

PROTOCOL 36

ON THE STATUTE OF THE EEA JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

Article 1

The EEA Joint Parliamentary Committee established by Article 95 of the Agreement shall be constituted and function in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement and this Statute.

Article 2

{¹} The EEA Joint Parliamentary Committee shall consist of twenty-four members.

An equal number of members of the EEA Joint Parliamentary Committee shall be appointed by the European Parliament and by the Parliaments of the EFTA States, respectively.

Article 3

The EEA Joint Parliamentary Committee shall elect its President and Vice-President from among its members. The office of President of the Committee shall be held alternately, for a period of one year, by a member appointed by the European Parliament and by a member appointed by a Parliament of an EFTA State.

The Committee shall appoint its bureau.

Article 4

The EEA Joint Parliamentary Committee shall hold a general session twice a year, alternately in the Community and in an EFTA State. The Committee shall decide at each session where the next general session shall be held. Extraordinary sessions may be held when the Committee or its bureau so decides in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Committee.

Article 5

The EEA Joint Parliamentary Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure with a two-third majority of the members of the Committee.

Article 6

The costs for participation in the EEA Joint Parliamentary Committee shall be borne by the Parliament that appointed a member.

{¹} First paragraph replaced by the 2004 EEA Enlargement Agreement (OJ No L 130, 29.4.2004, p. 3 and EEA Supplement No 23, 29.4.2004, p. 1), e.i.f. 1.5.2004.