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

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Subject: Draft Council Decision amending Council Decision 2007/641/EC, concerning the Republic of Fiji and extending the period of application thereof  
- Adoption

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1. On 1 October 2007, the Council of the European Union decided to take appropriate measures following the conclusion of the consultations held with the Republic of Fiji under Article 96 of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement by means of Council Decision 2007/641/EC<sup>1</sup>. These measures were applicable for a period of 24 months and have been subsequently extended and adapted on five occasions, lastly by means of Council Decision 2012/523/EU of 24 September 2012<sup>2</sup>, which will expire on 30 September 2013.
2. On 23 August 2013, the Commission forwarded to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision adapting the measures and extending their period of application for a further period of 18 months (until 31 March 2015), with a draft letter to the President of the Republic of Fiji attached thereto<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 260, 5.10.2007, p. 15.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 263, 28.09.2012, p. 2.

<sup>3</sup> Doc. 13123/13.

3. The ACP Working Party discussed the abovementioned proposal and agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision on 11 September 2013.
4. In accordance with Paragraph 3 of the Annex to the Internal Agreement on the implementation of the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement<sup>4</sup>, 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 13522/13 ACP 143 COASI 128 PESC 1061 RELEX 797 after finalisation by the legal/linguistic experts;
  - agree to send the letter attached to that Decision to the President of the Republic of Fiji;
  - decide to publish the Decision and attached letter in the Official Journal of the European Union.

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<sup>4</sup> 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).