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## COUNCIL DECISION

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**authorising the Commission to open negotiations on an agreement  
between the European Union and Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein  
on the future financial contributions of the EEA EFTA States  
to economic and social cohesion in the European Economic Area**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular  
Articles 217, 218(3) and (4) thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the European Commission,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The Commission is hereby authorised to negotiate, on behalf of the Union, an international agreement on the future financial contributions of the EEA EFTA States (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) to economic and social cohesion in the European Economic Area.

*Article 2*

The negotiating directives are set out in the addendum to this Decision.

*Article 3*

The negotiations shall be conducted in consultation with the Working Party on European Free Trade Association (EFTA) acting as special Committee in accordance with Article 218(4) of the Treaty.

*Article 4*

This Decision is addressed to the Commission.

Done at ...,

*For the Council*

*The President*

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