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**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**  
**No 17/2006**

**of 27 January 2006**

**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 129/2005 of 30 September 2005<sup>1</sup>.
- (2) It is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement to include Decision No 854/2005/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2005 on establishing a multiannual Community Programme on promoting safer use of the Internet and new online technologies<sup>2</sup>.
- (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 2006,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

The following indent shall be added in Article 2(5) of Protocol 31 to the Agreement:

- ‘- **32005 D 0854**: Decision No 854/2005/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2005 on establishing a multiannual Community Programme on promoting safer use of the Internet and new online technologies (OJ L 149, 11.6.2005, p. 1).’

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 339, 22.12.2005, p. 55.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 149, 11.6.2005, p. 1.

*Article 2*

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

It shall apply from 1 January 2006.

*Article 3*

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

Done at Brussels, 27 January 2006.

*For the EEA Joint Committee  
The President*

*R. Wright*

*The Secretaries  
to the EEA Joint Committee*

*Ø. Hovdinn M. Brinkmann*

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\* Constitutional requirements indicated.