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**STANDING COMMITTEE**

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**SUBCOMMITTEE II ON  
FREE MOVEMENT OF CAPITAL AND SERVICES**

**EFTA COMMENTS ON eEUROPE**

1. The Commission's initiative "eEurope – An Information Society for All" has been discussed by the EEA EFTA States, which would like to express their support to this initiative.
  
2. The proposed areas for EU action, inter alia bringing citizens, schools, business and administration online, creating a digitally literate Europe supported by an entrepreneurial culture ready to finance and develop new ideas, accelerating electronic commerce, developing fast internet access for researchers and students, healthcare online and participation for the disabled, seem well suited to meet the important challenges of tomorrow's information society.
  
3. These are also areas that correspond very well to the priorities in the EEA EFTA States in the IT field.
  
4. The EEA EFTA States express their interest in contributing in the future process of creating a European information society for all, as exposed in the "eEurope"-document. They would appreciate to be closely associated with the development of this initiative. In particular, the EEA EFTA States would appreciate to be able to participate in the Ministerial Conference that will take place in April 2000 on the knowledge society.

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