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

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Subject: Draft Council Decision amending Decision 2001/822/EC on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Community ("the Overseas Association Decision") - Adoption

**COMMON GUIDELINES**  
**Consultation deadline for Croatia: 19.09.2012**

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1. In accordance with the decision by the European Council on 29 October 2010 amending the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the French collectivity of Saint-Barthélemy, formerly an outermost region of the European Union, became an overseas country or territory associated with the European Union on 1 January 2012.
2. On 17 February 2012, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal to amend Decision 2001/822/EC on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Community ("the Overseas Association Decision") to take account of the amendment of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. 6682/12

3. In accordance with Article 203 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the Council consulted the European Parliament, which established its position on 3 July 2012.
4. The ACP Working Party discussed the Commission proposal and agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision on 17 July 2012.
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 12883/12 PTOM 37 ACP 150 FIN 586;
  - decide to publish the Decision in the Official Journal of the European Union.

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