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From: ACP Working Party

To: Permanent Representatives Committee / Council

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Subject: Draft Council Decision amending and extending the period of application of Decision 2007/641/EC on the conclusion of consultations with the Republic of the Fiji Islands under Article 96 of the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement and Article 37 of the Development Cooperation Instrument  
- Adoption

**COMMON GUIDELINES**

**Consultation deadline for Croatia: 21.9.2012**

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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 the Fiji Islands under Article 96 of the ACP-EC 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 four occasions, lastly by means of Council Decision 2011/637/EU of 26 September 2011<sup>2</sup>, which will expire on 30 September 2012.

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

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 252, 28.09.2011, p. 1.

2. On 22 August 2012, 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 12 months(until 30 September 2013), with a draft letter to the President of the Republic of the Fiji Islands attached thereto<sup>1</sup>.
3. The ACP Working Party discussed the abovementioned proposal and agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision on 7 September 2012.
4. In accordance with Paragraph 3 of the Annex to the Internal Agreement on the implementation of the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement<sup>2</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 13567/12 ACP 167 COASI 151 PESC 1067 RELEX 789 OC 478 after finalisation by the legal/linguistic experts;
  - agree to send the letter attached to that Decision to the President of the Republic of the Fiji Islands;
  - decide to publish the Decision and attached letter in the Official Journal of the European Union.

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. 13204/12.

<sup>2</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).