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

No. Cion prop.: 11379/13 - COM(2013) 439 final

Subject: Draft Council Decision extending the period of application of the appropriate measures in Decision 2011/492/EU concerning Guinea-Bissau and amending that Decision
- Adoption

1. On 18 July 2011, the Council of the European Union decided to take appropriate measures following the conclusion of the consultations held with the Republic of Guinea-Bissau under Article 96 of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement by means of Council Decision 2011/492/EU¹. These measures were applicable for a period of 12 months and their period of application has been subsequently extended until 19 July 2013 by means of Council Decision 2012/387/EU² of 16 July 2012.

¹ OJ L 203, 6.8.2011, p. 2.

² OJ L 187, 17.7.2012, p. 1.

2. On 20 June 2013, the Commission forwarded to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision extending the period of application of the appropriate measures in Decision 2011/492/EU concerning the conclusion of consultations with the Republic of Guinea-Bissau under Article 96 of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement³.
3. The ACP Working Party discussed the abovementioned proposal and agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision on 25 June 2013.
4. In accordance with paragraph 3 of the Annex to the Internal Agreement for the implementation of the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement⁴, the Decision should be adopted by the Council acting by qualified majority.
5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council, as an “A” item on its agenda:
 - adopt the Decision, as set out in document 11577/13 ACP 99 COAFR 201 PESC 788 RELEX 584 after finalisation by the legal/linguistic experts;
 - agree to communicate the letter in the Annex to this Decision to the authorities of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau;
 - decide to publish the Decision and attached notification letter in the Official Journal of the European Union.

³ Doc. 11379/13.

⁴ 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 the Internal Agreement between the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, of 10 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).