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RESOLUTION

Adopted pursuant to Rules 11 and 13 of the Rules of Procedure,
at the 39th meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Committee

in Brussels
on 27 November 2012

Resolution on EEA EFTA States' participation in EU agencies

Co-rapporteurs: Ms Silvana KOCH-MEHRIN (ALDE, Germany)
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adopted unanimously

The EEA Joint Parliamentary Committee:

- A. Emphasising the full participation of the EEA EFTA States in the Single Market;
- B. Recognising that the EEA Agreement is the most comprehensive international agreement ever concluded by the European Union and the EEA EFTA States;
- C. Taking into account the increasing number of EU agencies and the extended powers of some of these agencies;
- D. Having regards to the long standing tradition of the EEA EFTA States participation in EU agencies;
 - 1. Welcomes the agreement by the European Parliament, Council and Commission on a common approach to EU agencies on 12 June 2012;
 - 2. Highlights the democratic challenges posed by the increasing number and powers of decentralised agencies, and underlines the need and importance of establishing

appropriate democratic control mechanisms and direct inter-institutional communication between the agencies and the European Parliament;

3. Underlines the importance of the participation of the EEA EFTA States in EEA relevant agencies for the well functioning of the EEA;
4. Supports the full participation, without the right to vote, of the EEA EFTA States in the management boards of EEA relevant agencies, and supports that this level of participation must continue for new agencies, taking into account the long standing practice in this regard and the financial contribution of the participation;
5. Reiterates that adaptations are needed to ensure that the EEA EFTA States' participation in the agencies are within the boundaries of the EEA Agreement and their respective constitutions;
6. Urges the European Commission and the EEA EFTA States to find solutions to outstanding issues regarding EEA EFTA participation in new EU agencies, in order to ensure the timely incorporation of relevant EEA legislation and the homogeneity of the Single Market;
7. Instructs its President to forward this Resolution to the EEA Joint Committee.