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ADDENDUM TO THE “I/A” ITEM NOTE

from: ACP Working Party
to: Permanent Representatives Committee / Council

Subject: Relations with the ACP States and the OCT
– Discharge to be given to the Commission in respect of the financial management of the 8th, 9th and 10th European Development Funds (financial year 2011)
- Statement by the United Kingdom

Statement by the United Kingdom to be included in the minutes of the Council

The delegation of the United Kingdom indicates that while the Government of the United Kingdom acknowledges the adoption of the Discharge to be given to the Commission in respect of the financial management of the 8th, 9th and 10th European Development Funds (financial year 2011), due to Parliamentary commitments they maintain a parliamentary scrutiny reservation, which cannot be lifted before the meeting of the Council on 21 March 2013. Consequently, the United Kingdom intends to abstain from voting on the adoption of the Decision.