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C.3/Prot. 31 - Social Exclusion/TT

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE
No 111/2002

of 12 July 2002

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

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, as amended 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 94/2002 of 25 June 2002 [1].

(2) It is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement to include Decision No 50/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 December 2001 establishing a programme of Community action to encourage cooperation between Member States to combat social exclusion[2].

(3) Protocol 31 to the Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place with effect from 1 January 2002,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Article 5 of Protocol 31 to the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. The text of paragraph 5 shall be replaced by the following:

'The EFTA States shall participate in the Community programmes and actions referred to in the first two indents of paragraph 8 as from 1 January 1996, in the programme referred to in the third indent as from 1 January 2000, in the programme referred to in the fourth indent as from 1 January 2001 and in the programme referred to in the fifth indent as from 1 January 2002.'

[1] OJ L 266, 3.10.2002, p. 71.
[2] OJ L 10, 12.1.2002, p. 1

2. The following indent shall be added in paragraph 8:

'- **32002 D 0050**: Decision No 50/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 December 2001 establishing a programme of Community action to encourage cooperation between Member States to combat social exclusion (OJ L 10, 12.1.2002, p. 1).'

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on 13 July 2002, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee[*].

It shall apply from 1 January 2002.

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, 12 July 2002.

For the EEA Joint Committee
The President

G.S. Gunnarsson

The Secretaries
to the EEA Joint Committee

P.K. Mannes *M. Brinkmann*

[*] No constitutional requirements indicated.