EEA Agreement: amending Protocol 37 and Annex X (audiovisual services)

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The Committee will be recommending to the plenary, in line with rapporteur Ms Concepciò FERRER (PPE,ES), the endorsement of the draft Decision of the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Committee which amends Protocol 37 and Annex X of the EEA Agreement by adding the newly adopted Community legislation governing audiovisual services (consultation procedure). To enable the Agreement to operate smoothly, a further point is being added to the list in Protocol 37 and the necessary additions are being made to Annex X concerning the appointment of one representative from each EFTA State to the Contact Committee on Television Broadcasting Activities set up under Directive 97/36/EC. The committee decided to take on board the amendments tabled by the Culture Committee, which add an explicit reference to Directive 97/36/CE in the text to be inserted and stipulate that the EFTA Member States concerned will be asked for their opinion in an advisory capacity, in the event of a vote being held in the course of the meetings of the Joint Committee referred to above.