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PROPOSAL

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

date of receipt: 22 April 2015

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

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Subject: ANNEX DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE No .../2015 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 cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms
(Copernicus)

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DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE No .../2015

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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) The cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the EEA Agreement was extended to include Regulation (EU) No 377/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 April 2014 establishing the Copernicus Programme and repealing Regulation (EU) No 911/2010¹ by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 249/2014 of 13 November 2014².
- (2) This cooperation should be extended to Norway, under the conditions provided for in Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, whose participation should therefore commence from 1 January 2014.
- (3) Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place from 1 January 2014.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Article 1(8d)(e) of Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, the words “Norway and” are 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.

¹ OJ L 122, 22.4.2014, p. 44.

² OJ L [not yet published]

* [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*