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

**amending Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside  
the four freedoms**

**to the**

**Proposal for a Council Decision**

**on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union,  
in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA  
Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms**

## ANNEX

### DRAFT DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE No .../2014

#### of XXX

#### 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 (“the EEA Agreement”), and in particular Articles 86 and 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) It is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the EEA Agreement to include Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC<sup>1</sup>.
- (2) It is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the EEA Agreement to include Regulation (EU) No 1292/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 amending Regulation (EC) No 294/2008 establishing the European Institute of Innovation and Technology<sup>2</sup>.
- (3) Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly, in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place from 1 January 2014,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

#### *Article 1*

Article 1 of Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement is amended as follows:

1. The following is added in paragraph 5:

- ‘- **32013 R 1291**: Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).

Liechtenstein shall be exempted from the participation in, and the financial contribution to, this programme.’

2. The following is added in paragraph 11(a):

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 174.

‘, as amended by:

- **32013 R 1292**: Regulation (EU) No 1292/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 amending Regulation (EC) No 294/2008 establishing the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 174).’

3. The text of paragraph 11(b) is deleted.

#### *Article 2*

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following the last notification under Article 103(1) of the EEA Agreement\*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2014.

#### *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.]