

**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIP SCHEME  
OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF THE  
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA  
AND  
THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY**

The Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China and the Commission of the European Community (hereinafter referred to as the "two sides");

Having regard to the *Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the People's Republic of China* (hereinafter referred to as the "Science and Technology Agreement") signed in December 1998 and renewed in December 2004; and

Considering the outcome of the sixth Steering Committee Meeting of the Science and Technology Agreement held on 14 November 2007 and the conclusions of the discussions between Premier Wen Jibao, and President Barroso on 25 April 2008 in Beijing;

Have decided to implement a **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIP SCHEME** with the following characteristics.

➤ **Purpose**

The two sides intend to complement and strengthen further their fruitful scientific cooperation. For that purpose, they intend to set up a new "China-EC Science & Technology Partnership Scheme" – CESTYS - to achieve equal partnership in common priority areas.

The two sides plan to carry out Science and Technology cooperation based on their respective S&T programmes, namely the Framework Programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities and the 863 and 973 Programmes of China.

➤ **Principles**

The China-EC S&T Partnership Programme will be based on the principles of equality, transparency, reciprocity, shared objectives, mutual benefit, independence and openness.

Research results and intellectual property necessary for and derived from coordinated research projects under CESTYS will be managed in accordance with the Annex on intellectual property rights of the Science and Technology Agreement.

➤ **Cooperation under CESTYS**

Both sides will agree on research fields of common interest and cooperation topics through consultations and make arrangements to support corresponding projects of coordinated calls through their respective research programmes, in conformity with their respective policies and procedures.

The Steering Committee set up under the Science and Technology Agreement will decide annually on the implementation modalities of the Coordinated Calls.

➤ **Others**

The activities carried out under the Science and Technology Partnership Scheme will depend on resources available to each side.

All questions related to the interpretation or implementation of this Science and Technology Partnership Scheme will be settled by mutual agreement between the two sides in conformity with the Science and Technology Agreement.

Done in duplicate, both in Chinese and English, in Prague (Czech Republic)

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