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PROPOSAL

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To:	Mr Uwe CORSEPIUS, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union
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Subject:	ANNEX to the DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE 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 (COSME)

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**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE No .../2014
of
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
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DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE No .../2014 of 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 1287/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing a Programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises (COSME) (2014 - 2020) and repealing Decision No 1639/2006/EC¹,
- (2) 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

The following is added in Paragraph 5 of Article 7 of Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement:

- ‘- **32013 R 1287:** Regulation (EU) No 1287/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing a Programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises (COSME) (2014 - 2020) and repealing Decision No 1639/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 33).

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

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.

¹ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 33.

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

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*