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from: ACP Working Party
on 18 September 2012
to Permanent Representatives Committee / Council

Subject: African Peace Facility (APF) - Endorsement of African Union requests

1. The ACP-EU African Peace Facility (APF) was created on 11 December 2003 by Decision No 3/2003 of the ACP-EC Council of Ministers¹.
2. The Implementation Regulation applicable to the 10th EDF² earmarked EUR 300 million for funding the African Peace Facility for the period 2008-2010.
3. An additional amount of EUR 300 million was released in 2011³ to finance the African Peace Facility for the period 2011-2013.

¹ OJ L 345, 31.12.2003, p.108.

² Council Regulation (EC) No 617/2007 of 14 May 2007 on the implementation of the 10th European Development Fund under the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement (OJ L 152, 13.06.2007, p.1).

³ Council Conclusions of 18 May 2011, doc. 10342/11.

4. On 12 April 2012, the African Union, to continue supporting AMISOM operations in Somalia, sent a request to the Commission for the replenishment of APF funds by reallocating EUR 100 million from the 10th EDF, and a second request, on 11 May 2012, for transferring uncommitted EUR 26.4 million from the 2008-2010 period. The Commission subsequently forwarded these requests to the Council⁴.
5. Taking into account the fact that, in the light of the new requests from the African Union, the additional amount foreseen in 2011 for the African Peace Facility under the 10th EDF for 2011-2013 is likely to be exhausted this year (2012), the Council, on 24 September 2012 adopted Conclusions allowing a second replenishment of EUR 126,4 million for the period 2012 -2013⁵.
6. In accordance with Article 12 of the Implementation Regulation applicable to the 10th EDF, the Commission prepared a Three-Year Action Plan for 2011-2013, following a formal request by the African Union endorsed by the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors on 16 June 2011. As a consequence of the second replenishment of APF funds, the Commission should now revise the current Plan of Action following the same procedure under Article 12 of the 10th EDF Implementation Regulation.
7. On 18 September 2012, the ACP Working Party examined the letters of the African Union and agreed that the requests should be endorsed.
8. COREPER is invited to submit to the Council the letters attached to this Note, and to suggest that the Council:
 - takes note of the request made by the African Union, and
 - agrees that the position of the EU, within the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors, will be in favour of endorsing the African Union's request.

⁴ Copy of the original letters from the African Union were forwarded by the Commission to the Council Secretariat on 23 May: see document 11678/12.

⁵ 13935/12.

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Addis Ababa, 12 April 2012

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Dear Mr. Mosca,

RE: REQUEST FOR REPLENISHMENT OF THE AFRICAN PEACE FACILITY (APF)

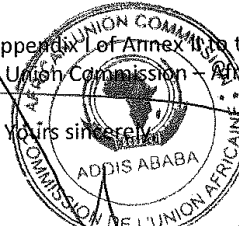
In its Note Verbale of 10 November 2011, the AUC requested the European Commission to provide €67,000,000 to the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) for the period of 1 February – 31 July 2012 (AMISOM VII). This funding was requested to meet the needs of AMISOM which are not covered by the UN logistical support package nor by the UN AMISOM Trust Fund.

Based on the utilization of the Peace Support Operations (PSO) envelope of the €300 million APF EDF X package so far and considering the EU commitment to continue supporting AMISOM operations in Somalia in 2012 and beyond, it has come to our attention that currently, there are no sufficient funds in the APF PSO envelope to support AMISOM operations for the envisaged period.

Full financing of AMISOM operations is however deemed essential, particularly now that a progressive scale up of the operation from 12,000 to 17,731 troops during 2012 was approved by the UNSC Resolution 2036 adopted on 22 February 2012, generating extra costs for the operation. The AUC therefore requests for the replenishment of the APF by reallocating an amount of €100 million from the general reserves of the 10th EDF to the Peace Support operations envelope of the APF. K

This request is predicated on the need to sustain the achievements made by AMISOM and the TFG Forces over the past months and in line EU's comprehensive and long term approach to support security and development efforts in Somalia.

The request is made in line with Appendix I of Annex IV to the Financing Agreement between the European Commission and the African Union Commission – African Peace Facility EDF X.


 Yours sincerely,
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cc: Commissioner, Peace and Security
Head of Delegation, European Union, Addis Ababa

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Addis Ababa, 11 May 2012

Dear Mrs. Mosca

I refer to the Financing Agreement for the African Peace Facility (APF) signed on 2 February 2009 between the African Union and the European Commission aimed at supporting peace, stability and security in Africa and providing the basis for long-term sustainable development.

It has come to our attention that an amount of approximately €26,200,000 has remained uncommitted in the APF 3 Year Action Programme 2008-2010 following the expiry of the deadline for contracting on 2 February, 2012. These funds were allocated to the following components within the APF 3 Year Action Programme 2008-2010:

- Peace Support Operations-estimated balance €9,000,000;
- Capacity Building-estimated balance €11,400,000; and
- Contingencies-estimated balance €5,800,00.

In consideration of the increased funding requirements of activities funded through the African Peace Facility and in view of the possibility within the 10th EDF procedures to recommit the residual funds to the current APF 3 Year Action Programme 2011-2013, the AUC would like to request the EC to proceed with the recommitment of these funds.

The AUC would like to propose that the residual funds under the 3 Year Action Programme 2008-2010 are reallocated to the same components of the APF 3 Year Action Programme 2011-2013.

I want to thank you once again for the collaboration and support we have always received from you and your services.

I thank you.

Yours faithfully,

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