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DRAFT MINUTES

Subject : Draft minutes of the twenty first meeting of the EEA Council
Luxembourg, 27 April 2004

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of the twenty first meeting of the
EEA COUNCIL
(Luxembourg, 27 April 2004)

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1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

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3. PROGRESS REPORT BY THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE.

**4. RESOLUTIONS OF THE EEA JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE
ADOPTED AT ITS 21 MEETING IN BRUSSELS ON 27 NOVEMBER 2003.**

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**5. ASSESSMENT OF THE OVERALL FUNCTIONING OF THE EUROPEAN
ECONOMIC AREA (EEA) AGREEMENT.**

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Intervention of Mr. ROCHE, on behalf of the European Union:

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Intervention of Mr. MEYER on behalf of the European Commission:

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Intervention of Mr. WALCH, on behalf of the EEA – EFTA States:

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Intervention of Mr. GUNNARSSON, on behalf of Iceland:

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Intervention of Mr. ROCHE, on behalf of the European Union:

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Concerning the European Constitution, as you will be aware, the Spring European Council

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6. ENLARGEMENT OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA (EEA).

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Intervention of Mr. MEYER on behalf of the European Commission:

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Intervention of Mr. WALCH, on behalf of the EEA – EFTA States:

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7. ORIENTATION DEBATE: NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY (ENP).

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Intervention of Mr. MEYER, on behalf of the European Commission:

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Intervention of Mr. WALCH, on behalf of the EEA – EFTA States:

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Intervention of Mr. ROCHE, on behalf of the European Union:

8. ADOPTION OF THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE EEA COUNCIL.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

EEA COUNCIL

(Luxembourg, 27 April 2004)

List of Delegations

I. The Governments of the EEA – EFTA States were represented as follows:

LIECHTENSTEIN

Liechtenstein to

NORWAY

European

ICELAND

II. The Troika of the European Union was represented as follows:

PRESIDENCY (IRELAND)

THE NETHERLANDS

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

**EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA
Council of the EEA**

Brussels, 23 April 2004

EEE 1603/04

REPORT

Subject :

EEA Council

27 April 2004

Enlargement

1. The EEA EFTA States, the European Commission and the EU Presidency signed the EEA Enlargement Agreement on 11 November 2003. All 28 EEA parties have thus signed the Agreement, and it is currently in the process of being ratified.

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New Financial Mechanism

Neighbourhood Policy

Commission

**EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA
Council of the EEA**

Brussels, 27 April 2004

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CONCLUSIONS

Subject : Conclusions of the 21st meeting of the EEA Council on 27 April 2004

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