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“I/A” ITEM NOTE

From: ACP Working Party

To: Permanent Representatives Committee / Council

No. Cion prop.: 6693/13 - COM (2013) 86 final

Subject: Draft Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union with regard to the adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the EPA Committee, the Customs Cooperation Committee and the Joint Development Committee provided for by the Interim Agreement establishing a framework for an Economic Partnership Agreement between the Eastern and Southern Africa States, on the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, on the other part
- Adoption

COMMON GUIDELINES

Consultation deadline for Croatia: 19.04.2013

1. On 19 February 2013, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for the above Decision¹.
2. The ACP Working Party discussed the abovementioned proposal, and agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision on 21 March 2013.

¹ Document 6693/13.

3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council adopt, as an “A” item, the text set out in document 7768/13 ACP 39 WTO 74 COAFR 95 OC 161, after finalisation by the legal/linguistic experts, which will serve as a basis for negotiations in the EPA Committee set up by the Interim Agreement establishing a framework for an Economic Partnership Agreement between the Eastern and Southern Africa States, on the one part, and the European Community and its Member States on the other part.
