## Agreement on the European Economic Area

## PART I

## **OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES**

## Article 2

For the purposes of this Agreement:

- (a) the term 'Agreement' means the main Agreement, its Protocols and Annexes as well as the acts referred to therein;
- (b) the term 'EFTA States' means the Contracting Parties, which are members of the European Free Trade Association;
- (c) the term 'Contracting Parties' means, concerning the Community and the EC Member States, the Community and the EC Member States, or the Community, or the EC Member States. The meaning to be attributed to this expression in each case is to be deduced from the relevant provisions of this Agreement and from the respective competences of the Community and the EC Member States as they follow from the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community and the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community.