

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**No 98/2001****of 13 July 2001****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 Joint Committee of the EEA No 112/2000 of 15 December 2000 ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) It is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement to include preparatory actions for cooperation in the fields of education and of youth policy — expenditure on administrative management.
- (3) It is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement to include preparatory actions for cooperation in the fields of education and of youth policy.
- (4) Protocol 31 to the Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place with effect from 1 January 2001,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Protocol 31 to the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. the following paragraph shall be inserted after Article 4(2e) (32000 D 1934):

'2f. The EFTA States shall, with effect from 1 January 2001, participate in the Community actions related to the following budget lines, entered in the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2001:

 - **B3-1 0 0 0A**: "Preparatory actions for cooperation in the fields of education and of youth policy — expenditure on administrative management";
 - **B3-1 0 0 0**: "Preparatory actions for cooperation in the fields of education and of youth policy".';
2. the text of Article 4(3) shall be replaced by the following:

'The EFTA States shall contribute financially in accordance with Article 82(1)(a) to the programmes and actions referred to in paragraphs 1, 2, 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2d, 2e and 2f.'

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on 14 July 2001, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the Joint Committee of the EEA (*).

Article 3

This Decision shall be published in the EEA Section of, and in the EEA Supplement to the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 13 July 2001.

*For the EEA Joint Committee**The President*

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 52, 22.2.2001, p. 37.

(*) No constitutional requirements indicated.