

**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE****No 46/2000****of 19 May 2000****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, as adjusted by the Protocol adjusting the Agreement on the European Economic Area, hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement', and in particular Articles 86 and 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Protocol 31 to the Agreement was amended by Decision No 100/1999 of the EEA Joint Committee of 30 July 1999 <sup>(1)</sup>.
- (2) It is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement to include a single financing and programming instrument for cultural cooperation (Culture 2000 programme) (Decision No 508/2000/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(2)</sup>).
- (3) Protocol 31 to the Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place from 1 January 2000,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

The following indent shall be added in Article 13(4) of Protocol 31 to the Agreement:

— **32000 D 0508**: Decision No 508/2000/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 February 2000 establishing the Culture 2000 programme (OJ L 63, 10.3.2000, p. 1).'

*Article 2*

This Decision shall enter into force on the day after the last notification under Article 103(1) of the Agreement has been made to the EEA Joint Committee.

It shall apply from 1 January 2000.

*Article 3*

This Decision shall be published in the EEA Section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 19 May 2000.

*For the EEA Joint Committee*

*The President*

F. BARBASO

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<sup>(1)</sup> Not yet published in the Official Journal.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 63, 10.3.2000, p. 1.