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NOTE

from:	General Secretariat of the Council
to :	Delegations
Subject:	Meeting of the European Parliament's Committee on Development (DEVE) on 30 September 2013

The meeting was chaired by Mrs. Joly, Greens/EFA, FR. The agenda was adopted. The Coordinators' decisions and recommendations of 17 September 2013 were adopted (item 2 of the agenda. There were no announcements by nor questions to the Commission (item 4 and 5)

3. Chair's announcements

The Chair briefed the Committee on the latest state of play with regard to the investigations on suspicions of corruption related to the Kabul Bank and on the political situation in Afghanistan. She stated that the security conditions in Afghanistan had not improved. She referred to the presidential elections to take place in April 2014, for which there was one sole candidate at the moment

6. Climate change from the perspective of Bangladesh : vulnerability and expectations in relation to the climate conference in Warsaw (COP 19)

Exchange of views with members of the Bangladeshi delegation to the international climate negotiations

The representatives of the Bangladeshi delegation outlined the factors of exposure and vulnerability of their country to climate change and the possible areas of cooperation with the EU. They referred in particular to the severity of droughts and of cyclonic storms on coasts, which affects the health, lives and livelihoods of the people living in those regions and raises the proneness to hunger and famine. He mentioned the national five-year plans implemented to counter climate change and promote adaptation. He stated however that adaptation to climate change had its limits and that more should be done on mitigation. He advocated the EU taking the lead on this issue at international level as it had successfully already done in 1992 in Kyoto.

The Commission representative stated that both the issues of adaptation and mitigation had to be addressed and outlined the content of the EU aid programmes in this field. On mitigation, he made clear that the level of ambitions on targets would depend on the international negotiations and that all international partners had to make efforts by making pledges. He called for a legally binding agreement to be reached in 2015 with the objective of keeping global warming below 2 degrees. He stressed the need to make progress on accounting rules of climate change objectives. He announced a new programme of assistance currently under preparation by the Commission services.

7. Social-economic developments in Cape Verde and its EU relations

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The Chair Ms. Joly noted that there were strong links between the EU and the Republic of Cape Verde, stressed that inequalities were still high and praised the successes reached in the fight against drug traffickers and organized crime in this country. The Chair of the AFET committee M. Brok praised the country as an economic success story and stressed that the country was now a middle-income country and had made good progress towards reaching the MDGs.

Mr Jorge Carlos Fonseca, President of the Republic of Cape Verde stated that the special partnership with the EU had to be based on values and had to be deepened to go beyond the Cotonou agreement. He outlined a series of sectors in which the cooperation ought to be developed.

The EEAS representative congratulated the President on his country's important achievements in terms of democratic stability, fight against poverty and social development. He recalled the elements of the intense cooperation and of the special partnership with this country. He mentioned the good progress achieved on the implementation of the Special Partnership, especially in the fields of mobility/migration, security, governance, information society and fight against poverty. He further referred among the concrete results, to the recent signature of Visa Facilitation and Readmission agreements, and to the commitment to establish a reinforced cooperation in the security and stability area.

In response to comments and questions by MEPs, the President of the Republic of Cape Verde agreed that his country had a specific role to play in the context of the ACP Joint Parliamentary Assembly and stated his willingness to be a useful and reliable partner of the EU in the region.

8. 2013 United Nations Climate Change Conference - COP 19 / CMP 9 - in Warsaw, Poland (11-22 November 2013)

The draft opinion (Rapporteur for the opinion: Mrs. Sargentini, Greens/EFA, NL) was adopted.

9. General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2014 - all sections

The draft opinion (Rapporteur for the opinion: Mr Cortés Lastra (S&D), responsible committee: BUDG) was adopted.

10. Prevention of the use of the financial system for the purpose of money laundering and terrorist financing

The draft opinion (Rapporteur for the opinion: Mr Newton Dunn (ADLE), responsible committee: LIBE, was adopted.

11. EU guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under financing operations supporting investment projects outside the Union

The draft opinion (Rapporteur for the opinion: Mr Dan Preda (EPP), responsible committee: BUDG, was adopted.

12. Any other business

13. Next meeting(s)

- 3 October 2013, 9.35 – 9.55 and 9.55 – 12.00 (Brussels)

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14. Sakharov Prize 2013 : Indicative vote to produce a list of three candidates to forward to the Conference of Presidents

In camera
