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signed by Mr Jordi AYET PUIGARNAU, Director

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To: Mr Uwe CORSEPIUS, Secretary-General of the Council of the European
Union

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Subject: ANNEX ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND THE
REPUBLIC OF ICELAND CONSEQUENT TO THE ACCESSION OF
THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA TO THE EUROPEAN UNION to the
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Union and its Member States, and provisional application of an Additional
Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community
and the Republic of Iceland, to take account of the accession of the Republic
of Croatia to the European Union

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HAVING REGARD to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland signed in Brussels on 22 July 1972, hereinafter called the "Agreement", and to the existing arrangements for trade in fish and fishery products between Iceland and the Community,

HAVING REGARD to the Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland concerning special provisions applicable for the period 2009-2014 to imports into the Union of certain fish and fishery products,

HAVING REGARD to the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union,

HAVING REGARD to the Agreement on the Participation of the Republic of Croatia in the European Economic Area,

HAVING REGARD to the existing regime for trade in fish and fishery products between Iceland and the Republic of Croatia,

HAVE DECIDED to determine by common accord the adjustments to the Agreement consequent to the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union,

AND TO CONCLUDE THIS PROTOCOL,

ARTICLE 1

The text of the Agreement, the Annexes and Protocols, which form an integral part thereof, the Final Act and the declarations annexed thereto shall be drawn up in the Croatian language and those texts shall be authentic in the same way as the original texts. The Joint Committee shall approve the Croatian text.

ARTICLE 2

1. The special provisions applicable to imports into the European Union of certain fish and fishery products originating in Iceland are laid down in this Protocol.

2. The tariff quotas' volumes provided for in Article 3 of this Protocol shall cover the period of ten months remaining from Croatia's accession to the EU until the end of the 2009-2014 EEA Financial Mechanism (1 July 2013 to 30 April 2014). The quotas' volumes shall be reviewed by the end of that period taking into account all relevant interests.

3. The tariff quotas shall apply from the day on which the provisional application of this Protocol becomes effective, according to the procedures laid down in paragraph 3 of Article 4 and shall be available for twelve months from that date.

ARTICLE 3

The Union shall open the following additional duty free tariff quotas for products originating in Iceland:

- Frozen Norway lobsters (*Nephrops norvegicus*) (CN code 0306 15 90) of 60 tonnes net weight.
- Fillets of redfish (*Sebastes* spp.), fresh or chilled (CN code 0304 49 50) of 100 tonnes net weight.

ARTICLE 4

1. This Protocol shall be ratified or approved by the Parties in accordance with their own procedures. The instruments of ratification or approval shall be deposited with the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union.

2. It shall enter into force on the day following the deposit of the last instrument of ratification or approval provided that the instruments of ratification or approval of the following related agreements have been deposited as well:

- (i) Agreement on the Participation of the Republic of Croatia in the European Economic Area;
- (ii) Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway on a Norwegian Financial Mechanism for the period 2009-2014 consequent to the participation of the Republic of Croatia in the European Economic Area;
- (iii) Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway consequent to the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

3. Pending the completion of the procedures referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article, this Protocol shall be applied on a provisional basis from the first day of the third month following the deposit of the last notification to this effect.

ARTICLE 5

This Protocol is drawn up in single original, in the Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish and Icelandic languages, each of these texts being equally authentic, shall be deposited with the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, which will remit a certified copy to each of the Parties.

Done at Brussels, this....of 2013

For the European Union

For Iceland