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DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

**amending Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement,
on cooperation in specific fields
outside the four freedoms**

- Draft common position of the Community -
(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement contains specific provisions on the cooperation between the Community and the EFTA-EEA States outside the four freedoms.
2. The attached draft Decision of the EEA Joint Committee aims to modify Protocol 31 to extend cooperation in the field of education, training and youth. It provides for a framework for cooperation and sets out the modalities for full participation of the EFTA-EEA States in the Community programme and actions in this field:
 - **32000 D 1031**: Decision No 1031/2000/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 April 2000 establishing the "YOUTH" Community Action Programme (OJ L 117, 18.5.2000, p. 1).
3. Article 1.3(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 2894/94 concerning the arrangements for implementing the EEA Agreement envisages that the Council establishes the Community position for such Decisions on a proposal from the Commission.
4. The draft Decision of the EEA Joint Committee is submitted for the approval of the Council. The Commission would hope to be able to put forward the position of the Community in the EEA Joint Committee in July 2000.

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THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, as adjusted by the Protocol adjusting the Agreement on the European Economic Area, hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement', and in particular Articles 86 and 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Protocol 31 to the Agreement was amended by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No ... of ... ¹.
- (2) It is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement to include the 'YOUTH' Community Action Programme (Decision No 1031/2000/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council²).
- (3) Protocol 31 to the Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place from 1 January 2000,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following indent shall be added in Article 4.2 c) of Protocol 31 to the Agreement:

- **32000 D 1031**: Decision No 1031/2000/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 April 2000 establishing the "YOUTH" Community Action Programme (OJ L 117, 18.5.2000, p. 1).'

¹ OJ L ...

² OJ L 117, 18.5.2000, p. 1.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the first day following the last notification to the EEA Joint Committee under Article 103(1) of the Agreement.

It shall apply from 1 January 2000.

Article 3

This Decision shall be published in the EEA Section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, ... 2000.

*For the EEA Joint Committee
The President*

*The Secretaries
to the EEA Joint Committee*