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**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT
ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS**

**Initial reports submitted by States parties
under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant**

**Addendum
GREECE***

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* The Information submitted by Greece in accordance with the guidelines concerning the initial part of reports of States parties is contained in the core document (HRI/CORE/1/Add.121).

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693. The Secretariat-General of Research and Technology (GGET)/Ministry of Development promotes and supports bilateral and international cooperation in scientific fields where the skills and expertise of different countries have added value. The overall experience leads to the conclusion that bilateral and international cooperation provides a valid tool for the introduction and establishment of new technologies in the research structure of the country. For this purpose, Greece has signed and ratified framework agreements or agreements on scientific and technological cooperation which include joint research with some 20 countries, such as EU member States, and Central and Eastern European countries.

694. Greece makes use of the facilities of international organizations which have scientific and technological mandates or encourage science and technology in their mandates, such as NATO, the Centre Européen pour la Recherche Nucléaire, the European Molecular Biology Laboratory, the European Molecular Biology Conference, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, the World Intellectual Property Organization and the International Atomic Energy Agency.