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STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE EFTA STATES

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WORKSHOP ON THE PROPOSAL FOR A EUROPEAN SERVICES E-CARD

22 May 2017, 14.00-17.00

EFTA Secretariat, 12-16 rue Joseph II, Brussels

Agenda

1. UNDERSTANDING THE PROPOSAL (CA 1 HOUR)

- 1.1. Welcome by the moderator, Ms Marit Schage Andria, Norwegian Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries**
- 1.2. Why a proposal on a European services e-card? Introduction by Mr Robert Strauss, Head of Unit DG GROW**
- 1.3. What will be the relation between the e-card and other EU (EEA) legislation and instruments (e.g. European Professional Card and the proposed Single Digital Gateway), and with national law. Introduction by Antonio de Sousa Maia, DG GROW**
- 1.4. Questions for clarification & Answers**
- 1.5. Practical examples as to the issuing of an e-card for temporary provision of services and for secondary establishment, by Frank Vandermeeren, DG GROW**
- 1.6. Questions for clarification & Answers**

Short coffee break

2. POLICY DISCUSSION - MESSAGE TO THE LEGISLATORS (CA 1 ½ HOUR)

The participants are invited to highlight (1) their main position on the proposal, and (2) how the proposal could be improved, structured around the following issues (to be discussed two by two)

- 2.1. Value added for service providers – value added and administrative burdens for Member States**
- 2.2. Re-introduction of the country of origin principle? – Interaction between the e-card and national law (tax, labour, social security) and national enforcement)**
- 2.3. Confidence in the e-card: Supervision of issued e-card - validity - withdrawal procedures as a means to fight against fraud and social dumping – the use of the Internal Market Information System (IMI)**
- 2.4. Other aspects about the e-card that participants would like to raise**

3. CONCLUDING REMARKS BY THE MODERATOR
