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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject: Working Party on European Free Trade Association (EFTA)

Date: 2 March 2021

Time: 15.00

Venue: COUNCIL

LEX BUILDING

Rue de la Loi 145, 1048 BRUSSELS

1. EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA

- 1.1 Recommendation for a COUNCIL DECISION authorising the opening of the negotiations on an agreement between the European Union and Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein on the future financial contributions of the EEA EFTA States to social and economic cohesion in the European Economic Area

= discussion with a view to finding an agreement

On the basis of a draft prepared by the Presidency (WK 2638/2021), the EFTA Working Party will hold a second discussion on the draft Council Decision.

1.2 Article 11 Review under the Protocol 38 C on the European Economic Area (EEA) Financial Mechanism (2014-2021)

= presentation by the EEAS (followed by discussion)

On the basis of a draft prepared by the EEAS (WK 2447/2021), the EFTA Working Party will hold an exchange of views to assess the need to address economic and social disparities within the EEA, as foreseen in Article 11 of Protocol 38C on the EEA Financial Mechanism.

2. SWISS CONFEDERATION

2.1 Commission Decision of 11 February 2021 approving, on behalf of the European Union, the amendment to Tables III and IV of Protocol 2 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation of 22 July 1972, as amended

WK 2074/2021 + ADD 1

= information by the Commission

The EFTA Working Party will be informed about the content of the above decision.

3. AOB

NB: Delegations are asked to submit their requests for "other business" items to the General Secretariat, efta@consilium.europa.eu, in writing by **Monday, 1 March 2021, 12.00 (noon)**.
