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DECISION OF THE JOINT EFTA-PLO/PA COMMITTEE

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ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUB-COMMITTEE ON CUSTOMS AND ORIGIN MATTERS

THE JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to paragraph 5 of Article 28 of the Agreement,

Noting that according to Article 38 of Protocol B in the Interim Agreement between the EFTA States and the PLO for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority a Sub-Committee on customs and origin matters shall be set up under the Joint Committee,

DECIDES:

1. A Sub-Committee on customs and origin matters is hereby established.
2. The functions of the Sub-Committee shall be to exchange information, review developments and assist the Joint Committee regarding:
 - (a) rules of origin and methods of administrative co-operation laid down in Protocol B to the Agreement,
 - (b) other customs matters as defined in paragraph 2 of Article 3 of the Agreement,
 - (c) other customs matters referred to it by the Joint Committee.

The Sub-Committee may make recommendations to the Joint Committee on subjects related to its function.

3. The Sub-Committee shall report to the Joint Committee.
 4. Each Party to the Agreement, may be represented in the Sub-Committee.
 5. Meetings of the Sub-Committee shall be chaired by a representative of an EFTA State or by a representative of the Palestinian Authority for an agreed period of time.
 6. The Sub-Committee shall meet as often as required. It shall be convened by the Joint Committee, by the Chairman of the Sub-Committee on his own initiative or upon request by one of the Parties to the Agreement.
 7. A provisional Agenda for each meeting shall be prepared by the EFTA Secretariat in consultation with the Chairman and sent to the members, as a general rule, 14 days before the meeting.
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