DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

No 117/2004

of 6 August 2004

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 90/2004 of 8 June 2004 [1].

(2) It is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement to include the preparatory actions for cooperation on cultural matters.

(3) Protocol 31 to the Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this cooperation to take place with effect from 1 January 2004,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Article 13 of Protocol 31 to the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. paragraph 2 shall be replaced with the following:

   '2. The EFTA States shall contribute financially to the activities referred to in paragraphs 1, 4, 5 and 6 in accordance with Article 82(1)(a) of the Agreement.';

2. paragraph 3 shall be replaced with the following:

   '3. The EFTA States shall participate fully in the EC committees and other bodies which assist the Commission in the management, development and implementation of the activities referred to in paragraphs 1, 4, 5 and 6.';

3. the following paragraph shall be inserted after paragraph 5:

   '6. The EFTA States shall, as from 1 January 2004, participate in the Community actions related to the following budget heading, entered in the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2004:

   — **budget heading 15 04 02 03**: "Preparatory actions for cooperation on cultural matters".'

[1] OJ L 349, 25.11.2004, p. 52.

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 (*).

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, 6 August 2004.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

Kjartan JÓHANNSSON

(*) No constitutional requirements indicated.