adopted a European Stimulation Plan for Economic Science (1989 to 1992); whereas Article 5 of this Decision authorizes the Commission to negotiate agreements with third countries and in particular with those European countries having concluded framework agreements for scientific and technical cooperation with the Community with a view to associating them wholly or partly with the programme;

Whereas by Decision 87/177/EEC ⁽⁵⁾, the Council approved the conclusion on behalf of the European Economic Community of the Framework Agreement for scientific and technical cooperation between the European Communities and, among others, the Swiss Confederation;

Whereas the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation on a European Stimulation Plan for Economic Science (SPES) should be approved,

Article 1

The Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation on a European Stimulation Plan for Economic Science (SPES) is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall carry out the notification as provided for in Article 10 of the Agreement.

Done at Brussels, 25 February 1991.

For the Council
The President
J.-C. JUNCKER

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 148, 16. 6. 1990, p. 25.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 284, 12. 11. 1990, p. 75 and Decision of 24 January 1991 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 31, 6. 2. 1991, p. 37.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 44, 16. 2. 1989, p. 43.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 71, 14. 3. 1987, p. 29.

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation on a European Stimulation Plan for Economic Science (SPES)

THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY,

hereinafter called 'the Community', and

THE SWISS CONFEDERATION,

hereinafter called 'Switzerland',

both hereinafter called the 'Contracting Parties',

WHEREAS, by Decision 89/118/EEC, the Council of the European Communities, hereinafter called 'the Council', adopted a European stimulation plan for economic science (1989 to 1992) (SPES), hereinafter called 'the SPES programme';

WHEREAS the Contracting Parties concluded a Framework Agreement for scientific and technical cooperation which entered into force on 17 July 1987;

WHEREAS the association of Switzerland with the SPES programme can contribute to the overall strengthening of Europe's scientific potential;

WHEREAS the Contracting Parties expect to obtain mutual benefit from Switzerland's association with the SPES programme,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Switzerland is hereby associated, as from 1 January 1989, with the implementation of the SPES programme as set out in Annex A.

Article 2

The financial contribution of Switzerland, deriving from its association with the implementation of the SPES programme, shall be established in proportion to the amount available each year in the general budget of the European Communities for appropriations covering commitments to meet financial obligations of the Commissions of the European Communities, hereinafter referred to as 'the Commission', resulting from work to be carried out in the framework of research contracts necessary to the implementation of the SPES programme and from management and administrative operating expenditure for the SPES programme.

The proportionality factor governing Switzerland's contribution shall be given by the ratio between Switzerland's gross domestic product (GDP), at market prices, and the sum of gross domestic products, at market prices, of the Member States of the Community and of Switzerland. This ratio shall be calculated on the basis of the latest available statistical data from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

The funds estimated as necessary for the execution of the SPES programme, the amount of Switzerland's contribution and the timetable of the commitment estimates are set out in Annex B.

The rules governing Switzerland's financial contribution to the execution of the SPES programme are set out in Annex C.

Article 3

For Swiss research and development bodies and persons, the terms and conditions for the submission and evaluation of proposals and the terms and conditions for the granting and conclusion of contracts under the SPES programme shall be the same as those applicable to research and development bodies and persons in the Community.

The contracts, drawn up by the Commission, shall define the rights and obligations of Swiss research and development bodies and persons, and in particular the methods of disseminating, protecting and exploiting the research results.

Article 4

During the third year of the SPES programme, the Commission shall address a report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the basis of an evaluation of the results so far achieved. This report shall be accompanied by suggestions for changes which may be necessary in the light of these results. A copy of that report shall be transmitted to Switzerland which in addition shall be informed of any possible suggestions for changes.

Article 5

Each Contracting Party undertakes, in accordance with its respective rules and regulations, to facilitate the movement and residence of research workers participating in Switzerland and in the Community in the activities covered by this Agreement.

Article 6

The Commission and the Swiss Federal Council shall ensure the implementation of this Agreement.

Article 7

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

Article 8

1. This Agreement is concluded for the duration of the SPES programme.

Should the Community revise the SPES programme, the Agreement may be denounced under mutually agreed conditions. Switzerland shall be notified of the exact content of the revised programme within one week after its adoption by the Community. The Contracting Parties shall notify each other within three months after the Community decision has been adopted if any termination of the Agreement is envisaged.

2. Where the Community adopts a new research and development programme in the field of economic science, this Agreement may be renegotiated or renewed under mutually agreed conditions.

3. Subject to paragraph 1, either Contracting Party may at any time terminate the Agreement with six months' notice. The projects and work in progress at the time of termination and/or expiry of this Agreement shall be continued until they are completed under the conditions laid down in this Agreement.

Article 9

The Annexes A, B and C to this Agreement shall form an integral part thereof.

Article 10

This Agreement shall be approved by the Contracting Parties in accordance with their existing procedures.

It shall enter into force on the date on which the Contracting Parties notify each other of the completion of the procedures necessary for this purpose.

Article 11

This Agreement shall be drawn up in duplicate in the Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish languages, each of these texts being equally authentic.

ANNEX A

OBJECTIVES AND SUMMARY OF THE EUROPEAN PLAN TO STIMULATE ECONOMIC SCIENCE
(1989 to 1992) (SPES)

1. The programme consists of a range of activities which have as their aim the establishment of a network of cooperation and interchange between economists of the highest professional quality at Community level.

The purpose of these activities is to:

- stimulate the mobility of Community economists and cooperation on joint research projects or networks by researchers of the Community Member States,
 - improve training by encouraging doctoral students and researchers of the Community Member States to continue with their work in Community universities or research centres other than those of their country of origin,
 - encourage young economists to return to the Community if they have been working for some time in centres of excellence in non-Community countries,
and
 - favour or support the exchange of knowledge and information between researchers in economic science of Community Member States.
2. The programme shall be implemented by the following actions:
 - scholarships, research grants, grants for multinational networks or research projects,
and
 - subsidies for high-level training courses, organized in collaboration with the scientific communities concerned, and facilitating the carrying out of surveys and studies as well as access to data banks.
 3. Consideration shall be given to applications for financial support made by individuals or institutions which satisfy each of the following criteria:
 - (a) scientific excellence;
 - (b) the multinational European aspects (transnational cooperation or activity outside the country of origin);
 - (c) the European interest of the substance of the research either in terms of its general scientific value or its applied analytical content.

Where scientific and technical quality is comparable, particular attention will be given to projects likely to reduce scientific and technical development disparities between Member States and thereby to contribute to economic and social cohesion within the European Communities.

4. Topics of research are, *inter alia*:
 - i) the Community's internal market programme and issues of microeconomic analysis, including industrial organization and the economics of regulatory policies (e.g. standards);
 - ii) European integration economics, including issues of intra-European regional North-South relations;
 - iii) the determinants of economic growth in Western Europe, including dynamic factors, such as advanced technology and innovation, and constraints, such as environmental concerns;
 - iv) systematic issues in the monetary areas and macroeconomic and fiscal policy coordination;
 - v) problems of trade policy and the role of Western Europe in the international division of labour;
 - vi) employment, health and social policy issues, which have quite different characteristics in Western Europe, compared to the United States of America or Japan;
and
 - vii) methodological and modelling problems relevant to the abovementioned subjects or otherwise of fundamental interest, the setting up of statistical concepts and adequate technical, social and economic indicators, as well as more precise economic models.

ANNEX B

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

The amount estimated as necessary to carry out the SPES programme shall be ECU 6 000 000.

Article 2

Switzerland's financial contribution for the execution of the SPES programme is estimated to be ECU 230 400.

Article 3

The timetable of the commitment estimates and of Switzerland's financial contribution is given in the following table.

Timetable of the commitments estimated as necessary for the execution of the SPES programme (commitment appropriations) and of Switzerland's contribution

(in ecus)

Year	Commitments for			Switzerland's contribution		
	Management and administrative operation	Contracts	Total	Management and administrative operation	Contracts	Total
1989	170 000	830 000	1 000 000	6 528	31 872	38,400
1990	260 000	1 740 000	2 000 000	9 984	66 816	76 800
1991	300 000	1 700 000	2 000 000	11 520	65 280	76 800
1992	320 000	680 000	1 000 000	12 288	26 112	38 400
Grand total	1 050 000	4 950 000	6 000 000	40 320	190 080	230 400

ANNEX C

FINANCING RULES

Article 1

These provisions lay down the financing rules for Switzerland referred to in Article 2 of the Agreement.

Article 2

At the beginning of each year, or whenever the SPES programme is revised so as to involve an increase in the amount estimated as necessary for its implementation, the Commission shall send to Switzerland a call for funds corresponding to its contribution to the costs provided under the Agreement.

This contribution shall be expressed both in ecus and in the Swiss currency, the composition of the ecu being defined in Council Regulation (EEC) No 3180/78. The value in Swiss currency of the contribution in ecus shall be determined on the date of the call for funds.

Switzerland shall pay its contribution to the annual costs under the agreement at the beginning of each year and at the latest three months after the call for funds is sent. Any delay in the payment of the contribution shall give rise to the payment of interest by Switzerland at a rate equal to the highest discount rate obtaining in the Member States of the Community on the due date. The rate shall be increased by 0,25 of a percentage point for each month of delay.

The increased rate shall be applied to the entire period of delay. However, this interest shall be payable only if the contribution is paid more than three months after a call for funds has been made by the Commission.

Article 3

The funds paid by Switzerland shall be credited to the SPES programme as budget receipts allocated to its appropriate heading in the statement of revenue of the general budget of the European Communities.

Article 4

The financial Regulation in force applicable to the general budget of the European Communities shall apply to the management of the appropriations.

Article 5

At the end of each year, a statement of appropriations of the SPES programme shall be prepared and transmitted to Switzerland for information.

COUNCIL DECISION

of 25 February 1991

concerning the conclusion of a Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland on a research and development programme for the European Economic Community in the field of applied metrology and chemical analysis (BCR)

(91/122/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 130q (2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ⁽¹⁾,

In cooperation with the European Parliament ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee ⁽³⁾,

Whereas by Decision 88/418/EEC ⁽⁴⁾, the Council adopted a research and development programme for the European Economic Community in the field of applied metrology and chemical analysis (1988 to 1992) (BCR); whereas Article 4 of this Decision authorizes the Commission to negotiate agreements with third countries and in particular with those European countries having concluded framework agreements for scientific and technical cooperation with the Community with a view to associating them wholly or partly with the programme;

Whereas by Decision 87/177/EEC ⁽⁵⁾, the Council approved the conclusion on behalf of the European Economic Community of the Framework Agreement for scientific and technical cooperation between the European Communities and, among others, the Republic of Finland;

Whereas the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland on a research and development programme for the European Economic Community in the field of applied metrology and chemical analysis (BCR) should be approved,

Article 1

The Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland on a research and development programme for the European Economic Community in the field of applied metrology and chemical analysis (BCR) is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall carry out the notification as provided for in Article 11 of the Agreement.

Done at Brussels, 25 February 1991.

For the Council
The President
J.-C. JUNCKER

(1) OJ No C 148, 16. 6. 1990, p. 31.

(2) OJ No C 284, 12. 11. 1990, p. 76 and

Decision of 24 January 1991 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

(3) OJ No C 31, 6. 2. 1991, p. 35.

(4) OJ No L 206, 30. 7. 1988, p. 29.

(5) OJ No L 71, 14. 3. 1987, p. 29.

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland on a research and development programme for the European Economic Community in the field of applied metrology and chemical analysis (BCR)

THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY,
hereinafter called 'the Community', and

THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND,
hereinafter called 'Finland',

both hereinafter called the 'Contracting Parties',

WHEREAS, by Decision 88/418/EEC, the Council of the European Communities, hereinafter called 'the Council', adopted a research and development programme for the European Economic Community in the field of applied metrology and chemical analysis, 1988 to 1992 (BCR), hereinafter called 'the Community programme';

WHEREAS the Contracting Parties concluded a framework agreement for scientific and technical cooperation which entered into force on 17 July 1987;

WHEREAS the association of Finland with the Community programme can help to improve the efficacy of the research carried out by the Contracting Parties in the field of applied metrology and chemical analysis, and can avoid the useless duplication of efforts;

WHEREAS the Contracting Parties expect to obtain mutual benefit from Finland's association with the Community programme,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Finland is hereby associated, as from 1 January 1989, with the implementation of the Community programme as set out in Annex A.

Article 2

The financial contribution of Finland, deriving from its association with the implementation of the Community programme shall be established in proportion to the amount available each year in the general budget of the European Communities for appropriations covering commitments to meet financial obligations of the Commission of the European Communities, hereinafter referred to as 'the Commission', resulting from work to be carried out in the framework of research contracts necessary to the implementation of the Community programme and from management and administrative operating expenditure for the Community programme.

The proportionality factor governing Finland's contribution shall be given by the ratio between Finland's gross domestic product (GDP), at market prices, and the sum of gross domestic products, at market prices, of the Member States of the Community and of Finland. This ratio shall be calculated on the basis of the latest available statistical data from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

The funds estimated as necessary for the execution of the Community programme, the amount of Finland's contribution and the timetable of the commitment estimates are set out in Annex B.

The rules governing Finland's financial contribution to the execution of the Community programme are set out in Annex C.

Article 3

For Finnish research and development bodies and persons, the terms and conditions for the submission and evaluation of proposals and the terms and conditions for the granting and conclusion of contracts under the Community Programme shall be the same as those applicable to research and development bodies and persons in the Community.

The contracts, drawn up by the Commission, shall define the rights and obligations of Finnish research and development bodies and persons, and in particular the methods of disseminating, protecting and exploiting the research results.

Article 4

The Commission shall be responsible for the implementation of the Community programme.

It shall be assisted by the Management and Coordination Advisory Committee 'Scientific and Technological Standards', hereinafter referred to as 'the committee', set up by Council Decision No 84/338/Euratom/ECSC/EEC⁽¹⁾.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 177, 4. 7. 1984, p. 25.

The Committee shall be enlarged to include two representatives designated by Finland who may be assisted or replaced by one Finnish expert. They shall participate solely in the work of the Committee which meets in its variable configuration to accomplish the tasks concerning the Community programme.

Article 5

At the end of 1990, the Commission shall address a report to the European Parliament, to the Council and to the Economic and Social Committee on the basis of an evaluation of the results so far achieved. This report shall be accompanied by suggestions for changes which may be necessary in the light of these results. A copy of that report shall be transmitted to Finland which in addition shall be informed of any possible suggestions for changes.

Article 6

Each Contracting Party undertakes, in accordance with its respective rules and regulations, to facilitate the movement and residence of research workers participating in Finland and in the Community in the activities covered by this Agreement.

Article 7

The Commission and the Technical Inspection Centre in Finland shall ensure the implementation of this Agreement.

Article 8

This Agreement shall apply, on the one hand, to the territories in which the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community is applied and under the conditions laid down in that Treaty and, on the other hand, to the territory of the Republic of Finland.

Article 9

1. This Agreement is concluded for the duration of the Community programme.

Should the Community revise the Community programme, the Agreement may be denounced under mutually agreed conditions. Finland shall be notified of the exact content of the revised programme within one week after its adoption by the Community. The Contracting Parties shall notify each other within three months after the Community decision has been adopted if any termination of the Agreement is envisaged.

2. Where the Community adopts a new research and development programme in the field of applied metrology and chemical analysis, this Agreement may be renegotiated or renewed under mutually agreed conditions.

3. Subject to paragraph 1, either Contracting Party may at any time terminate the Agreement with six months' notice. The projects and work in progress at the time of termination and/or expiry of this Agreement shall be continued until they are completed under the conditions laid down in this Agreement.

Article 10

The Annexes A, B and C to this Agreement shall form an integral part thereof.

Article 11

This Agreement shall be approved by the Contracting Parties in accordance with their existing procedures.

It shall enter into force on the date on which the Contracting Parties notify each other of the completion of the procedures necessary for this purpose.

Article 12

This Agreement shall be drawn up in duplicate in the Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and Finnish languages, each of these texts being equally authentic.

ANNEX A

**COMMUNITY PROGRAMME IN THE FIELD OF APPLIED METROLOGY AND CHEMICAL ANALYSIS
(1988 to 1992) (BCR)**

The objective of the programme is to improve the reliability of chemical analyses and physical measurements (applied metrology) so as to achieve agreement of results in all Member States.

The projects will be chosen from those fields which are of priority importance for the Community as judged from an economic, environmental or public health viewpoint.

The priority fields are the following:

- (a) analyses for food and agriculture, in particular:
 - analyses in livestock (foodstuffs, hormones, antibiotics, etc.) and of the quality of cereals, fruit and vegetables,
 - analyses of the quality of processed food (nutritional properties, presence of dangerous substances, bacterial contamination);
- (b) analyses related to the environment, in particular:
 - determination of traces of dangerous compounds in various matrices,
 - determination of air pollutants at the work place,
 - mutagenicity of chemical substances;
- (c) biomedical analyses, with priority for:
 - the determination of enzymes and hormones (in human serum),
 - haematological tests (e.g. blood coagulation),
 - analyses related to cardiovascular diseases,
 - analyses related to tumour markers and drugs in the human body;
- (d) analyses of (essentially non-ferrous) metals and surface analysis of materials;
- (e) applied metrology. The emphasis will be placed on the measurement and calibration of the most important parameters for test laboratories and industrial laboratories, in particular for quality control. The subjects covered will include in particular:
 - dimensional and mechanical metrology (in particular, measurements that are becoming increasingly necessary for the verification of automatic machines) and the characterization of surface states,
 - mechanical parameters, such as force and pressure,
 - study of the performance and accuracy of new temperature-measuring devices,
 - improvement of optical metrology in the visible, ultra-violet and infra-red ranges and in the field of fibre optics and lasers,
 - measurements of electrical magnitudes, in particular at high frequency,
 - acoustic measurements, in particular as regards sound-proofing,
 - measurements relating to ultrasonics,
 - liquid and gas flow measurements,
 - methods of measurement of physical and material properties, such as thermal conductivity, viscosity, etc.,
 - methods of determination of the mechanical properties of metals (the work will cover only the methods required for the accurate determination of these properties and not the characterization of the materials),
 - improvement of technological measurements in industry.

The activities include in particular:

- execution of measurement programmes involving the cooperation of laboratories in several Member States (intercomparisons),
- improvement of methods of analysis and measurement,
- improvement of instruments necessary for high precision measurements,

- development of transfer standards,
- preparation and certification of reference materials,
- storage and distribution of reference materials,
- support for the setting up at Community level of interlaboratory circuits for quality assurance,
- research grants in subjects covered by the programme,
- exchange and training of scientists in subjects covered by the programme, taking into account the needs of the Member States that wish to improve their capabilities in these fields,
- dissemination of the results of the projects,
- well-targeted advertizing of the reference materials and promotion of their sale.

ANNEX B

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

The amount estimated as necessary to carry out the Community programme shall be ECU 59 200 000.

Article 2

Finland's financial contribution for the execution of the Community programme is estimated to be ECU 1 063 240.

Article 3

The timetable of the commitment estimates and of Finland's financial contribution is given in the following table.

**Timetable of the commitments estimated as necessary for the execution of the Community programme
(commitment appropriations) and of Finland's contribution**

(in ecus)

Year	Commitments for			Finland's contribution		
	Management and administrative operation	Contracts	Total	Management and administrative operation	Contracts	Total
1988	2 530 150	3 507 850	6 038 000	—	—	—
1989	3 480 500	10 019 500	13 500 000	69 610	200 390	270 000
1990	4 050 000	11 250 000	15 300 000	81 000	225 000	306 000
1991	4 200 000	10 200 000	14 400 000	84 000	204 000	288 000
1992	4 300 000	5 662 000	9 962 000	86 000	113 240	199 240
Grand total	18 560 650	40 639 350	59 200 000	320 610	742 630	1 063 240

ANNEX C

FINANCING RULES

Article 1

These provisions lay down the financing rules for Finland referred to in Article 2 of the Agreement.

Article 2

At the beginning of each year, or whenever the Community programme is revised so as to involve an increase in the amount estimated as necessary for its implementation, the Commission shall send to Finland a call for funds corresponding to its contribution to the costs provided under the Agreement.

This contribution shall be expressed both in ecus and in the Finnish currency, the composition of the ecu being defined in Council Regulation (EEC) No 3180/78. The value in Finnish currency of the contribution in ecus shall be determined on the date of the call for funds.

Finland shall pay its contribution to the annual costs under the agreement at the beginning of each year and at the latest three months after the call for funds is sent. Any delay in the payment of the contribution shall give rise to the payment of interest by Finland at a rate equal to the highest discount rate obtaining in the Member States of the Community on the due date. The rate shall be increased by 0,25 of a percentage point for each month of delay.

The increased rate shall be applied to the entire period of delay. However, this interest shall be payable only if the contribution is paid more than three months after a call for funds has been made by the Commission.

Travel costs of Finnish representatives and experts deriving from their participation in the work of the committee referred to in Article 4 of the Agreement shall be reimbursed by the Commission in accordance with the procedures currently in force for the representatives and experts of the Member States of the Community and, in particular, in accordance with Council Decision No 84/338/Euratom/ECSC/EEC.

Article 3

The funds paid by Finland shall be credited to the Community programme as budget receipts allocated to its appropriate heading in the statement of revenue of the general budget of the European Communities.

Article 4

The financial Regulation in force applicable to the general budget of the European Communities shall apply to the management of the appropriations.

Article 5

At the end of each year, a statement of appropriations of the Community programme shall be prepared and transmitted to Finland for information.

COUNCIL DECISION

of 25 February 1991

concerning the conclusion of a Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Sweden on a research and development programme for the European Economic Community in the field of applied metrology and chemical analysis (BCR)

(91/123/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 130q (2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ⁽¹⁾,

In cooperation with the European Parliament ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee ⁽³⁾,

Whereas by Decision 88/418/EEC ⁽⁴⁾, the Council adopted a research and development programme for the European Economic Community in the field of applied metrology and chemical analysis (1988 to 1992) (BCR); whereas Article 4 of this Decision authorizes the Commission to negotiate agreements with third countries and in particular with those European countries having concluded framework agreements for scientific and technical cooperation with the Community with a view to associating them wholly or partly with the programme;

Whereas by Decision 87/177/EEC ⁽⁵⁾, the Council approved the conclusion on behalf of the European Economic Community of the Framework Agreement for scientific and technical cooperation between the European Communities and, among others, the Kingdom of Sweden;

Whereas the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Sweden on a research and development programme for the European Economic Community in the field of applied metrology and chemical analysis (BCR) should be approved,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Sweden on a research and development programme for the European Economic Community in the field of applied metrology and chemical analysis (BCR) is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall carry out the notification as provided for in Article 11 of the Agreement.

Done at Brussels, 25 February 1991.

For the Council
The President
J.-C. JUNCKER

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COOPERATION AGREEMENT

between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Sweden on a research and development programme for the European Economic Community in the field of applied metrology and chemical analysis (BCR)

THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY,

hereinafter called 'the Community', and

THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN,

hereinafter called 'Sweden',

both hereinafter called the 'Contracting Parties',

WHEREAS, by Decision 88/418/EEC, the Council of the European Communities, hereinafter called 'the Council', adopted a research and development programme for the European Economic Community in the field of applied metrology and chemical analysis, 1988 to 1992 (BCR), hereinafter called 'the Community programme';

WHEREAS the Contracting Parties concluded a framework agreement for scientific and technical cooperation which entered into force on 27 August 1987;

WHEREAS the association of Sweden with the Community programme can help to improve the efficacy of the research carried out by the Contracting Parties in the field of applied metrology and chemical analysis, and can avoid the useless duplication of efforts;

WHEREAS the Contracting Parties expect to obtain mutual benefit from Sweden's association with the Community programme,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Sweden is hereby associated, as from 1 January 1989, with the implementation of the Community programme as set out in Annex A.

Article 2

The financial contribution of Sweden, deriving from its association with the implementation of the Community programme shall be established in proportion to the amount available each year in the general budget of the European Communities for appropriations covering commitments to meet financial obligations of the Commission of the European Communities, hereinafter referred to as 'the Commission', resulting from work to be carried out in the framework of research contracts necessary to the implementation of the Community programme and from management and administrative operating expenditure for the Community programme.

The proportionality factor governing Sweden's contribution shall be given by the ratio between Sweden's gross domestic product (GDP), at market prices, and the sum of gross domestic products, at market prices, of the Member States of the Community and of Sweden. This ratio shall be calculated on the basis of the latest available statistical data from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

The funds estimated as necessary for the execution of the Community programme, the amount of Sweden's contribution and the timetable of the commitment estimates are set out in Annex B.

The rules governing Sweden's financial contribution to the execution of the Community programme are set out in Annex C.

Article 3

For Swedish research and development bodies and persons, the terms and conditions for the submission and evaluation of proposals and the terms and conditions for the granting and conclusion of contracts under the Community Programme shall be the same as those applicable to research and development bodies and persons in the Community.

The contracts, drawn up by the Commission, shall define the rights and obligations of Swedish research and development bodies and persons, and in particular the methods of disseminating, protecting and exploiting the research results.

Article 4

The Commission shall be responsible for the implementation of the Community programme.

It shall be assisted by the Management and Coordination Advisory Committee 'Scientific and Technological Standards', hereinafter referred to as 'the committee', set up by Council Decision No 84/338/Euratom/ECSC/EEC⁽¹⁾.

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At the end of 1990, the Commission shall address a report to the European Parliament, to the Council and to the Economic and Social Committee on the basis of an evaluation of the results so far achieved. This report shall be accompanied by suggestions for changes which may be necessary in the light of these results. A copy of that report shall be transmitted to Sweden which in addition shall be informed of any possible suggestions for changes.

Article 6

Each Contracting Party undertakes, in accordance with its respective rules and regulations, to facilitate the movement and residence of research workers participating in Sweden and in the Community in the activities covered by this Agreement.

Article 7

The Commission and the Swedish Council for Measurement and Testing shall ensure the implementation of this Agreement.

Article 8

This Agreement shall apply, on the one hand, to the territories in which the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community is applied and under the conditions laid down in that Treaty and, on the other hand, to the territory of the Kingdom of Sweden.

Article 9

1. This Agreement is concluded for the duration of the Community programme.

Should the Community revise the Community programme, the Agreement may be denounced under mutually agreed conditions. Sweden shall be notified of the exact content of the revised programme within one week after its adoption by the Community. The Contracting Parties shall notify each other within three months after the Community decision has been adopted if any termination of the Agreement is envisaged.

2. Where the Community adopts a new research and development programme in the field of applied metrology and chemical analysis, this Agreement may be renegotiated or renewed under mutually agreed conditions.

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Article 10

The Annexes A, B and C to this Agreement shall form an integral part thereof.

Article 11

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Article 12

This Agreement shall be drawn up in duplicate in the Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish languages, each of these texts being equally authentic.

ANNEX A

**COMMUNITY PROGRAMME IN THE FIELD OF APPLIED METROLOGY AND CHEMICAL ANALYSIS
(1988 to 1992) (BCR)**

The objective of the programme is to improve the reliability of chemical analyses and physical measurements (applied metrology) so as to achieve agreement of results in all Member States.

The projects will be chosen from those fields which are of priority importance for the Community as judged from an economic, environmental or public health viewpoint.

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 - analyses in livestock (foodstuffs, hormones, antibiotics, etc.) and of the quality of cereals, fruit and vegetables,
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 - haematological tests (e.g. blood coagulation),
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 - mechanical parameters, such as force and pressure,
 - study of the performance and accuracy of new temperature-measuring devices,
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 - measurements of electrical magnitudes, in particular at high frequency,
 - acoustic measurements, in particular as regards sound-proofing,
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The activities include in particular:

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- development of transfer standards,
- preparation and certification of reference materials,
- storage and distribution of reference materials,
- support for the setting up at Community level of interlaboratory circuits for quality assurance,
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- dissemination of the results of the projects,
- well-targeted advertizing of the reference materials and promotion of their sale.

ANNEX B

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

The amount estimated as necessary to carry out the Community programme shall be ECU 59 200 000.

Article 2

Sweden's financial contribution for the execution of the Community programme is estimated to be ECU 1 951 045.

Article 3

The timetable of the commitment estimates and of Sweden's financial contribution is given in the following table.

**Timetable of the commitments estimated as necessary for the execution of the Community programme
(commitment appropriations) and of Sweden's contribution**

(in ecus)

Year	Commitments for			Sweden's contribution		
	Management and administrative operation	Contracts	Total	Management and administrative operation	Contracts	Total
1988	2 530 150	3 507 850	6 038 000	—	—	—
1989	3 480 500	10 019 500	13 500 000	127 734	367 716	495 450
1990	4 050 000	11 250 000	15 300 000	148 635	412 875	561 510
1991	4 200 000	10 200 000	14 400 000	154 140	374 340	528 480
1992	4 300 000	5 662 000	9 962 000	157 810	207 795	365 605
Grand total	18 560 650	40 639 350	59 200 000	588 319	362 726	1 951 045

ANNEX C

FINANCING RULES

Article 1

These provisions lay down the financing rules for Sweden referred to in Article 2 of the Agreement.

Article 2

At the beginning of each year, or whenever the Community programme is revised so as to involve an increase in the amount estimated as necessary for its implementation, the Commission shall send to Sweden a call for funds corresponding to its contribution to the costs provided under the Agreement.

This contribution shall be expressed both in ecus and in the Swedish currency, the composition of the ecu being defined in Council Regulation (EEC) No 3180/78. The value in Swedish currency of the contribution in ecus shall be determined on the date of the call for funds.

Sweden shall pay its contribution to the annual costs under the agreement at the beginning of each year and at the latest three months after the call for funds is sent. Any delay in the payment of the contribution shall give rise to the payment of interest by Sweden at a rate equal to the highest discount rate obtaining in the Member States of the Community on the due date. The rate shall be increased by 0,25 of a percentage point for each month of delay.

The increased rate shall be applied to the entire period of delay. However, this interest shall be payable only if the contribution is paid more than three months after a call for funds has been made by the Commission.

Travel costs of Swedish representatives and experts deriving from their participation in the work of the committee referred to in Article 4 of the Agreement shall be reimbursed by the Commission in accordance with the procedures currently in force for the representatives and experts of the Member States of the Community and, in particular, in accordance with Council Decision No 84/338/Euratom/ECSC/EEC.

Article 3

The funds paid by Sweden shall be credited to the Community programme as budget receipts allocated to its appropriate heading in the statement of revenue of the general budget of the European Communities.

Article 4

The financial Regulation in force applicable to the general budget of the European Communities shall apply to the management of the appropriations.

Article 5

At the end of each year, a statement of appropriations of the Community programme shall be prepared and transmitted to Sweden for information.

COUNCIL DECISION

of 25 February 1991

concerning the conclusion of a Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation on a research and development programme for the European Economic Community in the field of applied metrology and chemical analysis (BCR)

(91/124/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 130q (2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ⁽¹⁾,

In cooperation with the European Parliament ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee ⁽³⁾,

Whereas by Decision 88/418/EEC ⁽⁴⁾, the Council adopted a research and development programme for the European Economic Community in the field of applied metrology and chemical analysis (1988 to 1992) (BCR); whereas Article 4 of this Decision authorizes the Commission to negotiate agreements with third countries and in particular with those European countries having concluded framework agreements for scientific and technical cooperation with the Community with a view to associating them wholly or partly with the programme;

Whereas by Decision 87/177/EEC ⁽⁵⁾, the Council approved the conclusion on behalf of the European Economic Community of the Framework Agreement for scientific and technical cooperation between the European Communities and, among others, the Swiss Confederation;

Whereas the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation on a research and development programme for the European Economic Community in the field of applied metrology and chemical analysis (BCR) should be approved,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation on a research and development programme for the European Economic Community in the field of applied metrology and chemical analysis (BCR) is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall carry out the notification as provided for in Article 11 of the Agreement.

Done at Brussels, 25 February 1991.

For the Council
The President
J.-C. JUNCKER

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 148, 16. 6. 1990, p. 31.

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COOPERATION AGREEMENT

between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation on a research and development programme for the European Economic Community in the field of applied metrology and chemical analysis (BCR)

THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY,

hereinafter called 'the Community', and

THE SWISS CONFEDERATION,

hereinafter called 'Switzerland',

both hereinafter called the 'Contracting Parties',

WHEREAS, by Decision 88/418/EEC, the Council of the European Communities, hereinafter called 'the Council', adopted a research and development programme for the European Economic Community in the field of applied metrology and chemical analysis, 1988 to 1992 (BCR), hereinafter called 'the Community programme';

WHEREAS the Contracting Parties concluded a framework agreement for scientific and technical cooperation which entered into force on 17 July 1987;

WHEREAS the association of Switzerland with the Community programme can help to improve the efficacy of the research carried out by the Contracting Parties in the field of applied metrology and chemical analysis, and can avoid the useless duplication of efforts;

WHEREAS the Contracting Parties expect to obtain mutual benefit from Switzerland's association with the Community programme,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Switzerland is hereby associated, as from 1 July 1989, with the implementation of the Community programme as set out in Annex A.

Article 2

The financial contribution of Switzerland, deriving from its association with the implementation of the Community programme shall be established in proportion to the amount available each year in the general budget of the European Communities for appropriations covering commitments to meet financial obligations of the Commission of the European Communities, hereinafter referred to as 'the Commission', resulting from work to be carried out in the framework of research contracts necessary to the implementation of the Community programme and from management and administrative operating expenditure for the Community programme.

The proportionality factor governing Switzerland's contribution shall be given by the ratio between Switzerland's gross domestic product (GDP), at market prices, and the sum of gross domestic products, at market prices, of the Member States of the Community and of Switzerland. This ratio shall be calculated on the basis of the latest available statistical data from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

The funds estimated as necessary for the execution of the Community programme, the amount of Switzerland's contribution and the timetable of the commitment estimates are set out in Annex B.

The rules governing Switzerland's financial contribution to the execution of the Community Programme are set out in Annex C.

Article 3

For Swiss research and development bodies and persons, the terms and conditions for the submission and evaluation of proposals and the terms and conditions for the granting and conclusion of contracts under the Community Programme shall be the same as those applicable to research and development bodies and persons in the Community.

The contracts, drawn up by the Commission, shall define the rights and obligations of Swiss research and development bodies and persons, and in particular the methods of disseminating, protecting and exploiting the research results.

Article 4

The Commission shall be responsible for the implementation of the Community programme.

It shall be assisted by the Management and Coordination Advisory Committee 'Scientific and Technological Standards', hereinafter referred to as 'the committee', set up by Council Decision No 84/338/Euratom/ECSC/EEC (1).

(1) OJ No L 177, 4. 7. 1984, p. 25.

The Committee shall be enlarged to include two representatives designated by Switzerland who may be assisted or replaced by one Swiss expert. They shall participate solely in the work of the Committee which meets in its variable configuration to accomplish the tasks concerning the Community programme.

Article 5

At the end of 1990, the Commission shall address a report to the European Parliament, to the Council and to the Economic and Social Committee on the basis of an evaluation of the results so far achieved. This report shall be accompanied by suggestions for changes which may be necessary in the light of these results. A copy of that report shall be transmitted to Switzerland which in addition shall be informed of any possible suggestions for changes.

Article 6

Each Contracting Party undertakes, in accordance with its respective rules and regulations, to facilitate the movement and residence of research workers participating in Switzerland and in the Community in the activities covered by this Agreement.

Article 7

The Commission and the Swiss Federal Council shall ensure the implementation of this Agreement.

Article 8

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

Article 9

1. This Agreement is concluded for the duration of the Community programme.

Should the Community revise the Community programme, the Agreement may be denounced under mutually agreed conditions. Switzerland shall be notified of the exact content of the revised programme within one week after its adoption by the Community. The Contracting Parties shall notify each other within three months after the Community decision has been adopted if any termination of the Agreement is envisaged.

2. Where the Community adopts a new research and development programme in the field of applied metrology and chemical analysis, this Agreement may be renegotiated or renewed under mutually agreed conditions.

3. Subject to paragraph 1, either Contracting Party may at any time terminate the Agreement with six months' notice. The projects and work in progress at the time of termination and/or expiry of this Agreement shall be continued until they are completed under the conditions laid down in this Agreement.

Article 10

The Annexes A, B and C to this Agreement shall form an integral part thereof.

Article 11

This Agreement shall be approved by the Contracting Parties in accordance with their existing procedures.

It shall enter into force on the date on which the Contracting Parties notify each other of the completion of the procedures necessary for this purpose.

Article 12

This Agreement shall be drawn up in duplicate in the Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish languages, each of these texts being equally authentic.

ANNEX A

**COMMUNITY PROGRAMME IN THE FIELD OF APPLIED METROLOGY AND CHEMICAL ANALYSIS
(1988 to 1992) (BCR)**

The objective of the programme is to improve the reliability of chemical analyses and physical measurements (applied metrology) so as to achieve agreement of results in all Member States.

The projects will be chosen from those fields which are of priority importance for the Community as judged from an economic, environmental or public health viewpoint.

The priority fields are the following:

- (a) analyses for food and agriculture, in particular:
 - analyses in livestock (foodstuffs, hormones, antibiotics, etc.) and of the quality of cereals, fruit and vegetables,
 - analyses of the quality of processed food (nutritional properties, presence of dangerous substances, bacterial contamination);
- (b) analyses related to the environment, in particular:
 - determination of traces of dangerous compounds in various matrices,
 - determination of air pollutants at the work place,
 - mutagenicity of chemical substances;
- (c) biomedical analyses, with priority for:
 - the determination of enzymes and hormones (in human serum),
 - haematological tests (e.g. blood coagulation),
 - analyses related to cardiovascular diseases,
 - analyses related to tumour markers and drugs in the human body;
- (d) analyses of (essentially non-ferrous) metals and surface analysis of materials;
- (e) applied metrology. The emphasis will be placed on the measurement and calibration of the most important parameters for test laboratories and industrial laboratories, in particular for quality control. The subjects covered will include in particular:
 - dimensional and mechanical metrology (in particular, measurements that are becoming increasingly necessary for the verification of automatic machines) and the characterization of surface states,
 - mechanical parameters, such as force and pressure,
 - study of the performance and accuracy of new temperature-measuring devices,
 - improvement of optical metrology in the visible, ultra-violet and infra-red ranges and in the field of fibre optics and lasers,
 - measurements of electrical magnitudes, in particular at high frequency,
 - acoustic measurements, in particular as regards sound-proofing,
 - measurements relating to ultrasonics,
 - liquid and gas flow measurements,
 - methods of measurement of physical and material properties, such as thermal conductivity, viscosity, etc.,
 - methods of determination of the mechanical properties of metals (the work will cover only the methods required for the accurate determination of these properties and not the characterization of the materials),
 - improvement of technological measurements in industry.

The activities include in particular:

- execution of measurement programmes involving the cooperation of laboratories in several Member States (intercomparisons),
- improvement of methods of analysis and measurement,
- improvement of instruments necessary for high precision measurements,

- development of transfer standards,
- preparation and certification of reference materials,
- storage and distribution of reference materials,
- support for the setting up at Community level of interlaboratory circuits for quality assurance,
- research grants in subjects covered by the programme,
- exchange and training of scientists in subjects covered by the programme, taking into account the needs of the Member States that wish to improve their capabilities in these fields,
- dissemination of the results of the projects,
- well-targeted advertizing of the reference materials and promotion of their sale.

ANNEX B

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

The amount estimated as necessary to carry out the Community programme shall be ECU 59 200 000.

Article 2

Switzerland's financial contribution for the execution of the Community programme is estimated to be ECU 1 735 810.

Article 3

The timetable of the commitment estimates and of Switzerland's financial contribution is given in the following table.

**Timetable of the commitments estimated as necessary for the execution of the Community programme
(commitment appropriations) and of Switzerland's contribution**

(in ecus)

Year	Commitments for			Switzerland's contribution		
	Management and administrative operation	Contracts	Total	Management and administrative operation	Contracts	Total
1988	2 530 150	3 507 850	6 038 000	—	—	—
1989	3 480 500	10 019 500	13 500 000	65 085	187 365	252 450(+)
1990	4 050 000	11 250 000	15 300 000	151 470	420 750	572 220
1991	4 200 000	10 200 000	14 400 000	157 080	381 480	538 560
1992	4 300 000	5 662 000	9 962 000	160 820	211 760	199 240
Grand total	18 560 650	40 639 350	59 200 000	534 455	1 201 355	1 735 810

ANNEX C

FINANCING RULES

Article 1

These provisions lay down the financing rules for Switzerland referred to in Article 2 of the Agreement.

Article 2

At the beginning of each year, or whenever the Community programme is revised so as to involve an increase in the amount estimated as necessary for its implementation, the Commission shall send to Switzerland a call for funds corresponding to its contribution to the costs provided under the Agreement.

This contribution shall be expressed both in ecus and in the Swiss currency, the composition of the ecu being defined in Council Regulation (EEC) No 3180/78. The value in Swiss currency of the contribution in ecus shall be determined on the date of the call for funds.

Switzerland shall pay its contribution to the annual costs under the agreement at the beginning of each year and at the latest three months after the call for funds is sent. Any delay in the payment of the contribution shall give rise to the payment of interest by Switzerland at a rate equal to the highest discount rate obtaining in the Member States of the Community on the due date. The rate shall be increased by 0,25 of a percentage point for each month of delay.

The increased rate shall be applied to the entire period of delay. However, this interest shall be payable only if the contribution is paid more than three months after a call for funds has been made by the Commission.

Travel costs of Swiss representatives and experts deriving from their participation in the work of the committee referred to in Article 4 of the Agreement shall be reimbursed by the Commission in accordance with the procedures currently in force for the representatives and experts of the Member States of the Community and, in particular, in accordance with Council Decision No 84/338/Euratom/ECSC/EEC.

Article 3

The funds paid by Switzerland shall be credited to the Community programme as budget receipts allocated to its appropriate heading in the statement of revenue of the general budget of the European Communities.

Article 4

The financial Regulation in force applicable to the general budget of the European Communities shall apply to the management of the appropriations.

Article 5

At the end of each year, a statement of appropriations of the Community programme shall be prepared and transmitted to Switzerland for information.
