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Protocol 30 to the EEA Agreement, on specific provisions on the  
organisation of cooperation in the field of statistics

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Draft

**DECISION No .../... OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**

**of**

**amending Protocol 30 to the EEA Agreement,  
on specific provisions on the organisation of cooperation in the field of statistics**

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 Article 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Protocol 30 to the Agreement was amended by Decision No .../... of the EEA Joint Committee of ...<sup>1</sup>.
- (2) The modernisation of European enterprises and trade statistics should be based on Decision No 1297/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on a Programme for the Modernisation of European Enterprise and Trade Statistics (MEETS)<sup>2</sup>.
- (3) Protocol 30 to the Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place from 1 January 2009,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 340, 19.12.2008, p. 76.

## *Article 1*

The following Article shall be added to Protocol 30 to the Agreement:

### *"Article 4*

#### **Modernisation of European Enterprises and Trade Statistics (MEETS)**

1. The EFTA States shall, from 1 January 2009, participate in the Community programmes and actions referred to in paragraph 4.
2. Objectives 1, 2 and 3 and related actions of the annual work programmes adopted by the Commission in accordance with the Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council referred to in paragraph 4 shall be considered to be relevant for the EEA statistical cooperation and shall be open for full participation by the EFTA States.
3. From 1 January 2009, the EFTA States shall contribute financially in accordance with Article 82(1)(a) of the Agreement and the Financial Regulations thereto to an amount representing 75 per cent of the amount shown in budget lines 29 02 04 and 29 01 04 04 (Modernisation of European Enterprise and Trade Statistics) entered in the Community budget.
4. The following Community act is the object of this Article:
  - **32008 D 1297**: Decision No 1297/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on a Programme for the Modernisation of European Enterprise and Trade Statistics (MEETS) (OJ L 340, 19.12.2008, p. 76)."

*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 2009.

*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,

*For the EEA Joint Committee  
The President*

*The Secretaries  
to the EEA Joint Committee*

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