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NOTE

from:	ACP Working Party
to:	Permanent Representatives Committee / Council
No. Cion prop.:	18480/11 - COM(2011) 836 final
Subject:	Draft Council Decision on the position to be adopted by the European Union within the ACP-EU Council of Ministers concerning the multiannual financial framework for the period 2014 to 2020 of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement - Adoption

COMMON GUIDELINES
Consultation deadline for Croatia: 24.05.2013

1. The current EU financial support to the ACP countries (Annex I to the Cotonou Agreement: the Financial Protocol) expires on 31 December 2013. On 12 December 2011 the Commission presented a proposal¹ concerning a Council Decision for adopting the EU position within the ACP-EU Council of Ministers aiming at supplementing Annex I to the Cotonou Agreement with an additional financial protocol for the 2014-2020 multiannual financial framework.

¹ Doc. 18480/11.

2. On 7 May 2013, after several months of discussion, the ACP Working party reached agreement on a compromise proposal as set out in document number 9164/13 finalized by the Legal experts. Subject to Coreper confirmation, this text can now be examined and adopted by Council.
 3. The EU will then be ready to present its position within the ACP-EU Council on 6 and 7 June 2013, and adopt a decision jointly with the ACP partners, in accordance with the rules and procedures set out in the Cotonou Agreement.
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