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from: ACP Working Party
to: Permanent Representatives Committee

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Subject: Internal Agreement between the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Union, meeting within the Council, on the financing of European Union aid under the multiannual financial framework for the period 2014 to 2020, in accordance with the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement, and on the allocation of financial assistance for the Overseas Countries and Territories to which Part Four of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU applies

COMMON GUIDELINES

Orientation deadline for Croatia: 24.05.2013

1. On 12 December 2011 the Commission presented a Communication¹ for the preparation of the multiannual financial framework regarding the financing of EU cooperation for African, Caribbean and Pacific States and Overseas Countries and Territories for the 2014-2020 period (11th European Development Fund).

¹ Doc. 18431/11.

2. The European Development Fund (EDF) is the main instrument for delivering EU assistance for development cooperation under the Cotonou Agreement with ACP States and for financing EU cooperation with the Overseas Countries and Territories under the Overseas Association Decision, and is currently funded outside the EU budget by EU Member States on the basis of specific contribution keys.
3. The Commission's Communication described the main elements that could figure in the Internal Agreement for a possible 11th EDF, but it did not contain a formal Commission proposal to be adopted by the Council. In this Communication the Commission invited the Member States to consider its suggestions.
4. On that basis, the Presidency submitted to the ACP Working Party a draft Internal Agreement, which was updated in line with the European Council Conclusions of 8 February 2013 indicating a total amount for the 11th EDF and the repartition of financial contributions among Member States.
5. On 7 May 2013, the ACP Working Party agreed on a compromise solution.
6. Coreper is invited to confirm the agreement as set out in document 8021/13 finalized by the Legal and Linguistic experts with a view to submitting it for signature to the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Union, meeting within the Council.
