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to the

Proposal for a Council Decision

**on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint
Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement**

(The Union's preparatory action on defence research)

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DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

No [...]

of [...]

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 (“the EEA Agreement”), and in particular Articles 86 and 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the EEA Agreement was extended by Joint Committee Decision No 208/2017 to include the participation of the EFTA States in the Union’s preparatory action on defence research which is funded from the general budget of the European Union.
- (2) The EFTA States shall continue to participate in Union activities related to budget line 02 04 77 03 (Preparatory action on defence research), entered into the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2018.
- (3) Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to continue from 1 January 2018,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In paragraph 13(a) of Article 1 of Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, the words “financial year 2017” are replaced by the words “financial years 2017 and 2018”.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following the last notification under Article 103(1) of the EEA Agreement*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2018.

Article 3

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

Done at Brussels, [...].

* [No constitutional requirements indicated.] [Constitutional requirements indicated.]

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

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The Secretaries

To the EEA Joint Committee

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