

**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE No 201/2019****of 10 July 2019****amending Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms [2022/2223]**

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 continue the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the EEA Agreement in Union actions funded from the general budget of the Union regarding the preparatory action on Defence research.
- (2) Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for that extended cooperation to take place from 1 January 2019,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

In paragraph 13(a) of Article 1 of Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, the words “and 2018” are replaced by the words “, 2018 and 2019”.

*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 2019.

*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, 10 July 2019.

*For the EEA Joint Committee*  
*The President*  
Gunnar PÁLSSON

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(\*) No constitutional requirements indicated.