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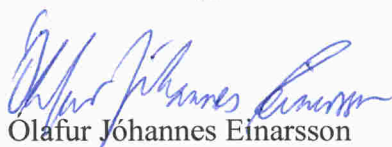
On 20 January 2017, the EFTA Surveillance Authority (the Authority) received the reply from the Norwegian Government to its letter of formal notice of 25 October 2016 concerning the posting of workers.

The Authority takes note of Norway's submissions provided in the reply. In particular, the Authority was pleased to note that the Norwegian Government believes that the letter of formal notice provides a basis for finding a solution in conformity with Directive 96/71/EC.

The Norwegian Government is invited to inform the Authority, by *10 April 2017*, of the results of the negotiations between the social partners and whether the Government is considering taking more active steps to ensure that the Norwegian rules comply with the requirements of Directive 96/71/EC. Moreover, the Authority would like to be informed of the result of the work of the commission appointed by the Federation of Norwegian Industries and the Federation of Trade Unions, which according to the reply is to be completed by 1 May 2017.

Finally, the Authority reiterates that it welcomes the fact that the Norwegian Government considers that a solution can be found and the Authority remains available to discuss the matter if this can facilitate finding the appropriate solution.

Yours faithfully,



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