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from: ACP Working Party  
to: Permanent Representatives Committee / Council

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Subject: Draft Council Decision on the financial contributions to be paid by the Member States to finance the European Development Fund in 2013, including the 2nd instalment 2013  
- Adoption

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1. On 11 June 2013, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the financial contributions to be paid by the Member States to finance the European Development Fund concerning the second instalment for 2013<sup>1</sup>.
2. Under Article 57(3) of the Financial Regulation applicable to the 10th European Development Fund (EDF)<sup>2</sup>, the Council shall decide on the proposal at the latest 21 calendar days following the presentation by the Commission, and the Member States must pay the second instalment of contributions at the latest 21 calendar days following the date on which the Council Decision was notified to them.

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. 10765/13.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 78, 19.3.2008, p. 1.

3. On 1 July 2013, the ACP Working Party agreed on a revised text lowering the initial Commission proposal by 150 000 000 EURO. The revised draft decision also reflects the reduction by the same amount in the annual contributions by Member States to the EDF for 2013 with respect to the forecasts made in October 2012<sup>3</sup>.
4. The Commission can agree on this revised text.
5. The Working Party recommends that the Permanent Representatives Committee invite the Council to:
  - adopt, as an "A" item on its agenda, the draft Council Decision set out in document 10995/13, acting by the qualified majority provided for in Article 8(2) of the Internal Agreement applicable to the 10th EDF<sup>4</sup>,
  - insert in its minutes the statement made jointly by France, Germany and the United Kingdom as attached to this note.

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<sup>3</sup> Doc. 15521/12 (p. 9).

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 247, 9.9.2006, p. 32, and Council Decision of 16 July 2007 modifying the Internal Agreement to include Bulgaria and Romania: OJ L 202, 3.8.2007, p. 35.

Joint Statement by France, Germany and the United Kingdom  
to be included in the Council's minutes

"France, Germany and the United Kingdom expect that there be no further reductions of payments in 2013 and that the balance carried over to 2014 will not increase further. We also request that, in the unlikely event of reductions in the ceiling amount in 2014, they are applied to the second instalment in order to accommodate Member States' different financial reporting years."

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