COUNCIL DECISION

of 14 July 1986

concerning the conclusion of a Community COST Concertation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland, the Kingdom of Norway, the Kingdom of Sweden, the Swiss Confederation and the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on a concerted action project in the field of plant *in vitro* culture (COST Project 87)

(86/359/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the draft Decision submitted by the Commission,

Whereas by its Decision 85/195/EEC [1], the Council adopted a multiannual research action programme for the European Economic Community in the field of biotechnology (1985 to 1989) including a concerted action project on plant *in vitro* culture;

Whereas Article 7 (1) of Decision 85/195/EEC lays down that the Community may conclude Agreements with non-member States participating in European Cooperation in the Field of Scientific and Technical Research (COST) with a view to ensuring cooperation between the Community concerted action project on plant *in vitro* culture and the relevant programmes of such States;

Whereas Article 7 (2) of the said Decision authorizes the Commission to negotiate the Agreements;

Whereas pursuant to the said Article 7 (2) the Commission has negotiated an Agreement with Finland, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and Yugoslavia;

Whereas this Agreement should be approved,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Community COST Concertation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland, the Kingdom of Norway, the Kingdom of Sweden, the Swiss Confederation and the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on a concerted action project in the field of plant *in vitro* culture (COST Project 87) is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement is attached hereto.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall give the notification provided for in Article 6 (2) of the Agreement [2].

Done at Brussels, 14 July 1986

For the Council

The President

M. JOPLING

[1] OJ No L 83, 25. 3. 1985, p. 1.

[2] The date of entry into force of the Agreement will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* by the General Secretariat of the Council.