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DECISION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE EFTA STATES No 5/2024/SC

of 24 October 2024

extending the tasks of the Office for the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism [2025/399]

THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE EFTA STATES,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, hereinafter referred to as the EEA Agreement,

Having regard to the Decision of the Standing Committee of the EFTA States No 1/2004/SC of 5 February 2004 establishing an Office for the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism,

Having regard to the Decision of the Standing Committee of the EFTA States No 6/2010/SC of 9 December 2010 extending the tasks of the Office for the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism,

Having regard to the Decision of the Standing Committee of the EFTA States No 3/2016/SC of 2 June 2016 extending the tasks of the Office for the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism,

Having regard to the Agreement between the European Union, Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein and the Kingdom of Norway on an EEA Financial Mechanism 2021-2028,

Having regard to Protocol 38d on the EEA Financial Mechanism (2021-2028), inserted into the EEA Agreement by the aforementioned Agreement between the European Union, Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein and the Kingdom of Norway on an EEA Financial Mechanism 2021-2028,

Having regard to the Agreement between the Kingdom of Norway and the European Union on a Norwegian Financial Mechanism for the period 2021-2028,

Recalling that Article 1, paragraph 1 of the Decision of the Standing Committee of the EFTA States No 1/2004/SC only gives the Office for the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism a mandate to administer the 2004-2009 Financial Mechanisms and that the Decision of the Standing Committee of the EFTA States No 6/2010/SC of 9 December 2010 and the Decision of the Standing Committee of the EFTA States No 3/2016/SC of 2 June 2016 only extend the mandate of the aforementioned Office to administer the 2009-2014 and 2014-2021 Financial Mechanisms respectively,

Considering the need for a secretariat to administer the EEA and the Norwegian Financial Mechanisms 2021-2028,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Office for the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism

1. The Office for the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism, established by Standing Committee Decision No 1/2004/SC, is hereby additionally entrusted with the task of serving as a secretariat assisting in the management of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2021-2028 and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2021-2028.

2. Regarding the EEA Financial Mechanism 2021-2028, the Office shall report to the EEA Financial Mechanism Committee.

3. Regarding the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2021-2028, the Office shall report to the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Article 2

Publication

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

Article 3

Entry into force and application

As regards the EEA Financial Mechanism 2021-2028, this Decision shall enter into force on the day of the entry into force or on the day of provisional application of the Agreement on an EEA Financial Mechanism for the period 2021-2028, signed in Brussels on 12 September 2024.

As regards the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2021-2028, this Decision shall enter into force on the day of the entry into force or on the day of provisional application of the Agreement on a Norwegian Financial Mechanism for the period 2021-2028, signed in Brussels on 12 September 2024.

Done at Brussels, 24 October 2024

For the Standing Committee

The Chair	*The Secretary-General*
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