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“I/A” ITEM NOTE

from: ACP Working Party
On: 14 May 2013
to: Permanent Representatives Committee / Council

No. Cion prop.: 9401/13 - COM(2013) 272 final

Subject: Draft Council Decision on the position to be adopted by the European Union within the ACP-EU Council of Ministers concerning the status of the Federal Republic of Somalia in relation to the Partnership Agreement between the members of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part
- Adoption

COMMON GUIDELINES

Orientation deadline for Croatia: 24.05.2013

1. On 8 March 2013, the Federal Republic of Somalia presented a request for accession to the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement¹.
2. Article 94 of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement provides that any request for accession by a State is to be presented to, and approved by, the ACP-EU Council of Ministers.

¹ Doc. 7739/13

- 3 On 8 May 2013 the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be adopted by the European Union within the ACP-EU Council of Ministers concerning the status of the Federal Republic of Somalia in relation to the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement¹.
4. The ACP Working Party agreed the text of the draft Council Decision on 14 May 2013.
5. In accordance with Article 1 of the Internal Agreement for the implementation of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement², this decision should be adopted by the Council acting unanimously.
6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council, as an "A" item on its agenda:
 - adopt the draft Decision set out in document 9444/13 ACP 71 RELEX 390 COAFR 147 OC 290 after finalisation by legal/linguistic experts;
 - order the publication of the abovementioned document in the Official Journal of the European Union.

¹ Doc. 9401/13

² Internal Agreement between the representatives of the governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, of 18 September 2000 on measures to be taken and procedures to be followed for the implementation of the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement (OJ L 317 of 15.12.2000, p. 376), as amended by Internal Agreement between the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, of 2 April 2006 amending the Internal Agreement of 18 September 2000 on measures to be taken and procedures to be followed for the implementation of the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement (OJ L 247 of 9.9.2006, p. 48).