

Agreement on the European Economic Area

PART VII

**INSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS**

CHAPTER 1

**THE STRUCTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION**

*Section 4*

**Cooperation between economic and social partners**

*Article 96*

1. Members of the Economic and Social Committee and other bodies representing the social partners in the Community and the corresponding bodies in the EFTA States shall work to strengthen contacts between them and to cooperate in an organized and regular manner in order to enhance the awareness of the economic and social aspects of the growing interdependence of the economies of the Contracting Parties and of their interests within the context of the EEA.
2. To this end, an EEA Consultative Committee is hereby established. It shall be composed of equal numbers of, on the one hand, members of the Economic and Social Committee of the Community and, on the other, members of the EFTA Consultative Committee. The EEA Consultative Committee may express its views in the form of reports or resolutions, as appropriate.
3. The EEA Consultative Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure.