FINAL ACT

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The plenipotentiaries of:

THE EUROPEAN UNION, hereinafter referred to as the "European Union",

and of:

THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM,

THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA,

THE CZECH REPUBLIC,

THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK,

THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY,

THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA,

IRELAND,

THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC,

THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN,

THE FRENCH REPUBLIC,

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THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC,

THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS,

THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA,

THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA,

THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG,

HUNGARY,

THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA,

THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS,

THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA,

THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND,

THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC,

ROMANIA,

THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA,

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THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC,

THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND,

THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN,

THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,

Contracting Parties to the Treaty establishing the EUROPEAN UNION, hereinafter referred to as the "EU Member States",

the plenipotentiaries of:

ICELAND,

THE PRINCIPALITY OF LIECHTENSTEIN,

THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY,

hereinafter referred to as the "EFTA States",

all together Contracting Parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area done at Oporto on 2 May 1992 (hereinafter referred to as the "EEA Agreement"), together hereinafter referred to as the "Present Contracting Parties", and

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the plenipotentiaries of:

THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA,

hereinafter referred to as the "New Contracting Party",

meeting at Brussels, this [DATE] in the year [YEAR] for the signature of the Agreement on the Participation of the Republic of Croatia in the European Economic Area, have adopted the following texts:

I. Agreement on the Participation of the Republic of Croatia in the European Economic Area (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement");

II. The texts listed below which are annexed to the Agreement:

Annex A: List referred to in Article 3 of the Agreement,
Annex B: List referred to in Article 4 of the Agreement.

The plenipotentiaries of the Present Contracting Parties and the plenipotentiaries of the New Contracting Party have adopted the Joint Declarations and Statements listed below and annexed to this Final Act:

1. Joint Declaration on an early entry into force or provisional application of the Agreement on the Participation of the Republic of Croatia in the European Economic Area;

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2. Joint Declaration on the expiry date of the transitional arrangements;

3. Joint Declarations concerning the application of rules of origin after entry into force of the Agreement on the Participation of the Republic of Croatia in the European Economic Area;

4. Joint Declaration on Liechtenstein's sectoral adaptation in the field of free movement of persons;

5. Joint Statement on the priority sectors mentioned in Protocol 38b;

6. Joint Statement on the financial contributions.

The plenipotentiaries of the Present Contracting Parties and the plenipotentiaries of the New Contracting Party have taken note of the Declaration listed below and annexed to this Final Act:

General Joint Declaration of the EFTA States.

They have further agreed that, at the latest by the entry into force of the Agreement, the EEA Agreement, as amended by the Protocol adjusting the Agreement on the European Economic Area and the full texts of each of the Decisions of the EEA Joint Committee, have to be drawn up and authenticated by the representatives of the Present Contracting Parties and the New Contracting Party in the Croatian language.

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They take note of the Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the Kingdom of Norway and the European Union on a Norwegian Financial Mechanism for the period 2009-2014 consequent to the participation of the Republic of Croatia in the European Economic Area, which is also annexed to this Final Act.

They also take note of the Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Iceland consequent to the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union, which is annexed to this Final Act.

They furthermore take note of the Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway consequent to the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union, which is also annexed to this Final Act.

They underline that the abovementioned protocols have been agreed upon under the assumption that participation in the European Economic Area remains unchanged.

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JOINT DECLARATIONS AND STATEMENTS
BY THE PRESENT CONTRACTING PARTIES
AND THE NEW CONTRACTING PARTY
TO THE AGREEMENT

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JOINT DECLARATION ON AN EARLY ENTRY INTO FORCE OR PROVISIONAL APPLICATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA IN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA

The Parties stress the importance of an early entry into force or provisional application of the Agreement on the Participation of the Republic of Croatia in the European Economic Area in order to ensure the good functioning of the European Economic Area and to allow for Croatia to benefit from its participation in the European Economic Area.

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JOINT DECLARATION ON THE EXPIRY DATE OF THE TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Parties confirm that the transitional arrangements from the Treaty of Accession are taken over into the EEA Agreement and will expire on the same date as they would have if the enlargement of the European Union and the EEA had taken place simultaneously on 1 July 2013.

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JOINT DECLARATION CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF THE RULES OF ORIGIN AFTER ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA IN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA

1. Proof of origin properly issued by an EFTA State or the New Contracting Party in the framework of a preferential agreement concluded between the EFTA States and the New Contracting Party or in the framework of unilateral national legislation of an EFTA State or a New Contracting Party shall be considered as being proof of EEA preferential origin, provided that:

(a) the proof of origin and the transport documents were issued no later than the day before the accession of the New Contracting Party to the European Union;

(b) the proof of origin is submitted to the customs authorities within the period of four months from the entry into force of the Agreement.

Where goods were declared for importation from an EFTA State or the New Contracting Party in, respectively, the New Contracting Party or an EFTA State prior to the date of accession of the New Contracting Party to the European Union, under preferential arrangements in force between an EFTA State and the New Contracting Party at that time, proof of origin issued retrospectively under those arrangements may also be accepted in the EFTA States or the New Contracting Party provided that it is submitted to the customs authorities within the period of four months from the date of entry into force of the Agreement.

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2. The EFTA States, on the one hand, and the Republic of Croatia, on the other hand, are authorised to retain the authorisations with which the status of "approved exporters" has been granted in the framework of agreements concluded between the EFTA States, on the one hand, and the Republic of Croatia, on the other hand, provided that the approved exporters apply the EEA rules of origin.

These authorisations shall be replaced by the EFTA States and the Republic of Croatia, no later than one year after the date of entry into force of the Agreement, by new authorisations issued under the conditions laid down in Protocol 4 to the Agreement on the European Economic Area.

3. Requests for subsequent verification of proof of origin issued under the preferential agreements and arrangements referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 above shall be accepted by the competent authorities of the EFTA States and the New Contracting Party for a period of three years after the issue of the proof of origin concerned and may be made by those authorities for a period of three years after acceptance of the proof of origin.

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JOINT DECLARATION ON LIECHTENSTEIN'S SECTORAL ADAPTATION IN THE FIELD OF FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS

The Present Contracting Parties and the New Contracting Party,

– Referring to the sectoral adaptations for Liechtenstein in the field of free movement of persons under Annexes V and VIII to the EEA Agreement as introduced by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 191/1999 and amended by the Agreement on the Participation of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic in the European Economic Area of 14 October 2003,

– Observing an ongoing high demand from nationals of EU and EFTA States to reside in Liechtenstein, surpassing the net immigration rate set out in the abovementioned sectoral adaptations,

– Considering that the participation of Croatia in the EEA results in a higher number of nationals having the right of invoking the free movement of persons as enshrined in the EEA Agreement,

Agree to duly take into account this factual situation as well as the unchanged absorption capacity of Liechtenstein when reviewing the sectoral adaptations in Annexes V and VIII to the EEA Agreement.

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JOINT STATEMENT ON THE PRIORITY SECTORS MENTIONED IN PROTOCOL 38B

The Present Contracting Parties and the New Contracting Party recall that not all priority sectors as defined in Article 3 of Protocol 38b must be covered in the case of Croatia.

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JOINT STATEMENT ON THE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The Present Contracting Parties and the New Contracting Party agree that the financial contribution arrangements agreed in the context of EEA enlargement do not constitute a precedent for the period after they expire on 30 April 2014.

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OTHER DECLARATIONS
BY ONE OR MORE OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES
TO THE AGREEMENT

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GENERAL JOINT DECLARATION OF THE EFTA STATES

The EFTA States take note of the Declarations, which are relevant for the EEA Agreement, attached to the Final Act to the Treaty between the Kingdom of Belgium, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, the Kingdom of Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Estonia, Ireland, the Hellenic Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, the Italian Republic, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Poland, the Portuguese Republic, Romania, the Republic of Slovenia, the Slovak Republic, the Republic of Finland, the Kingdom of Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Member States of the European Union) and the Republic of Croatia, concerning the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

The EFTA States underline that the Declarations, which are relevant to the EEA Agreement, attached to the Final Act to the Treaty referred to in the previous paragraph, cannot be interpreted or applied in a way contrary to the obligations of the Present Contracting Parties and New Contracting Party arising from this Agreement or the EEA Agreement.

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ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL
TO THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY
AND THE EUROPEAN UNION
ON A NORWEGIAN FINANCIAL MECHANISM FOR THE PERIOD 2009-2014
CONSEQUENT TO THE PARTICIPATION OF
THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
IN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA

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THE EUROPEAN UNION

and

THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY

HAVING REGARD to the Agreement between the Kingdom of Norway and the European Union on a Norwegian Financial Mechanism for the period 2009-2014,

HAVING REGARD to the Agreement on the Participation of the Republic of Croatia in the European Economic Area,

HAVE DECIDED to include the Republic of Croatia in the existing Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2009-2014,

AND TO CONCLUDE THIS PROTOCOL,

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ARTICLE 1

1. The Agreement between the Kingdom of Norway and the European Union on a Norwegian Financial Mechanism for the period 2009-2014, hereinafter called the "Agreement", shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the Republic of Croatia.

2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1, paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 3 of the Agreement shall not apply.

3. Notwithstanding paragraph 1, Article 6 of the Agreement shall not apply. No reallocation to any other Beneficiary State shall be applicable in case of available non-committed funds of the Republic of Croatia.

ARTICLE 2

The additional amounts of the financial contribution shall be EUR 4,6 million for the Republic of Croatia over the period running from 1 July 2013 to 30 April 2014, inclusive; they shall be made available for commitment in a single tranche as from the date of entry into force of the Agreement on the Participation of the Republic of Croatia in the European Economic Area or of an agreement to apply the latter Agreement and this Protocol provisionally.

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ARTICLE 3

This Protocol shall be ratified or approved by the Parties in accordance with their own procedures. The instruments of ratification or approval shall be deposited with the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union.

It shall enter into force on the day following the deposit of the last instrument of ratification or approval provided that the instrument of ratification or approval of the Agreement on the Participation of the Republic of Croatia in the European Economic Area has been deposited as well.

ARTICLE 4

This Protocol, drawn up in a single original, in the Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish and Norwegian languages, each text being equally authentic, shall be deposited with the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, which will remit a certified copy to each of the Parties.

Done at Brussels, this....of

For the European Union

For the Kingdom of Norway

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ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL
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AND ICELAND
CONSEQUENT TO THE ACCESSION OF
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TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

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and

ICELAND

HAVING REGARD to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Iceland signed in Brussels on 22 July 1972, hereinafter called the "Agreement", and to the existing arrangements for trade in fish and fishery products between Iceland and the Community,

HAVING REGARD to the Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Iceland concerning special provisions applicable for the period 2009-2014 to imports into the Union of certain fish and fishery products,

HAVING REGARD to the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union,

HAVING REGARD to the Agreement on the Participation of the Republic of Croatia in the European Economic Area,

HAVING REGARD to the existing regime for trade in fish and fishery products between Iceland and the Republic of Croatia,

HAVE DECIDED to determine by common accord the adjustments to the Agreement consequent to the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union,

AND TO CONCLUDE THIS PROTOCOL,

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ARTICLE 1

The text of the Agreement, the Annexes and Protocols, which form an integral part thereof, the Final Act and the declarations annexed thereto shall be drawn up in the Croatian language and those texts shall be authentic in the same way as the original texts. The Joint Committee shall approve the Croatian text.

ARTICLE 2

1. The special provisions applicable to imports into the European Union of certain fish and fishery products originating in Iceland are laid down in this Protocol.

2. The tariff quotas' volumes provided for in Article 3 of this Protocol shall cover the period of ten months remaining from Croatia's accession to the European Union until the end of the 2009-2014 EEA Financial Mechanism (1 July 2013 to 30 April 2014). The quotas' volumes shall be reviewed by the end of that period taking into account all relevant interests.

3. The tariff quotas shall apply from the day on which the provisional application of this Protocol becomes effective, according to the procedures laid down in paragraph 3 of Article 4 and shall be available for twelve months from that date.

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ARTICLE 3

The Union shall open the following additional duty free tariff quotas for products originating in Iceland:

– Frozen Norway lobsters (*Nephrops norvegicus*) (CN code 0306 15 90) of 60 tonnes net weight.
– Fillets of redfish (*Sebastes* spp.), fresh or chilled (CN code 0304 49 50) of 100 tonnes net weight.

ARTICLE 4

1. This Protocol shall be ratified or approved by the Parties in accordance with their own procedures. The instruments of ratification or approval shall be deposited with the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union.

2. It shall enter into force on the day following the deposit of the last instrument of ratification or approval provided that the instruments of ratification or approval of the following related agreements have been deposited as well:

(i) Agreement on the Participation of the Republic of Croatia in the European Economic Area;

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(ii) Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway on a Norwegian Financial Mechanism for the period 2009-2014 consequent to the participation of the Republic of Croatia in the European Economic Area;

(iii) Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway consequent to the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

3. Pending the completion of the procedures referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article, this Protocol shall be applied on a provisional basis from the first day of the third month following the deposit of the last notification to this effect.

ARTICLE 5

This Protocol is drawn up in single original, in the Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish and Icelandic languages, each text being equally authentic, shall be deposited with the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, which will remit a certified copy to each of the Parties.

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For the European Union

For Iceland

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ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL
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THE EUROPEAN UNION

and

THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY

HAVING REGARD to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway signed on 14 May 1973, hereinafter called the "Agreement", and to the existing arrangements for trade in fish and fishery products between Norway and the Community,

HAVING REGARD to the Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway concerning special provisions applicable for the period 2009-2014 to imports into the Union of certain fish and fishery products, and in particular Article 1 thereof,

HAVING REGARD to the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union,

HAVING REGARD to the Agreement on the Participation of the Republic of Croatia in the European Economic Area,

HAVING REGARD to the existing regime for trade in fish and fishery products between Norway and the Republic of Croatia,

HAVE DECIDED to determine by common accord the adjustments to the Agreement consequent to the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union,

AND TO CONCLUDE THIS PROTOCOL,

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ARTICLE 1

The text of the Agreement, the Annexes and Protocols, which form an integral part thereof, the Final Act and the declarations annexed thereto shall be drawn up in the Croatian language and those texts shall be authentic in the same way as the original texts. The Joint Committee shall approve the Croatian text.

ARTICLE 2

1. The special provisions applicable to imports into the European Union of certain fish and fishery products originating in Norway are laid down in this Protocol.

2. The tariff quota volume provided for in Article 3 of this Protocol shall cover the period of ten months remaining from Croatia's accession to the European Union until the end of the 2009-2014 EEA Financial Mechanism (1 July 2013 to 30 April 2014). The quota volume shall be reviewed by the end of that period taking into account all relevant interests.

3. The tariff quota shall apply from the day on which the provisional application of this Protocol becomes effective, according to the procedures laid down in paragraph 3 of Article 4 and shall be available for twelve months from that date.

4. The rules of origin applicable for the tariff quota in Article 3 shall be those set out in Protocol No 3 to the Agreement.

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ARTICLE 3

The Union shall open the following new additional duty free tariff quota:

– Herring, spiced and / or vinegar cured, in brine (CN codes ex 1604 12 91, ex 1604 12 99) 1400 tonnes net drained weight.

ARTICLE 4

1. This Protocol shall be ratified or approved by the Parties in accordance with their own procedures. The instruments of ratification or approval shall be deposited with the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union.

2. It shall enter into force on the day following the deposit of the last instrument of ratification or approval provided that the instruments of ratification or approval of the following related agreements have been deposited as well:

(i) Agreement on the Participation of the Republic of Croatia in the European Economic Area;

(ii) Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the Kingdom of Norway and the European Union on a Norwegian Financial Mechanism for the period 2009-2014 consequent to the participation of the Republic of Croatia in the European Economic Area;

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(iii) Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Iceland consequent to the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

3. Pending the completion of the procedures referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article, this Protocol shall be applied on a provisional basis from the first day of the third month following the deposit of the last notification to this effect.

ARTICLE 5

This Protocol, drawn up in a single original, in the Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish and Norwegian languages, each text being equally authentic, shall be deposited with the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, which will remit a certified copy to each of the Parties.

Done at Brussels, this....of

For the European Union

For the Kingdom of Norway

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