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**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**  
**No 165/2001**

**of 11 December 2001**

**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 100/2001 of 13 July 2001<sup>1</sup>.
- (2) Council Recommendation 98/561/EC of 24 September 1998 on European cooperation in quality assurance in higher education<sup>2</sup> is to be incorporated into the agreement.
- (3) Recommendation 2001/166/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 February 2001 on European cooperation in quality evaluation in school education<sup>3</sup> is to be incorporated into the agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

The following point shall be inserted after point 6 in Article 4 in Protocol 31 to the Agreement:

- '7. The Contracting Parties shall seek to strengthen cooperation in the framework of Community activities which may result from the following Community acts:
- **398 H 0561**: Council Recommendation 98/561/EC of 24 September 1998 on European cooperation in quality assurance in higher education (OJ L 270, 7.10.1998, p. 56),
  - **32001 H 0166**: Recommendation 2001/166/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 February 2001 on European cooperation in quality evaluation in school education (OJ L 60, 1.3.2001, p. 51).'

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 251, 20.9.2001, p. 27.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 270, 7.10.1998, p. 56.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 60, 1.3.2001, p. 51.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall enter into force on 12 December 2001, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee\*.

*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, 11 December 2001.

*For the EEA Joint Committee  
The President*

*B. Grydeland*

*The Secretaries  
to the EEA Joint Committee*

*P.K. Mannes*

*M. Brinkmann*

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\* No constitutional requirements indicated.