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## PROPOSAL

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From: Secretary-General of the European Commission,  
signed by Mr Jordi AYET PUIGARNAU, Director

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To: Mr Jeppe TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN, Secretary-General of the Council of  
the European Union

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Subject: ANNEX to Decision No .../... amending Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement  
to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to include the  
participation of the EFTA States in the Union's preparatory action on  
Defence research

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**to**

**Decision No .../... amending**

**Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties  
to include the participation of the EFTA States in the Union's preparatory action on  
Defence research**

### **Declaration by the EFTA States**

This Decision extends the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to include the participation of the EFTA States in the Union's preparatory action on Defence research. The EFTA States consider that defence matters falls outside the scope of the EEA Agreement, and therefore that the adoption of this Decision does not extend the scope of the EEA Agreement to include defence matters beyond the participation of the EFTA States in that preparatory action. The EFTA States also stress that Iceland and Liechtenstein shall not participate in, and shall not financially contribute to, this preparatory action.