PROTOCOL

to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Azerbaijan, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia, and the Slovak Republic to the European Union

THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM, THE CZECH REPUBLIC, THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA, THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC, THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN, THE FRENCH REPUBLIC. IRELAND, THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC, THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS, THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA. THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA, THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG, THE REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY. THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA, THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS, THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA, THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND, THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC, THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA, THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC, THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND, THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN,

THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,

hereinafter referred to as the 'Member States' represented by the Council of the European Union, and

THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND THE EUROPEAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMUNITY,

hereinafter referred to as 'the Communities' represented by the Council of the European Union and the European Commission,

of the one part, and

THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN,

of the other part,

HAVING REGARD TO the accession of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia to the European Union on 1 May 2004,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia shall be Parties to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement, establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Azerbaijan, of the other part, signed in Luxembourg on 22 April 1996 (hereinafter the Agreement) and shall respectively adopt and take note, in the same manner as the other Member States of the Community, of the texts of the Agreement and of the documents attached to it.

Article 2

To take account of recent institutional developments within the European Union, the Parties agree that, following expiry of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, existing provisions in the Agreement referring to the European Coal and Steel Community shall be deemed to refer to the European Community, which has taken over all rights and obligations contracted by the European Coal and Steel Community.

Article 3

This Protocol shall form an integral part of the Agreement.

Article 4

- 1. This Protocol shall be approved by the Communities, by the Council of the European Union on behalf of the Member States, and by the Republic of Azerbaijan in accordance with their own procedures.
- 2. The Parties shall notify each other of the accomplishment of the corresponding procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. The instruments of approval shall be deposited with the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union.

Article 5

- 1. This Protocol shall enter into force on the same day as the 2003 Treaty of Accession, provided that all the instruments of approval of this Protocol have been deposited before that date.
- 2. Where not all the instruments of approval of this Protocol have been deposited before that date, this Protocol shall enter into force on the first day of the first month following the date of the deposit of the last instrument of approval.
- 3. Where not all the instruments of approval of this Protocol have been deposited before 1 May 2004, this Protocol shall apply provisionally with effect from 1 May 2004.

Article 6

The texts of the Agreement, the Final Act and all documents annexed to it are drawn up in the Czech, Estonian, Hungarian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Slovak and Slovene languages.

These texts are annexed (1) to this Protocol and are equally authentic with the texts in the other languages in which the Agreement, the Final Act and the documents annexed to it are drawn up.

Article 7

This Protocol is drawn up in duplicate in the Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Slovak, Slovene, Spanish, Swedish and in Azerbaijani languages, each of these texts being equally authentic.

⁽¹) The Czech, Estonian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Hungarian, Maltese, Polish, Slovak and Slovenian versions of the Agreement shall be published in the special edition of the Official Journal at a later date.

Hecho en Bruselas, el dieciocho de mayo de dos mil cuatro.

V Bruselu dne osmnáctého května dva tisíce čtyři

Udfærdiget i Bruxelles den attende maj to tusind og fire.

Geschehen zu Brüssel am achtzehnten Mai zweitausendundvier.

Kahe tuhande neljanda aasta maikuu kaheksateistkümnendal päeval Brüsselis

Έγινε στις Βρυξέλλες, στις δέκα οκτώ Μαΐου δύο χιλιάδες τέσσερα.

Done at Brussels on the eighteenth day of May in the year two thousand and four.

Fait à Bruxelles, le dix-huit mai deux mille quatre.

Fatto a Bruxelles, addì diciotto maggio duemilaquattro.

Briselē, divi tūkstoši ceturtā gada astoņpadsmitajā maijā.

Priimta du tūkstančiai ketvirtų metų gegužės aštuonioliktą dieną Briuselyje.

Kelt Brüsszelben, a kétezer-negyedik év május havának tizennyolcadik napján.

Maghmul fi Brussel, nhar it-tmintax ta' Mejju, 2004

Gedaan te Brussel, de achttiende mei tweeduizendvier.

Sporządzono w Brukseli, dnia osiemnastego maja roku dwa tysiące czwartego

Feito em Bruxelas, em dezoito de Maio de dois mil e quatro.

V Bruseli dňa osemnásteho mája dvetisícštyri

V Bruslju, dne osemnajstega maja leta dva tisoč štiri.

Tehty Brysselissä kahdeksantenatoista päivänä toukokuuta vuonna kaksituhattaneljä.

Som skedde i Bryssel den artonde maj tjugohundrafyra.

Brüsseldə iki min dördüncü ilin mayın on səkkizində imzalanmışdır.

Por los Estados miembros Za členské státy For medlemsstaterne Für die Mitgliedstaaten Liikmesriikide nimel Για τα κράτη μέλη For the Member States Pour les États membres Per gli Stati membri Dalībvalstu vārdā Valstybių narių vardu A tagállamok részéről Ghall-Istati Membri Voor de lidstaten W imieniu Państw Członkowskich Pelos Estados-Membros Za členské štáty Za države članice Jäsenvaltioiden puolesta På medlemsstaternas vägnar Üzv dövlətlər adından

Por las Comunidades Europeas Za Evropská společenství For De Europæiske Fællesskaber Für die Europäischen Gemeinschaften Euroopa ühenduste nimel Για τις Ευρωπαϊκές Κοινότητες For the European Communities Pour les Communautés européennes Per le Comunità europee Eiropas Kopienu vārdā Europos Bendrijų vardu Az Európai Közösségek részéről Ghall-Komunitajiet Ewropej Voor de Europese Gemeenschappen W imieniu Wspólnot Europejskich Pelas Comunidades Europeias Za Európske spoločenstvá Za Evropske skupnosti Euroopan yhteisöjen puolesta På Europeiska gemenskapernas vägnar Avropa Birliyi adından

Anne Anderson

Za Ázerbájdžánskou republiku For Republikken Aserbajdsjan Für die Republik Aserbaidschan Aserbaidžaani Vabariigi nimel Για τη Δημοκρατία του Αζερμπαϊτζάν For the Republic of Azerbaijan Pour la République d'Azerbaïdjan Per la Repubblica dell'Azerbaigian Azerbaidžānas Republikas vārdā AzerbaidPano Respublikos vardu Azerbajdzsán részéről Ghar-Repubblika ta' l-Ażerbajġan Voor de Republiek Azerbeidzjan W imieniu Republiki Azerbejdżanskiej Pela República do Azerbaijão Za Azerbajdžanskú republiku Za Azerbajdžansko republiko Azerbaidžanin tasavallan puolesta På Republiken Azerbajdzjans vägnar Azərbaycan Respublikası adından

Por la República de Azerbaiyán