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ANNEX

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Environment Agency and the European environment information and observation network

The EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, of the one part, and the REPUBLIC OF TURKEY, hereinafter referred to as "Turkey", of the other part,

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TAKING INTO ACCOUNT Turkeys's application for participation in the

European Environment Agency already before accession,

RECALLING that the Luxembourg European Council (December 1997) madeparticipation in the Community programmes and agencies a way of stepping up the pre-accession strategy,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT Council Regulation (EEC) No 1210/90, as amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 933/1999, on the establishment of the

European Environment Agency and the European environment informationand observation network,

RECOGNISING the fact that Turkey's ultimate objective is to become amember of the European Union, and that the participation in the

European Environment Agency will help the Turkey to achieve thisobjective,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Article 1

Turkey shall participate fully in the European Environment Agency, hereinafter referred to as the "Agency", and the Europeanenvironment information and observation network (Eionet), as set upby Council Regulation (EEC) No 1210/90, as amended by Regulation

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(EC) No 933/1999.

Article 2

Article 2

Turkey shall contribute financially to the activities referred tounder Article 1 (Agency and Eionet) in accordance with thefollowing:

- the contribution will progressively increase in a three-yearperiod during which the activities will be phased in Turkey. The financial contributions required are:

- year 1: EUR 2033000

- year 2: EUR 2596000

- year 3: EUR 3127000.

From the fourth year of the entry into force of this Agreement

Turkey has to bear the full cost of its financial contribution, i.e.

EUR 3127000,

- the possible financial support from Community assistance programmes will be agreed separately according to the relevant

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Community programme.

The further terms and conditions on the financial contribution of

Turkey are set out in Annex I to this Agreement, which shall form anintegral part to it.

Article 3

Article 3

Turkey shall participate fully, without the right to vote, in the Agency Management Board and shall be associated with the work of the Scientific Committee of the Agency.

Article 4

Article 4

Turkey shall, within three months of the entry into force of this

Agreement, inform the Agency of the main component elements of itsnational information networks as set out in Article 4(2) of

Regulation (EEC) No 1210/90 as amended by Regulation (EC) No933/1999.

Article 5

Article 5

Turkey shall in particular designate from among the institutions referred to in Article 4 or from among other organisations established in its territory a "national focal point" for coordinating and/or transmitting the information to be supplied at national level to the Agency and to the institutions or bodies forming part of the Eionet, including the topic centres referred tounder Article 6.

Article 6

Turkey may also, within the period laid down in Article 4, identifythe institutions or other organisations established in itsterritory, which could be specifically entrusted with the task of cooperating with the Agency as regards certain topics of particularinterest. An institution thus identified should be in a position toconclude an agreement with the Agency to act as a topic centre of the network for specific tasks. These centres shall cooperate withother institutions, which form part of the network.

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Article 7

Article 7

Within three months of receiving the information referred to in

Articles 4, 5 and 6, the Management Board of the Agency shall review the main elements of the network to take account of theparticipation of Turkey.

Article 8

Article 8

Turkey should provide data according to the obligations and practiceestablished in the Agency work.

Article 9

Article 9

The Agency may agree with the institutions or bodies designated by

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Turkey and which form part of the network, as referred to in

Articles 4, 5 and 6, on the necessary arrangements, in particular

contracts, for successfully carrying out the tasks which it mayentrust to them.

Article 10

Article 10

Environmental data supplied to or emanating from the Agency may bepublished and shall be made accessible to the public, provided that confidential information is afforded the same degree of protection in Turkey as it is afforded within the Community.

Article 11

Article 11

The Agency shall have legal personality in Turkey. It shall enjoy in

Turkey the most extensive legal capacity accorded to legal personsunder its laws.

Article 12

Article 12

Turkey shall apply to the Agency the Protocol of Privileges and
Immunities of the European Communities, which, as Annex II to this
Agreement, shall form an integral part thereof.

Article 13

Article 13

By way of derogation from Article 12(2)(a) of Council Regulation

(EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 259/68 on Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European

Communities, nationals of Turkey enjoying their full rights ascitizens may be engaged under contract by the Executive Director of the Agency.

Article 14

Article 14

The Parties shall take any general or specific measures required tofulfil their obligations under this Agreement. They shall see to itthat the objectives set out in this Agreement are attained.

Article 15

Article 15

This Agreement is concluded for an unlimited period until Turkeyshall become a member of European Union. Either Party may denouncethis Agreement by notifying the other Party. This Agreement shallcease to apply six months after the delivery date of suchnotification to the other Party.

Article 16

Article 16

This Agreement shall apply, on the one hand, to the territories inwhich the Treaties establishing the European Community, the European

Atomic Energy Community and the European Coal and Steel Communityare applied and under the conditions laid down in those Treatiesand, on the other hand, to the territory of Turkey.

Article 17

This Agreement shall be approved by the Parties in accordance withtheir own procedures. This Agreement shall enter into force on thefirst day of the second month following the date on which the last

Party has delivered the notification to the first Party that itsprocedures have been completed.

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Article 18

Article 18

This Agreement shall be drawn up in two original copies in the

Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Italian, Spanish,

Swedish, Greek, Portuguese and Turkish languages, each of thesetexts being equally authentic.

ANNEX I

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION OF TURKEY TO THE EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

- 1. The financial contribution to be paid by Turkey to the budget of the European Union to participate in the European Environment Agencywill be in:
- year 1 of participation: EUR 2033000
- year 2 of participation: EUR 2596000
- year 3 of participation: EUR 3127000.

From the fourth year Turkey has to bear the full cost of itsfinancial contribution, i.e. EUR 3127000.

2. The possible financial support from Community assistance programmes will be agreed separately according to the relevant

Community programme.

3. The contribution of Turkey will be managed in accordance with the

Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the

European Union.

Travel costs and subsistence costs incurred by representatives and experts of Turkey for the purposes of taking part in the European

Environment Agency activities or meetings related to theimplementation of the Agency's work programme shall be reimbursed by the European Environment Agency on the same basis as and inaccordance with the procedures currently in force for the Member

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States of the European Union.

4. After the entry into force of this Agreement and at the beginning of each following year, the Commission will send to Turkey a callfor funds corresponding to its contribution to the European

Environment Agency under this Agreement. For the first calendar year of its participation Turkey will pay a contribution calculated from the date of participation to the end of the year on a pro ratabasis. For the following years the contribution will be inaccordance with this Agreement.

- 5. This contribution shall be expressed in euro and paid into a eurobank account of the Commission of the European Communities.
- 6. Turkey will pay its contribution according to the call for funds:
- for its own part by 1 May provided that the call for funds is sentby the Commission before 1 April, or at the latest in a period of 30days after the call for funds is sent.
- 7. Any delay in the payment of the contribution shall give rise to the payment of interest by Turkey on the outstanding amount from the due date. The interest rate corresponds to the rate applied by the

European Central Bank, on the due date, for its operations in euro, increased by 1,5 percentage points.

ANNEX II
PROTOCOL ON THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE EUROPEAN

COMMUNITIES

THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES,

CONSIDERING that, in accordance with Article 28 of the Treatyestablishing a Single Council and a Single Commission of the

European Communities, these Communities and the European Investment

Bank shall enjoy in the territories of the Member States such privileges and immunities as are necessary for the performance of their tasks,

HAVE AGREED on the following provisions, which shall be annexed tothis Treaty.

CHAPTER I PROPERTY, FUNDS, ASSETS AND OPERATIONS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Article 1

The premises and buildings of the Communities shall be inviolable.

They shall be exempt from search, requisition, confiscation or expropriation. The property and assets of the Communities shall not be the subject of any administrative or legal measure of constraint without the authorisation of the Court of Justice.

Article 2

The archives of the Communities shall be inviolable.

Article 3

The Communities, their assets, revenues and other property shall beexempt from all direct taxes.

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The Governments of the Member States shall, wherever possible, takethe appropriate measures to remit or refund the amount of indirect axes or sales taxes included in the price of movable or immovable property, where the Communities make, for their official use, substantial purchases the price of

which includes taxes of thiskind. These provisions shall not be applied, however, so as to have the effect of distorting competition within the Communities.

No exemption shall be granted in respect of taxes and dues whichamount merely to charges for public utility services.

Article 4

The Communities shall be exempt from all customs duties, prohibitions and restrictions on imports and exports in respect of

articles intended for their official use: articles so imported shall

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not be disposed of, whether or not in return for payment, in theterritory of the country into which they have been imported, exceptunder conditions approved by the government of that country.

The Communities shall also be exempt from any customs duties and anyprohibitions and restrictions on import and exports in respect of their publications.

Article 5

The European Coal and Steel Community may hold currency of any kindand operate accounts in any currency.

CHAPTER II COMMUNICATIONS AND LAISSEZ-PASSER

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For their official communications and the transmission of all their documents,

the institutions of the Communities shall enjoy in the territory of each Member State the treatment accorded by that State to diplomatic missions.

Official correspondence and other official communications of theinstitutions of the Communities shall not be subject to censorship.

Article 7

1. Laissez-passer in a form to be prescribed by the Council, whichshall be recognised as valid travel documents by the authorities of the Member States, may be issued to members and servants of theinstitutions of the Communities by the Presidents of theseinstitutions. These laissez-passer shall be issued to officials and other servants under conditions laid down in the Staff Regulationsof Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the Communities.

The Commission may conclude agreements for these laissez-passer tobe recognised as valid travel documents within the territory of non-member countries.

2. The provisions of Article 6 of the Protocol on the privileges and immunities of the European Coal and Steel Community shall, however, remain applicable to members and servants of the institutions who are at the date of entry into force of this Treaty in possession of the laissez-passer provided for in that Article, until the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Article are applied.

CHAPTER III MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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No administrative or other restriction shall be imposed on the freemovement of Members of the European Parliament travelling to or from the place of meeting of the European Parliament.

Members of the European Parliament shall, in respect of customs and exchange control, be accorded:

(a) by their own government, the same facilities as those accorded to senior

officials travelling abroad on temporary officialmissions;

(b) by the Government of other Member States, the same facilities as those accorded to representatives of foreign governments on temporary official missions.

Article 9

Members of the European Parliament shall not be subject to any formof inquiry, detention or legal proceedings in respect of opinions expressed or votes cast by them in the performance of their duties.

Article 10

During the sessions of the European Parliament, its Members shallenjoy:

- (a) in the territory of their own State, the immunities accorded tomembers of their parliament;
- (b) in the territory of any other Member State, immunity from anymeasure of detention and from legal proceedings.

Immunity shall likewise apply to Members while they are travellingto and from the place of meeting of the European Parliament.

Immunity cannot be claimed when a Member is found in the act of committing an offence and shall not prevent the European Parliament from exercising its right to waive the immunity of one of its

Members.

CHAPTER IV REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBER STATES TAKING PART IN THE WORK OF THE

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INSTITUTIONS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Article 11

Representatives of Member States taking part in the work of theinstitutions of the Communities, their advisers and technical experts shall, in the performance of their duties and during their travel to and from the place of meeting, enjoy the customary privileges, immunities and facilities.

This Article shall also apply to members of the advisory bodies of the Communities.

CHAPTER V OFFICIALS AND OTHER SERVANTS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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In the territory of each Member State and whatever theirnationality, officials and other servants of the Communities shall:

- (a) subject to the provisions of the Treaties relating, on the onehand, to the rules on the liability of officials and other servantstowards the Communities and, on the other hand, to the jurisdiction of the Court in disputes between the Communities and their officials and other servants, be immune from legal proceedings in respect of acts performed by them in their official capacity, including theirwords spoken or written. They shall continue to enjoy this immunity after they have ceased to hold office;
- (b) together with their spouses and dependent members of theirfamilies, not be subject to immigration restrictions or toformalities for the registration of aliens;
- (c) in respect of currency or exchange regulations, be accorded the same facilities as are customarily accorded to officials of international organisations;
- (d) enjoy the right to import free of duty their furniture andeffects at the time of first taking up their post in the countryconcerned, and the right to re-export free of duty their furniture and effects, on termination of their duties in that country, subjectine ither case to the conditions considered to be necessary by the government of the country in which this right is exercised;
- (e) have the right to import free of duty a motor car for theirpersonal use,

acquired either in the country of their last residence in the country of which they are nationals on the terms ruling in the home market in that country, and to re-export it free of duty, subject in either case to the conditions considered to be necessary by the government of the country concerned.

Article 13

Officials and other servants of the Communities shall be liable to atax for the benefit of the Communities on salaries, wages andemoluments paid to them by the Communities, in accordance with the conditions and procedure laid down by the Council, acting on aproposal from the Commission.

They shall be exempt from national taxes on salaries, wages andemoluments paid by the Communities.

Article 14

In the application of income tax, wealth tax and death duties and inthe application of conventions on the avoidance of double taxationconcluded between Member States of the Communities, officials andother servants of the Communities who, solely by reason of theperformance of their duties in the service of the Communities, establish their residence in the territory of a Member State otherthan their country of domicile for tax purposes at the time ofentering the service of the Communities, shall be considered, bothin the country of their actual residence and in the country ofdomicile for tax purposes, as having maintained their domicile inthe latter country provided that it is a member of the Communities.

This provision shall also apply to a spouse, to the extent that the latter is not separately engaged in a gainful occupation, and to children dependent on and in the care of the persons referred to in this Article.

Movable property belonging to persons referred to in the precedingparagraph and situated in the territory of the country where they are staying shall be exempt from death duties in that country; such property shall, for the assessment of such duty, be considered asbeing in the country of domicile for tax purposes, subject to the rights of non-member countries and to the possible application of provisions of international conventions on double taxation.

Any domicile acquired solely by reason of the performance of duties in the service of other international organisations shall not betaken into consideration in applying the provisions of this Article.

Article 15

The Council shall, acting unanimously on a proposal from the

Commission, lay down the scheme of social security benefits for officials and other servants of the Communities.

Article 16

The Council shall, acting on a proposal from the Commission and after consulting the other institutions concerned, determine the categories of officials and other servants of the Communities towhom the provisions of Article 12, the second paragraph of Article 13, and Article 14 shall apply, in whole or in part.

The names, grades and addresses of officials and other servantsincluded in such categories shall be communicated periodically to the Governments of the Member States.

CHAPTER VI PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF MISSIONS OF NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES

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Article 17

The Member State in whose territory the Communities have their seatshall accord the customary diplomatic immunities and privileges tomissions of non-member countries accredited to the Communities.

CHAPTER VII GENERAL PROVISIONS

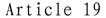
CHAPTER VII GENERAL PROVISIONS

Privileges, immunities and facilities shall be accorded to officials and other servants of the Communities solely in the interests of the

Communities.

Each institution of the Communities shall be required to waive theimmunity accorded to an official or other servant wherever that institution considers that the waiver of such immunity is not contrary to the interests of the Communities.

Article 19



The institutions of the Communities shall, for the purpose of applying this Protocol, cooperate with the responsible authorities of the Member States concerned.

Article 20 Article 20

Articles 12 to 15 and Article 18 shall apply to Members of the

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Commission.

Article 21

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Advocates General, the Registrar and the Assistant Rapporteurs of the Court of Justice, without prejudice to the provisions of Article3 of the Protocols on the Statute of the Court of Justice concerningimmunity from legal proceedings of Judges and Advocates General.

Article 22

Article 22

This Protocol shall also apply to the European Investment Bank, to the members of its organs, to its staff and to the representatives of the Member States taking part in its activities, without prejudice to the provisions of the Protocol on the Statute of the

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Bank.

The European Investment Bank shall in addition be exempt from anyform of taxation or imposition of a like nature on the occasion of any increase in its capital and from the various formalities whichmay be connected therewith in the State where the Bank has its seat.

Similarly, its dissolution or liquidation shall not give rise to anyimposition. Finally, the activities of the Bank and of its organscarried on in accordance with its Statute shall not be subject to any turnover tax.

Article 23

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This Protocol shall also apply to the European Central Bank, to themembers of its organs and to its staff, without prejudice to the provisions of the Protocol on the Statute of the European System of

Central Banks and the European Central Bank.

The European Central Bank shall, in addition, be exempt from anyform of taxation or imposition of a like nature on the occasion of any increase in its capital and from the various formalities whichmay be connected therewith in

the State where the Bank has its seat.

The activities of the Bank and of its organs carried on inaccordance with the Statute of the European System of Central Banksand of the European Central Bank shall not be subject to anyturnover tax.

The above provisions shall also apply to the European Monetary

Institute. Its dissolution or liquidation shall not give rise to anyimposition.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Plenipotentiaries have signedthis Protocol.

Done at Brussels this eighth day of April in the year one thousandnine hundred and sixty-five.



