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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 (EaSI)

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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) Regulation (EU) No 1296/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on a European Union Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (“EaSI”) and amending Decision No 283/2010/EU establishing a European Progress Microfinance Facility for employment and social inclusion¹ was incorporated into the EEA Agreement by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 151/2014 of 27 June 2014².
- (2) The limited participation of Norway in the Programme should be extended to the Progress axis.
- (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 2015,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In paragraph 8 of Article 15 of Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, the words “EURES axis” are replaced by the words “Progress and EURES axes”:

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 2015.

¹ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 238.

² OJ L ...

* [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*