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I

(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2683/95
of 21 November 1995**

amending Regulation (EC) No 1072/95 increasing to 1 300 000 tonnes the quantity of barley held by the German intervention agency for which a standing invitation to tender for export has been opened

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,
Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organization of the market in cereals⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1863/95⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2131/93⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 120/94⁽⁴⁾, lays down the procedures and conditions for the disposal of cereals held by the intervention agencies;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 1072/95⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2643/95⁽⁶⁾, opened a standing invitation to tender for the export of 1 000 000 tonnes of barley held by the German intervention agency; whereas, in a communication of 9 November 1995, Germany informed the Commission of the intention of its intervention agency to increase by 300 000 tonnes the quantity for which a standing invitation to tender for export has been opened; whereas the total quantity of barley held by the German intervention agency for which a standing invitation to tender for export has been opened should be increased to 1 300 000 tonnes;

Whereas this increase in the quantity put out to tender makes it necessary to alter the list of regions and quantities in store; whereas Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1072/95 must therefore be amended;

Whereas the Management Committee for Cereals has not issued an opinion within the time set by its chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 1072/95 is replaced by the following:

'Article 2

1. The invitation to tender shall cover a maximum of 1 300 000 tonnes of barley to be exported to all third countries.
2. The regions in which the 1 300 000 tonnes of barley are stored are stated in Annex I to this Regulation.'

Article 2

Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1072/95 is replaced by the Annex hereto.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 21 November 1995.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 181, 1. 7. 1992, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 179, 29. 7. 1995, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 191, 31. 7. 1993, p. 76.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 21, 26. 1. 1994, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 108, 13. 5. 1995, p. 43.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 272, 15. 11. 1995, p. 1.

ANNEX

ANNEX I

(tonnes)	
Place of storage	Quantity
Schleswig-Holstein/Hamburg/ Niedersachsen/Bremen/ Nordrhein-Westfalen	477 215
Hessen/Rheinland-Pfalz/ Baden-Württemberg/Saarland/Bayern	85 064
Berlin/Brandenburg/ Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	263 268
Sachsen/Sachsen-Anhalt/Thüringen	475 281'

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2684/95
of 21 November 1995

laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 2505/95 on improving the Community production of peaches and nectarines

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2505/95 of 24 October 1995 on improving the Community production of peaches and nectarines ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Whereas, in order to meet the objectives of Regulation (EC) No 2505/95, the conditions should be laid down for the granting of the premium for the grubbing-up of peach trees and nectarine trees provided, for in that Regulation, hereinafter called the 'grubbing-up premium'; whereas, to that end, the areas and the fruit trees which may be grubbed up and the level of the premium should be determined;

Whereas, in order to ensure the effectiveness of the scheme, it is essential that the particulars which are to appear in the application for the premium should be specified and that the accuracy of such information be checked;

Whereas, in order to avert the risk of the grubbed-up trees being replanted, provision should be made for them to be rendered unsuitable for such use;

Whereas, before the premium is paid, it should be established that grubbing-up has actually taken place;

Whereas all the provisions necessary to ensure compliance with the undertakings given by the recipient of the grubbing-up premium should be laid down;

Whereas the operative event for the conversion rate is 1 January of the year to which the decision to pay the aid relates, in accordance with Article 11 (2) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1068/93 ⁽²⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1053/95 ⁽³⁾;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fruit and Vegetables,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. For the purposes of Regulation (EC) No 2505/95, peach trees and nectarine trees means healthy trees

capable of producing a normal crop of pears and nectarines.

2. The grubbing-up premium shall be granted for the grubbing-up of orchards, within the meaning of Article 2 (2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 2505/95, with an area of 0,5 hectares or more in one or more parcels.

3. The grubbing-up must relate to complete parcels or, where necessary to satisfy the requirements of the second indent of Article 2 (1) (a) of Council Regulation (EC) No 2505/95, a continuous part of one parcel.

Article 2

The grubbing-up premium shall be ECU 5 000 per hectare.

Article 3

Applications for the grubbing-up premium shall be submitted to the competent authorities of the Member States before the commencement of the grubbing-up operations and not later than 31 January 1996. They shall contain the following:

- (a) the name and address of the applicant;
- (b) the name, if any, and address of the undertaking concerned;
- (c) for each parcel planted with peach trees and/or nectarine trees, the total area planted with peach trees and/or nectarine trees, the total number of peach trees and/or nectarine trees and their age, broken down by variety;
- (d) particulars necessary for identifying the parcels on which the grubbing-up operations are to take place and for which the premium is requested. The age of the trees shall be determined by the date of their planting.

Applications shall be accompanied:

- by a written undertaking by the applicant to refrain for a period of 15 years, first, from planting any peach or nectarine trees or apples trees other than cider-apple trees on the areas of his holding affected by the grubbing-up operation and, second, from extending the areas of his holding planted with peach or nectarine trees,

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 258, 28. 10. 1995, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 108, 1. 5. 1993, p. 106.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 107, 12. 5. 1995, p. 4.

- under the conditions laid down by national law, by the written consent to the grubbing-up operation of the owner or owners of the parcels planted with peach or nectarine trees; such consent of the owner or owners shall involve an undertaking by the same, in the event of the sale, leasing or transfer by any other method of such parcels, to secure from any new grower the undertaking referred to in the first indent for the period referred to therein.

Article 4

1. Following receipt of an application for a grubbing-up premium, the competent body shall, by on-the-spot inspection, check the information contained in it, record the undertaking referred to in Article 3 and establish, where appropriate, that the application is admissible.
2. The acceptance of an application shall be notified to the applicant not later than two months following the submission of the application.
3. The grubbing-up operation shall be carried out within two months of the notification referred to in paragraph 2, not later than 30 April 1996.
4. Grubbed-up trees shall be rendered unsuitable for replanting.

Article 5

1. The person concerned shall notify the competent authority of the date on which the grubbing-up operations are to take place. The authority shall establish by an on-the-spot inspection of all parcels that grubbing-up has been carried out in accordance with this Regulation and shall certify the period at which it took place.
2. The grubbing-up premium shall be paid not later than three months following the establishment of the facts as referred to in paragraph 1.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 21 November 1995.

Article 6

1. Member States shall check whether the undertaking referred to in Article 3 has been fulfilled, by periodic on-the-spot inspections in such a way that each holding is inspected at least every five years.
2. Member States shall notify the Commission of the results of those checks.
3. Where the Member States find that the undertaking referred to in Article 3 has not been fulfilled:
 - they shall take steps to recover the grubbing-up premium paid, plus the interest applicable in the Member State for similar cases,
 - they shall require the offender to pay an amount equal to that of the grubbing-up premium paid.
4. The amounts referred to in paragraph 3 shall be paid to the paying agencies or authorities and shall be deducted by the latter from the expenditure financed by the Guarantee Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund.

Article 7

Before 31 August 1996, the Member States shall notify the Commission of the areas for which grubbing up applications have been submitted and of the areas grubbed up, broken down by variety and region.

Article 8

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2685/95
of 21 November 1995
amending the export refunds on eggs

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2771/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organization of the market in eggs ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden and by Regulation (EC) No 3290/94 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 8 (3) thereof,

Whereas the export refunds on eggs were fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2646/95 ⁽³⁾;

Whereas it follows from foreseen criteria contained in Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 2771/75 to the information known to the Commission that the export refunds at

present in force should be altered to the amounts set out in the Annex hereto,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The export refunds on the products listed in Article 1 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2771/75, exported in the natural state, as fixed in the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 2646/95, are hereby altered as shown in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 22 November 1995.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 21 November 1995.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 282, 1. 11. 1975, p. 49.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 349, 31. 12. 1994, p. 105.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 272, 15. 11. 1995, p. 7.

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to the Commission Regulation of 21 November 1995 altering the export refunds on eggs

Product code	Destination ⁽¹⁾	Amount of refund ⁽²⁾
		ECU/100 units
0407 00 11 000	02	3,50
0407 00 19 000	05	1,80
		ECU/100 kg
0407 00 30 000	03	9,00
	04	6,00
0408 11 80 100	01	45,00
0408 19 81 100	01	20,00
0408 19 89 100	01	20,00
0408 91 80 100	01	27,00
0408 99 80 100	01	7,00

⁽¹⁾ The destinations are as follows :

01 All destinations except Switzerland,

02 All destinations except the United States of America,

03 Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Hong Kong, Russia, South Korea, Japan, Malaysia, Thailand and Taiwan,

04 All destinations except Switzerland and those of 03,

05 All destinations except the United States of America, Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey.

⁽²⁾ Refunds on exports to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) may be granted only where the conditions laid down in amended Regulation (EEC) No 990/93 are observed.

NB: The product codes and the footnotes are defined in amended Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2686/95
of 21 November 1995
amending the export refunds on poultrymeat

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EEC) No 2777/75 of the Council of 29 October 1975 on the common organization of the market in poultrymeat⁽¹⁾, as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden and by Regulation (EC) No 3290/94⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 8 (3) thereof,

Whereas the export refunds on poultrymeat were fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2644/95⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2673/95⁽⁴⁾;

Whereas it follows from foreseen criteria contained in Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 2777/75 to the informa-

tion known to the Commission that the export refunds at present in force should be altered to the amounts set out in the Annex hereto,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The export refunds on the products listed in Article 1 paragraph 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 2777/75, exported in the natural state, as fixed in the Annex to amended Regulation (EC) No 2644/95 are hereby altered as shown in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 22 November 1995.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 21 November 1995.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 282, 1. 11. 1975, p. 77.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 349, 31. 12. 1994, p. 105.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 272, 15. 11. 1995, p. 3.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 275, 18. 11. 1995, p. 14.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 21 November 1995 altering the export refunds on poultrymeat

Product code	Destination of refund (1)	Amount of refund (2)	Product code	Destination of refund (1)	Amount of refund (2)
		ECU/100 units			ECU/100 kg
0105 11 11 000	01	2,20	0207 22 10 000	04	8,00
0105 11 19 000	01	2,20	0207 22 90 000	04	8,00
0105 11 91 000	01	2,20	0207 41 11 900	04	12,00
0105 11 99 000	01	2,20	0207 41 51 900	04	12,00
0105 19 10 000	01	3,50	0207 41 71 190	04	12,00
		ECU/100 kg	0207 41 71 290	04	12,00
0207 21 10 900	02	30,00	0207 42 10 990	04	15,00
	03	8,00	0207 42 51 000	04	6,50
0207 21 90 190	02	33,00	0207 42 59 000	04	6,50
	03	8,00			

(1) The destinations are as follows:

01 All destinations except the United States of America,

02 Angola, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, the United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Yemen, Lebanon, Iran, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Russia, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan,

03 All destinations except the United States of America, Bulgaria, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, the Czech Republic and those of 02 above,

04 All destinations except the United States of America, Bulgaria, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and the Czech Republic.

(2) Refunds on exports to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) may be granted only where the conditions laid down in Regulation (EEC) No 990/93 are observed.

NB: The product codes and the footnotes are defined in amended Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2687/95**of 21 November 1995****establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of
certain fruit and vegetables**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,
Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 of 21 December 1994 on detailed rules for the application of the import arrangements for fruit and vegetables⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1740/95⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 4 (1) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3813/92 of 28 December 1992 on the unit of account and the conversion rates to be applied for the purposes of the common agricultural policy⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 150/95⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 3 (3) thereof,

Whereas Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 lays down, pursuant to the outcome of the Uruguay Round multilateral trade negotiations, the criteria whereby the Commission fixes the standard values for imports from

third countries, in respect of the products and periods stipulated in the Annex thereto;

Whereas, in compliance with the above criteria, the standard import values must be fixed at the levels set out in the Annex to this Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The standard import values referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 shall be fixed as indicated in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 22 November 1995.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 21 November 1995.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 337, 24. 12. 1994, p. 66.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 167, 18. 7. 1995, p. 10.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 387, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 22, 31. 1. 1995, p. 1.

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to the Commission Regulation of 21 November 1995 establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

(ECU/100 kg)			(ECU/100 kg)		
CN code	Third country code ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value	CN code	Third country code ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value
0702 00 45	052	68,3	0805 30 40	052	83,4
	060	80,2		388	67,5
	064	59,6		400	132,8
	066	41,7		512	54,8
	068	62,3		520	66,5
	204	46,9		524	100,8
	208	44,0		528	94,7
	212	117,9		600	77,0
	624	105,9		624	78,0
	999	69,6		999	83,9
0707 00 40	052	70,6	0808 10 92, 0808 10 94, 0808 10 98	064	78,6
	053	166,9		388	39,2
	060	61,0		400	64,4
	066	53,8		404	55,8
	068	60,4		508	68,4
	204	49,1		512	51,2
	624	125,6		524	57,4
	999	83,9		528	48,0
0709 90 79	052	96,3	0808 20 67	800	78,0
	204	77,5		804	21,0
	624	75,9		999	56,2
	999	83,2		052	143,7
0805 20 31	204	90,2		064	72,8
	999	90,2		388	79,6
				400	76,3
0805 20 33, 0805 20 35, 0805 20 37, 0805 20 39	052	56,0		512	89,7
	464	116,1		528	84,1
	624	140,9		800	55,8
	999	104,3		804	112,9
				999	89,4

⁽¹⁾ Country nomenclature as fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 3079/94 (OJ No L 325, 17. 12. 1994, p. 17). Code '999' stands for 'of other origin.'

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 23 October 1995

concerning the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Community and the United States of America establishing a cooperation programme in higher education and vocational education and training

(95/487/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Articles 126 and 127, in conjunction with Article 228 (2) first sentence and (3) first subparagraph thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament⁽¹⁾,

Whereas by its Decision of 21 November 1994 the Council authorized the Commission to negotiate agreements for cooperation in higher education and vocational training between the European Community, Canada and the United States of America;

Whereas the Community and the United States of America expect to obtain mutual benefit from such cooperation, which must, on the Community's side, be complementary to the bilateral programmes between the Member States and the United States of America and provide a European added value;

Whereas the Agreement between the European Community and the United States of America establishing a cooperation programme in higher education and vocational education and training should be approved,

Article 1

The Agreement between the European Community and the United States of America establishing a cooperation programme in higher education and vocational education and training is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The financial reference amount to fulfil the Community's financial obligations mentioned in Article 7 of the Agreement shall be ECU 6,5 million for the five-year period provided for in Article 11 (2) thereof.

The annual appropriations shall be authorized by the budget authority within the limit of the financial perspective.

The scholarships provided in accordance with Article 4 (3) of the Agreement shall be independent of the national Fulbright scholarships granted by the United States/Member States bilateral commissions.

Article 3

The delegation of the European Community to the Joint Committee referred to in Article 5 of the Agreement shall consist of a representative from the Commission assisted by a representative from each Member State.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 287, 30. 10. 1995.

Article 4

The President of the Council is hereby authorized to designate the person or persons empowered to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Council of the European Union and to carry out the notifications provided for in Article 11 of the Agreement.

Done at Luxembourg, 23 October 1995.

For the Council

The President

J. SAAVEDRA ACEVEDO

AGREEMENT

between the European Community and the United States of America establishing a cooperation programme in higher education and vocational education and training

THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY,

of the one part, and

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

of the other part,

hereinafter collectively referred to as the Parties,

NOTING that the Transatlantic Declaration adopted by the European Community and its Member States and the Government of the United States of America in November 1990 makes specific reference to strengthening mutual cooperation in various fields which directly affect the present and future wellbeing of their citizens, such as exchanges and joint projects in education and culture, including academic and youth exchanges;

ACKNOWLEDGING the crucial contribution of education and training to the development of human resources capable of participating in the global knowledge-based economy;

RECOGNIZING that the Parties have a common interest in cooperation in higher education between them;

EXPECTING to obtain mutual benefit from cooperative activities in higher education and vocational education and training;

CONSIDERING the positive experience which has been gained on both sides during the exploratory of cooperation in higher education and vocational education and training;

DESIRING to establish a formal basis for the conduct of cooperative activities in higher education and vocational education and training,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Purpose

This Agreement establishes a cooperation programme in higher education and vocational education and training (hereinafter referred to as 'the programme') between the European Community and the United States of America.

Article 2

Objectives

The objectives of the programme shall be to:

1. promote mutual understanding between the peoples of the European Community and the United States of America including broader knowledge of their languages, cultures and institutions;
2. improve the quality of human resource development in both the European Community and the United States of America;
3. stimulate student-centred cooperation in higher and vocational education and training between the diffe-

rent regions in the European Community and in the United States of America;

4. improve the quality of transatlantic student mobility including the promotion of mutual understanding, recognition and thus portability of academic credits;
5. encourage the exchange of expertise in new developments in higher education and vocational education and training;
6. promote partnerships among higher education and vocational education and training institutions, professional associations, public authorities, business and other associations as appropriate in both the European Community and the United States of America;
7. introduce a European Community and a United States dimension to transatlantic cooperation in higher education and vocational education and training;
8. complement bilateral programmes between the Member States of the European Community and the United States of America as well as other European Community and United States programmes and initiatives in higher education and vocational education and training.

Article 3

Principles

Cooperation under this Agreement shall be guided by the following principles:

1. full respect for the responsibilities of the Member States of the European Community and the states of the United States of America and the autonomy of the higher education institutions;
 2. mutual benefit from activities undertaken through this Agreement;
 3. effective provision of seed-funding for a diverse range of innovative projects which build new structures and links and are sustainable over the longer term with minimal or no on-going support from the Parties;
 4. representation of the full geographic, cultural and social diversity of the European Community and the United States of America;
 5. selection of projects on a competitive basis, taking account of the foregoing principles.
- (b) provide a report annually to the Parties on the level, status and effectiveness of cooperative activities undertaken under this Agreement.
3. The Joint Committee shall endeavour to meet once per year, with such annual meetings being held alternately in the European Community and the United States of America. Other meetings may be held as mutually determined.
 4. Decisions of the Joint Committee shall be reached by consensus. Minutes, comprising a record of the decisions and principal points, shall be taken at each meeting. These Minutes shall be agreed by those persons selected from each side to jointly chair the meeting, and shall, together with the annual report, be made available to appropriate Minister-level officials of each Party.

Article 4

Scope

Activities under this Agreement, which are detailed in the Annex, an integral part of this Agreement, may include the following:

1. joint projects carried out by consortia of institutions in the European Community together with consortia of institutions in the United States of America. These consortia may consist of higher education and vocational education and training institutions and other appropriate organizations. These consortia will be responsive to the need for structural cooperation between staff and teachers as well as a broadening and enhancement of student exchanges between the Parties;
2. exchanges of information and expertise in the area of vocational education and training and higher education to enhance the dialogue between the European Community and the United States of America;
3. provision of scholarships under the Fulbright Programme to European Community and United States citizens for the study of, and research and lecturing on, European Community affairs and European Community/United States relations;
4. complementary measures including technical support.

Article 5

Joint Committee

1. A Joint Committee is hereby established. It shall comprise an equal number of representatives of each Party.
2. The functions of the Joint Committee shall be to:
 - (a) review the cooperative activities envisaged under this Agreement;

Article 6

Monitoring and evaluation

Activities under the programme shall be monitored and evaluated as appropriate. This shall permit, as necessary, the reorientation of activities in the light of any needs or opportunities becoming apparent in the course of its operation.

Article 7

Funding

1. Cooperative activities shall be subject to the availability of funds and to the applicable laws and regulations, policies and programmes of the European Community and the United States of America. Financing will be to the extent possible on the basis of an overall matching of funds between the Parties. The Parties shall attempt to offer programme activities of comparable benefit and scope.
2. Costs incurred by or on behalf of the Joint Committee shall be met by the Party to whom the members are responsible. Costs, other than those of travel and subsistence, which are directly associated with meetings of the Joint Committee, shall be met by the host Party.

Article 8

Entry of personnel

Each Party shall use its best efforts to facilitate entry to and exit from its territory of personnel, students, material and equipment of the other Party engaged in or used in cooperative activities under this Agreement.

*Article 9***Other agreements**

This Agreement shall not replace or otherwise affect other activities undertaken in the fields covered between any Member State of the European Community and the United States of America.

*Article 10***Territorial application of this Agreement**

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

*Article 11***Entry into force and termination**

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the date on which the Parties shall have notified each other in writing that their legal requirements for the entry into force of this Agreement have been fulfilled.

2. This Agreement shall remain in force for five years and may be extended by mutual agreement. Amendments or extension shall be in writing and shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the date on which the Parties shall have notified each other in writing that their requirements for the entry into force of this agreement providing for the amendment or extension in question have been fulfilled.

3. This Agreement may be terminated at any time by either Party by twelve months' written notice. The expiration or termination of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or duration of any arrangements made under it.

Article 12

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

In witness whereof the undersigned, being duly authorized, have signed the present Agreement.

Done at ...

*For the European
Community*

*For the Government of the
United States of America*

ANNEX

Action 1

Joint European Community/United States Consortia projects

1. The Parties will provide support to higher education institutions and vocational education and training establishments which form joint EC/US consortia for the purpose of undertaking joint projects in the area of higher education and vocational education and training. The European Community will provide support for the use of the European Community consortia partners, the United States of America will provide support for United States consortia partners.
2. Each joint consortium must have an absolute minimum of three active partners on each side ; these must include at least two partner higher education or training institutions on each side in different Member States of the European Community and different States of the United States of America. The third and subsequent partners may be other education and training institutions or other relevant organizations (e.g. businesses, NGOs, chambers of commerce, research institutes) in the same or other Member States or States of the United States of America. In exceptional circumstances, in the case of the United States of America, two of the institutional partners may be autonomous campuses of a large State university with a third institutional partner from another State of the United States of America. Each joint consortium must involve, with only rare exceptions, transatlantic student mobility, with a goal of parity in the flows in each direction. The Parties agree to help support the costs of this study abroad with modest mobility stipends.
3. The structural cooperative activities of a consortium will be supported by seed-funding for a period not normally to exceed three years.
4. Appropriate authorities on each side will mutually agree upon the eligible subject areas for joint EC/US consortia.
5. Activities eligible for support may include :
 - development of organizational frameworks for student mobility, including work placements, which provide adequate language preparation and full academic recognition,
 - structured exchanges of students, teachers, trainers and administrators in higher education institutions and vocational education and training establishments,
 - joint development of innovative curricula including the development of teaching materials, methods and modules,
 - short intensive programmes of at least three weeks duration,
 - teaching assignments forming an integral part of the curriculum in a partner institution,
 - other innovative projects, including the use of new technologies and distance learning, which aim to improve the quality of transatlantic cooperation in higher education and vocational education and training and meet at least one of the objectives specified in Article 2 of this Agreement.
6. Each Party may provide financial support to students, academic or administrative staff of higher education and vocational education and training establishments in its territory for the purpose of transatlantic cooperation.
7. Administration of the joint projects shall be implemented by the competent officials of each Party. These tasks will comprise :
 - deciding the rules and procedures for the presentation of proposals including the preparation of a common set of guidelines for applicants,
 - establishing the timetable for publication of calls for proposals, submission and selection of proposals,

- providing information on the programme and its implementation,
- appointing academic advisors and experts,
- recommending to the appropriate authorities of each Party which projects to finance,
- financial management,
- programme monitoring.

Action 2

Complementary activities

The Parties may undertake the following complementary activities :

1. exchanges of information about vocational education and training and higher education including, where appropriate, conferences on issues of common interest ;
 2. provision of Fulbright scholarships for the study of, and research and lecturing on, European Community affairs and EC/US relations ;
 3. measures to facilitate the dissemination of information on the programme, including making the results and achievements of joint consortia projects available for the use of a wider audience ;
 4. provision of technical assistance to support the programme.
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COUNCIL DECISION**of 9 November 1995****appointing six members and six alternate members of the Committee of the Regions****(95/488/EC)**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 198a thereof,

Having regard to the Council Decision of 26 January 1994 appointing members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period 26 January 1994 to 25 January 1998 ⁽¹⁾,

Whereas a seat as a member of the Committee has become vacant following the resignation of Mr Gabriel Cañellas Fons, notified to the Council on 17 October 1995;

Whereas a seat as a member of the Committee has become vacant following the resignation of Mr Gian Paolo Brizio, notified to the Council on 13 October 1995;

Whereas a seat as a member of the Committee has become vacant following the resignation of Mr Carlo Proietti, notified to the Council on 11 September 1995;

Whereas a seat as a member of the Committee has become vacant following the resignation of Mr J. de Lange, notified to the Council on 17 July 1995;

Whereas a seat as a member of the Committee has become vacant following the resignation of Mr C. E. M. de Waal, notified to the Council on 19 July 1995;

Whereas a seat as a member of the Committee has become vacant following the resignation of Mrs A. van Dok-van Weele, notified to the Council on 18 November 1995;

Whereas a seat as an alternate member of the Committee has become vacant following the resignation of Mr Antonio Boccia, notified to the Council on 13 October 1995;

Whereas a seat as an alternate member of the Committee has become vacant following the resignation of Mr Aldo Bottin, notified to the Council on 14 September 1995;

Whereas a seat as an alternate member of the Committee has become vacant following the resignation of Mr J. J. L. Pastoor, notified to the Council on 19 July 1995;

Whereas a seat as an alternate member of the Committee has become vacant following the resignation of Mr M. L. de Meijer, notified to the Council on 28 July 1995;

Whereas a seat as an alternate member of the Committee has become vacant following the resignation of Mr J. C. J. Lammers, notified to the Council on 19 July 1995;

Whereas a seat as an alternate member of the Committee has become vacant following the resignation of Mr George Brouwer, notified to the Council on 17 July 1995;

Having regard to the proposals from the Spanish, Italian and Netherlands Governments,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

1. Mr Cristófol Soler i Cladera is hereby appointed a member of the Committee of the Regions in place of Mr Gabriel Cañellas Fons for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 25 January 1998.
2. Mr Enzo Ghigo is hereby appointed a member of the Committee of the Regions in place of Mr Gian Paolo Brizio for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 25 January 1998.
3. Mr Pietro Badaloni is hereby appointed a member of the Committee of the Regions in place of Mr Carlo Proietti for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 25 January 1998.
4. Mr J. Lagrand is hereby appointed a member of the Committee of the Regions in place of Mr J. de Lange for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 25 January 1998.
5. Mr J. J. M. Tindemans is hereby appointed a member of the Committee of the Regions in place of Mr C. E. M. de Waal for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 25 January 1998.
6. Mr P. Loos is hereby appointed a member of the Committee of the Regions in place of Mrs A. van Dok-van Weele for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 25 January 1998.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 31, 4. 2. 1994, p. 29.

7. Mr Angelo Raffaele Dinardo is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions in place of Mr Antonio Boccia for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 25 January 1998.
8. Mr Giancarlo Galan is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions in place of Mr Aldo Bottin for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 25 January 1998.
9. Mr S. B. Swierstra is hereby appointed a member of the Committee of the Regions in place of Mr J. J. L. Pastoor for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 25 January 1998.
10. Mr J. Walsma is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions in place of Mr M. L. de Meijer for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 25 January 1998.
11. Mr N. Gerzee is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions in place of

Mr J. C. J. Lammers for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 25 January 1998.

12. Mr H. B. van der Goot is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions in place of Mr George Brouwer for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 25 January 1998.

Done at Brussels, 9 November 1995.

For the Council

The President

A. AMADOR MILLÁN
