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DRAFT DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

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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) It is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the EEA Agreement to include Regulation (EU) 2019/127 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 January 2019 establishing the European Foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions (Eurofound), and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 1365/75¹.
- (2) The modalities of the EFTA States’ participation in the Eurofound are set out in the ‘Framework Agreement on modalities for the European Foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions/EFTA co-operation’, dated 12 September 1994.
- (3) Regulation (EU) 2019/127 repeals Council Regulation (EEC) No 1365/75, which is included in the EEA Agreement and which is consequently to be repealed under the EEA Agreement.
- (4) Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The text of point 10 of Article 5 of Protocol 31 is replaced by the following:

‘The Contracting States shall seek to strengthen cooperation in the framework of the following act:

- **32019 R 0127:** Regulation (EU) 2019/127 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 January 2019 establishing the European Foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions (Eurofound), and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 1365/75 (OJ L 30, 31.1.2019, p. 74).’

¹ OJ L 30, 31.1.2019, p. 74.

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 [year].

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

[...]

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