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At the meeting of 24 September 2012, the Council adopted the Conclusions set out in the Annex to this note.

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**Council Conclusions**  
**on the replenishment of the African Peace Facility**  
**for the period 2012 - 2013**

1. The African Peace Facility was originally established in 2003<sup>1</sup> in order to provide a predictable source of funding to support the African Peace and Security Agenda.
2. The initial amount of EUR 300 million for the African Peace Facility foreseen in the 10th EDF Implementing Regulation<sup>2</sup> and the additional amount of EUR 300 million released for the Facility in 2011<sup>3</sup> are likely to be exhausted this year.
3. The ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors, when adopting the Decision on reassigning part of the unallocated resources of the 10th European Development Fund (EDF) to Intra-ACP cooperation, earmarked an additional amount of EUR 100 million for the African Peace Facility.
4. Furthermore, an amount of EUR 26.4 million of residual funds under the African Peace Facility Three Year Action Programme 2008-2010 can be made available for the period 2012-2013.
5. These amounts are necessary to replenish the African Peace Facility and should be released in order to finance the African Peace Facility for the period 2012 to 2013.

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<sup>1</sup> Decision No 3/2003 of the ACP-EC Council of Ministers of 11 December 2003 on the use of resources from the long-term development envelope of the ninth EDF for the creation of a Peace Facility for Africa (OJ L 345, 31.12.2003, p.108).

<sup>2</sup> 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, 13.6.2007, p.1).

<sup>3</sup> Doc. 10342/11.

6. The Commission is invited to pursue the implementation of the Facility in accordance with the specific procedures laid down in Article 12 of the 10th EDF Implementing Regulation. Should further amounts be made available for the African Peace Facility by the end of 2013, the abovementioned procedures shall also apply.
7. The Council recalls that the objective of the African Peace Facility is to support African Union and regional organizations' efforts to address security challenges across Africa. In reviewing future requests for use or replenishment of African Peace Facility funds, the EEAS and the Commission are invited to consider the full range of potential future demands for use of the African Peace Facility, and African and EU priorities, and the need to address such requests.
8. The Council, recalling its declaration of 11 April 2006<sup>1</sup>, reiterates that funding, alternative to the funding from the European Development Fund, will have to be considered.

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. 8385/06 Annex II.