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from: Political and Security Committee
on: 26 March 2013
to: Permanent Representatives Committee

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Subject: Amendment No 2 to the Three-year Action Programme for the African Peace Facility, 2011-2013 (10th EDF)

I. Introduction

1. The ACP-EU African Peace Facility (APF) was created on 11 December 2003 by Decision No 3/2003 of the ACP-EC Council of Ministers¹ and financed initially by the 9th European Development Fund (EDF).
2. Under the 10th EDF, EUR 300 million were earmarked for funding the APF for the period 2008-2010².

¹ OJ L 345, 31.12.2003, p.108.

² Council Regulation (EC) No 617/2007 of 14 May 2007 on the implementation of the 10th European Development Fund under the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement (OJ L 152, 13.06.2007, p.1).

3. To finance the African Peace Facility for the period 2011-2013, an initial amount of EUR 300 million was released in May 2011³, and an additional amount of EUR 126.2 million was released in September 2012⁴.
4. The Commission and the EEAS estimate that with current resources, the APF could only provide funding until 31 May 2013. After that date, the APF envelope for Peace Support Operations (PSO) would be depleted.
5. A second replenishment of the APF for the period 2011-2013 is urgent in order to continue to provide funding for the remaining seven months of 2013. Therefore, it is proposed to replenish the APF PSO envelope with an additional EUR 115 million from the 10th EDF reserves, channelled through the Regional Indicative Programme for Eastern and Southern Africa-Indian Ocean.

II. Three-year Action Programme for the APF, 2011-2013, and 2nd amendment for 2012-2013

6. In accordance with Article 12 of the 10th EDF Implementation Regulation⁵, the Commission has drawn up an Action Programme for 2011 to 2013 concerning the implementation arrangements of the African Peace Facility.

The Action Programme sets out specific procedures for implementation, and serves as a basis for the financing agreement concluded between the Commission and the African Union.

³ Council Conclusions of 18 May 2011, doc. 10342/11.

⁴ Document 13935/12.

⁵ OJ L 152, 13.6.2007, p. 1.

7. The current Action Programme for 2011-2013⁶ was amended a first time to include the additional amount of EUR 126.2 million released in September 2012. In order to include an additional EUR 115 million to cover 2012-2013 needs, the Commission proposed a second amendment to the Action Programme which was:
- discussed and agreed by the ACP Working Party on 25 March 2013, and
 - endorsed by the Political and Security Committee on 26 March 2013.
8. Coreper is invited to approve by a qualified majority as defined in Article 8(3) of the Internal Agreement⁷, the text of the amendments to the Action Programme as set out in document 7770/13, it being understood that, in application of Article 12(b) of the Regulation on the implementation of the 10th EDF, the text will be forwarded to the Commission for adoption⁸.
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⁶ Document 10861/11.

⁷ OJ L 247, 9.9.2006, p. 32.

⁸ Article 12(b) provides that the Action Programme and any changes thereto, shall be discussed by the relevant preparatory Council working groups and the Political and Security Committee and approved by Coreper before being adopted by the Commission.

N.B.: The provisions of Article 12 were extended to cover the period 2012-2013 by Council Conclusions of 24 September 2012, doc. 13935/12.