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#### **LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS**

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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning the amendment of Annex IX (Financial Services) to the EEA Agreement

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In document ST 13114/18 INIT after page 16 the following page is added:

Declaration of the EFTA States  
to Decision No [...] incorporating Directive (EU) 2015/849 into the EEA Agreement

Directive (EU) 2015/849 contains provisions with references to acts adopted under Title V TFEU. It is recalled that the incorporation of acts with such provisions into the EEA Agreement is without prejudice to the understanding that European Union legislation adopted pursuant to Title V TFEU falls outside the scope of the EEA Agreement.

Joint Declaration by the Contracting Parties  
to Decision No [...] incorporating Directive (EU) 2015/849 into the EEA Agreement

The Contracting Parties have agreed to include serious fraud affecting the financial interests of the European Union in the list of predicate offences to money laundering. For practical reasons, the Fourth Money Laundering Directive (Directive (EU) 2015/849) has been incorporated without a reciprocal agreement likewise to protect the financial interests of the EEA EFTA States. Nevertheless, the principles of reciprocity and homogeneity as laid down in Article 1 of the EEA Agreement and referred to in Recital 4 thereof, remain fully applicable also to the mutual protection against criminal activity affecting the financial interests of the Contracting Parties within the meaning of [this Decision].