COUNCIL DECISION

of 29 June 1992

concerning the conclusion of a Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland on research and technological development in the field of renewable raw materials: forestry and wood products (including cork) ('Forest' 1990 to 1992)

(92/412/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 89/626/EEC (4), the Council adopted a specific research and technological development programme of the European Economic Community in the fields of raw materials and recycling (1990 to 1992); whereas Article 8 of that Decision authorizes the Commission to negotiate agreements with specified third countries, including 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 Government of Finland has asked to participate in one subprogramme of the abovementioned Community research programme, relating to forestry and wood products (including cork) as a renewable raw material (Forest);

Whereas the Community and Finland expect to obtain mutual benefit from cooperation and whereas this Agreement should be approved;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLWOS:

Article 1

The Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland on research and technological development in the field of renewable raw materials: forestry and wood products (including cork) ('Forest', 1990 to 1992) 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 give the notification as provided for in Article 10 of the Agreement (6).

Done at Luxembourg, 29 June 1992.

For the Council

The President

Carlos BORREGO

(1) OJ No C 316, 6. 12. 1991, p. 4.
(2) OJ No C 194, 13. 4. 1992, p. 160 and Decision of 11 June 1992 (not yet published in the Official Journal).
(3) OJ No C 106, 27. 4. 1992, p. 12.
(4) OJ No L 359, 8. 12. 1989, p. 16.
(5) OJ No L 71, 14. 3. 1987, p. 29.

(6) 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.