DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

No 66/2002

of 31 May 2002

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 EEA Joint Committee No 46/2002 of 19 April 2002 ([1]).

(2) It is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement to include Decision No 1411/2001/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2001 on a Community framework for cooperation to promote sustainable urban development ([2]).

(3) Protocol 31 to the Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place from 1 January 2002,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Article 3 (Environment) of Protocol 31 to the Agreement shall be amended as follows.

1. The text of paragraph 4 shall be replaced by the following:

   'The EFTA States shall participate in the Community actions referred to in paragraph 7.'

2. In paragraphs 5 and 6 the words 'action programme' shall be replaced by the word 'actions'.

3. In paragraph 6 the words 'EC Committees' shall be replaced by the word 'bodies'.

4. The text, but not the indent, of paragraph 7 shall be replaced by the following:

   'The following Community acts, as well as acts deriving therefrom, are the object of this Article:

   (a) Community acts which shall take effect from 1 January 2001:'.

([1]) OJ L 154, 13.6.2002, p. 34.
([2]) OJ L 191, 13.7.2001, p. 1.

5. The following subparagraph shall be added after subparagraph (a) of paragraph 7:

'(b) Community acts which shall take effect from 1 January 2002:

— **32001 D 1411**: Decision No 1411/2001/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2001 on a Community framework for cooperation to promote sustainable urban development (OJ L 191, 13.7.2001, p. 1).'

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 January 2002.

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, 31 May 2002.

For the EEA Joint Committee
The President
P. WESTERLUND

(*) No constitutional requirements indicated.