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COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2021/...

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**authorising the opening of negotiations with Iceland,
the Principality of Liechtenstein and the Kingdom of Norway
for an agreement on the future financial contributions of the EEA EFTA States
to social and economic cohesion in the European Economic Area**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 217 and Article 218(3) and (4) thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Negotiations should be opened with a view to concluding an agreement with Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein and the Kingdom of Norway ('EEA EFTA States') on the future financial contributions of the EEA EFTA States to social and economic cohesion in the European Economic Area.
- (2) As part of a comprehensive package deal and if raised by the EEA EFTA States in the framework of the negotiations on the future financial contributions, there should be a possibility to open negotiations also on EU market access for Icelandic and Norwegian fish and fishery products,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The Commission is hereby authorised to open negotiations with Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein and the Kingdom of Norway for an agreement on the future financial contributions of the EEA EFTA States to the social and economic cohesion in the European Economic Area and, as part of a comprehensive package deal, an agreement on EU market access for Icelandic and Norwegian fish and fishery products.
2. The negotiations shall be conducted on the basis of the negotiating directives of the Council set out in the addendum to this Decision.

Article 2

The negotiations shall be conducted in consultation with the Working Party on European Free Trade Association acting as special Committee provided for in Article 218(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Commission.

Done at ...,

For the Council
The President


