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CONCLUSIONS ON

STANDING COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

- Underline that the EEA cooperation is a values-based collaboration that has remained a strong platform for cooperation between like-minded partners for 30 years. In a rapidly changing geopolitical context, the EEA EFTA States and the European Union have worked closely on pressing issues such as climate change, the COVID-19 pandemic and the implementation of sanctions against Russia and Belarus.
- Ensure the swift incorporation of EEA-relevant EU acts into the EEA Agreement, continue to enhance internal processing methods with a view to further reducing the backlog, and focus on long-outstanding acts awaiting incorporation.
- Continue the assessment of EU horizontal initiatives that may have implications for the EEA EFTA States.
- Highlight that the EEA EFTA States are an integral part of the Internal Market, European supply chains and the European twin green and digital transitions, and that the EU must consider its EEA obligations, including in its trade policy. The Internal Market covers 30 states, not only 27 states, and it is in the joint interest of all the States that the EEA EFTA States are included in its strategic evolution.
- Engage at an early stage in the decision-shaping process of EEA-relevant EU legislation, with a particular focus on initiatives linked to the European twin green and digital transitions and the future of the Internal Market.
- Pursue outreach activities that strengthen knowledge and awareness of the EEA Agreement, particularly in relation to the next EU legislature. In addition, continue

activities in connection with the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the EEA Agreement in 2024.
