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## PROPOSAL

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

date of receipt: 11 March 2016

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

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Subject: ANNEX DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE No .../2016 of  
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the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the  
EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA  
Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms  
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**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE No .../2016**

**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 cooperation concerning free movement of workers, coordination of social security systems and measures for migrants, including migrants from third countries.
- (2) Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place from 1 January 2016,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

In paragraphs 5 and 13 of Article 5 of Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, the words “and 2015” are replaced by the words “, 2015 and 2016”.

*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 2016.

*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*.

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

Done at Brussels,

*For the EEA Joint Committee  
The President*

*The Secretaries  
to the EEA Joint Committee*