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from: ACP Working Party

to: Permanent Representatives Committee / Council

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Subject: Draft Council Decision on the position to be taken by the European Union within the ACP-EU Council of Ministers concerning the status of the Republic of South Sudan 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

Consultation deadline for Croatia: 7.6.2012

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1. On 20 March 2012, the Republic of South Sudan presented a request for accession to the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement and a request for observer status, enabling it to participate in the joint institutions set up by that Agreement, until the accession procedure is completed<sup>1</sup>.
2. Article 94 of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement stipulates that any request for accession by a State is to be presented to, and approved by, the ACP-EU Council of Ministers.

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. 8160/12

- 3 On 14 May 2012 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 Republic of South Sudan in relation to the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement<sup>2</sup>.
4. The ACP Working Party agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision on 23 May 2012.
5. In accordance with Article 1 of the Internal Agreement for the implementation of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement<sup>3</sup>, 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 10389/12 ACP 81 PTOM 17 COAFR 132, after finalisation by legal/linguistic experts;
  - order the publication of the abovementioned document in the Official Journal of the European Union.

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<sup>2</sup> Doc. 9947/12

<sup>3</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 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).