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30TH MEETING OF THE EEA JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

Svartsengi, Iceland

RECOMMENDATION

on the

Future Perspectives for the European Economic Area

adopted unanimously on 29 April 2009

Co-rapporteurs: Ms Katrín JÚLÍUSDÓTTIR (Social Democratic Alliance, Iceland)
Ms Bilyana RAEVA (ALDE, Bulgaria)

The EEA Joint Parliamentary Committee of the European Economic Area:

A. Having regard to the Treaty of Lisbon which was adopted by the heads of state and government on 13 December 2007 and which is currently undergoing a ratification process by the European Union Member States;

B. having regard to the working paper on the Future perspectives of the European Economic Area, debated in the 29th meeting of the European Economic Areas Joint Parliamentary Committee;

1. asks the national parliaments of the EEA EFTA States to provide the Committee with a factual description of the way in which they organise their EEA related work; how this work has changed since the EEA entered into force; and if the national parliaments foresee changes in their working structures in the immediate future;

2. asks the European Parliament for its opinion on the effects of the Treaty of Lisbon and how the Parliament intends to increase its cooperation with the National Parliaments of the EU Member States, as foreseen in the Treaty, and if this opens opportunities in enhancing the European Parliament's cooperation with the National Parliaments of the EEA EFTA States in matters concerning the Internal Market, of which the EEA EFTA States are full members;

3. asks the European Commission to consider whether legislative proposals which will be sent to the national parliaments of the EU Member States for consultation, as foreseen in the Lisbon Treaty, also to be sent to the national parliaments of the EEA EFTA States for consultation when they regard matters of the Internal Market, of which the EEA EFTA States are full members;

4. asks the EEA EFTA States for a comprehensive analysis of the implications of the Treaty of Lisbon for the functioning of the European Economic Area;

5. asks the EEA EFTA States for their views on the increased role of the national parliaments of the EU Member States, as foreseen in the Treaty of Lisbon; the implications for the national parliaments of the EEA EFTA States; and on the way in which the national parliaments of the EEA EFTA States can cooperate more closely with the European Parliament on matters concerning the Internal Market;

6. requests that the relevant authorities provide the Committee with their contributions in written form before 10 October 2008.

7. instructs its President to send this recommendation to the national parliaments of the EEA States, the European Parliament, the European Commission, and the EEA EFTA States.