



**COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES**

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Draft

**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**

**amending Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement,  
on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms**

**- Draft common position of the Community -**

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**(presented by the Commission)**

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. Protocol 31 of the EEA Agreement contains specific provisions on the cooperation between the Community and the EFTA States outside the four freedoms.
2. The attached draft Decision of the EEA Joint Committee aims to modify Protocol 31 to extend cooperation in the field of Education, Training and Youth. It provides for cooperation and sets out the modalities for the full participation of the EEA/EFTA States in the Community Pilot Action on a European Voluntary Service for Young People.
3. Article 1.3 (b) of Council Regulation (EC) 2894/94 concerning the arrangements for implementing the EEA Agreement envisages that the Council establishes the Community position for such Decisions on a proposal from the Commission.
4. The draft Decision of the EEA Joint Committee is submitted for the approval of the Council. The Commission would hope to be able to put forward the position of the Community in the EEA Joint Committee in May or June 1997.

Agreement on the  
European Economic Area

The EEA Joint Committee

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THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, as adjusted 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 Protocol 31 to the Agreement was amended by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 8/94<sup>1</sup>;

Whereas it is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement to include the Pilot Action on a European Voluntary Service for Young People in the budget year 1997;

Whereas Protocol 31 to the Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place from 1 January 1997;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following paragraph shall be inserted after Article 4(2) of Protocol 31 to the Agreement:

"2bis. The EFTA States shall, as from 1 January 1997, participate in the Community actions related to the budget line B3-1011 "European Voluntary Service", entered in the EU budget for the year 1997."

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No L 198, 30.7.1994, p. 142 and EEA Supplement No 25, 30.7.1994, p. 1

Article 2

Article 4(3) of Protocol 31 to the Agreement shall be replaced by the following:

“3. The EFTA States shall contribute financially in accordance with Article 82 (1) (a) to the programmes and actions referred to in paragraphs 1, 2 and 2bis.”

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on .....1997, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee. It shall apply from 1 January 1997.

Article 4

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, .....1997

For the EEA Joint Committee  
The President

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The Secretaries  
to the EEA Joint Committee

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