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**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**  
**No 40/2009**

**of 17 March 2009**

**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 19/2008 of 1 February 2008<sup>1</sup>.
- (2) It is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement to include Recommendation 2008/C 111/01 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2008 on the establishment of the European Qualifications Framework for lifelong learning<sup>2</sup>,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

The following paragraph shall be inserted after paragraph 7 of Article 4 of Protocol 31 to the Agreement:

- ‘8. The Contracting Parties shall seek to strengthen cooperation in the framework of the following Community acts:
- **32008 H 0506(01)**: Recommendation 2008/C 111/01 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2008 on the establishment of the European Qualifications Framework for lifelong learning (OJ C 111, 6.5.2008, p. 1).’

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 154, 12.6.2008, p. 38.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 111, 6.5.2008, 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\*.

## *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, 17 March 2009.

*For the EEA Joint Committee  
The President*

*Alan Seatter*

*The Secretaries  
to the EEA Joint Committee*

*Bergdis Ellertsdóttir Matthias Brinkmann*

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\* No constitutional requirements indicated.