

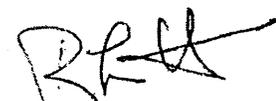
NOTE VERBALE

The Department of State has the honor to confirm that it has received Note Verbale No. SGS9/06298 of May 15, 2009, of the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union (hereinafter referred to as the "Note Verbale"), notifying the Department of the Council's decision to approve the extension and amendment of the Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the European Community, signed at Washington December 5, 1997, as extended (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement").

The Department of State has the further honor to inform the General Secretariat that the Government of the United States of America hereby accepts the proposals contained in the Note Verbale, and that consequently the Note Verbale, and this Note in reply, shall constitute an agreement to extend the Agreement for an additional period of five years, with effect from October 14, 2008, and to amend Article 4(a) of the Agreement by replacing it with the text set out in the annex to the Note Verbale, which present agreement to extend and amend the Agreement shall enter into force on the date the General Secretariat receives this Note.

Department of State,

Washington, July 6, 2009.

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**COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
GENERAL SECRETARIAT**

Brussels, 15 May 2009

NOTE VERBALE

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The General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, on behalf of the European Community, presents its compliments to the United States Mission to the European Union and has the honour to refer to the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America, signed at Washington on 5 December 1997, as extended (hereinafter referred to as the Basic Agreement) and, in particular, to Article 12(b) thereof.

The General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union further has the honour to notify the United States Mission of the adoption, by the Council, of its decision approving the extension to the Basic Agreement, subject to the amendments to Article 4(a) of the Basic Agreement as set out in the enclosed Annex, for an additional period of five years, effective as from 14 October 2008.

The General Secretariat of the Council proposes that this Note Verbale and a Note in reply from the United States shall constitute the mutual written agreement between the European Community and the Government of United States of America to extend the Basic Agreement for an additional period of five years, and amend the Basic Agreement by replacing Article 4(a) with the text set out in the enclosed Annex, effective as from 14 October 2008, which shall enter into force on the date the General Secretariat of the Council is in receipt of the United States' Note in reply.

The General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United States Mission to the European Union the expression of its highest consideration.

Encl.



Amended text of Article 4(a) of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation
between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America

Article 4

Areas of cooperative activities

"(a) Sectors for cooperative activities may include:

- environment (including climate research);
- biomedicine and health (including research on AIDS, infectious diseases and drug abuse);
- agriculture;
- fisheries science;
- engineering research;
- non-nuclear energy;
- natural resources;
- materials sciences (including nanotechnology) and metrology;

- information and communication technologies;
- telematics;
- biotechnology;
- marine sciences and technology;
- social sciences research;
- transportation;
- security research;
- space research;
- science and technology policy, management, training and mobility of scientists."

