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Subject: Annex to the COUNCIL DECISION Authorising the opening of negotiations with the Federal Republic of Nigeria for an agreement between the European Union and the Federal Republic of Nigeria on science and technology cooperation

**DIRECTIVES FOR THE NEGOTIATION ON AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
EUROPEAN UNION AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ON SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION**

1. Subject

The aim of the negotiations is to conclude an agreement on scientific and technological cooperation, in accordance with Article 186 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

The agreement should establish, promote and strengthen bilateral cooperation, thus providing a general framework under which the parties' entities can work together on research, technological development and demonstration to the benefit of both parties.

2. Scope of the cooperation

The cooperation to be established by this agreement should cover the activities of the Union's multiannual framework programmes subject to the terms and conditions laid down in the programmes' basic acts, and in any other rules pertaining to the implementation of those programmes.

3. Forms and methods of cooperation

Cooperation under the agreement could include the following forms:

Participation of legal entities established in Nigeria in indirect actions under the applicable Union framework programme for research and innovation and participation by legal entities established in the EU in Nigerian research and innovation projects in similar sectors;

Visits and exchanges between scientists, and the organisation of events focusing on scientific and technical topics;

Studies and assessments aiming to strengthen and structure cooperation between the two parties;

Promotion of any other activity aimed at facilitating the implementation of this agreement, particularly the exchange of scientific and technical information and coordination activities.

4. Conditions for cooperative activities

Participation of legal entities established in Nigeria in indirect actions under the Union programmes should be subject to the applicable rules on participation and dissemination adopted by the European Parliament and the Council for the Union's multiannual framework programme under Article 182 TFEU.

The principle of access of entities established in the Union in Nigerian programmes should be provided for in the agreement to the greatest extent possible, in accordance with the conditions of those national programmes.

The agreement should provide for a framework under which specific conditions for direct cooperative activities may be agreed upon, including regarding the use of the results of such activities and possible intellectual property rights.

5. Financing

Cooperative activities under the planned agreement are to be funded within the available financial budget and carried out in accordance with the respective rules of the parties.

6. Management of the agreement

A joint committee should be set up to promote, monitor and assess the activities under the agreement.

7. Duration

The agreement should be concluded for an unlimited period. It should contain a clause allowing either party to terminate it subject to written notification.
