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From: Working Party on European Free Trade Association (EFTA)  
dated: 14 September 2021  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee

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Subject: Draft COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (EU4Health Programme)  
= Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption

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1. On 2 September 2021, the Commission submitted the abovementioned proposal to the Council.
2. On 14 September, the Working Party on European Free Trade Association (EFTA) agreed on the substance of the proposal.

3. Against this backdrop, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited:
- a) to confirm the agreement of the text of the draft COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (EU4Health Programme), as set out in documents 11534/21 and 11535/21, prepared by the lawyer-linguists;
  - b) to approve the use of the written procedure for the adoption of the above mentioned COUNCIL DECISION, as set out in documents 11534/21 and 11535/21.
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