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RECOMMENDATION

on the draft Council decision concerning the extension of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America
(08892/2023) – C9-0186/2023 – 2023/0088(NLE))

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

Rapporteur: Cristian-Silviu Buşoi

(Simplified procedure – Rule 52(1) of the Rules of Procedure)

Symbols for procedures

- * Consultation procedure
- *** Consent procedure
- ***I Ordinary legislative procedure (first reading)
- ***II Ordinary legislative procedure (second reading)
- ***III Ordinary legislative procedure (third reading)

(The type of procedure depends on the legal basis proposed by the draft act.)

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DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

**on the draft Council decision concerning the extension of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America
(08892/2023) – C9-0186/2023 – 2023/0088(NLE))**

(Consent)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the draft Council decision (08892/2023),
 - having regard to Council Decision 98/591/EC of 13 October 1998 concerning the conclusion of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America¹,
 - having regard to the request for consent submitted by the Council in accordance with Article 186 and Article 218(6), second subparagraph, point (a)(v), of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (C9-0186/2023),
 - having regard to the Rule 105(1) and (4), and Rule 114(7) of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the recommendation of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (A9-0242/2023),
1. Gives its consent to the extension of the agreement;
 2. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the governments and parliaments of the Member States and the Government of the United States of America.

¹ OJ L 284 , 22.10.1998, p. 35.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The European Union (EU) and the United States of America (US) have been strategic partners for research since 1998. The first bilateral Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America' ('the Agreement') was signed on 5 December 1997 and entered into force on 14 October 1998. Since then, it has been renewed four times since then, namely in 2003, 2008, 2013 and 2018.

Article 12(b) of the Agreement stipulates that "it is concluded for an initial period of five years. Subject to review by the Parties in the final year of each successive period, the Agreement may be extended with possible amendments, thereafter for additional periods of five years by mutual written agreement between the Parties". The current Agreement expires on 14 October 2023. Both Parties confirmed their wish to extend the Agreement by exchange of letters, dated 7 November 2022 and 13 December 2022. The substance of the extended Agreement will be identical to that of the current Agreement.

The EU's relationship with the US in Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) is stronger than with any other country outside Europe. Among non-associated third countries, the US was by far most active country participating in Horizon 2020. This is a reflection of the special long-term relationship that has been developed between the EU and the US, which should continue to deepen in the future.

Increased cooperation between both parties can lead to economic growth, job creation and the improvement of quality of life for citizens on both sides of the Atlantic. Global challenges require global joint solutions it is therefore important that the EU and the US work closely together.

For the reasons stated above, the Rapporteur believes that it is in the Union's interest to extend the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America' for a new period of five years.

PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

Title	The extension of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America
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