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from: ACP Working Party
on: 5 October 2012
to: Permanent Representatives Committee / Council

No. Cion prop.: 11959/08 - COM(2008) 446 final

Subject: Proposal for a Council Decision concluding the interim agreement with a view to an Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Central Africa Party, of the other part
- Request by the Council for consent of the European Parliament

1. On 11 July 2008, the Commission presented to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the signature and provisional application of the interim agreement with a view to an Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Central Africa Party, of the other part. On the same day the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision concluding the Agreement.
2. On 20 November 2008, the Council adopted a decision on the signing and provisional application of the Agreement. The Agreement was signed on 15 January 2009.

3. The Agreement as signed, in all language versions contained Annex III "Customs duties on products originating in the European Community" in French. Following a corrigendum that was finalised on 1 September 2012¹ in all language versions other than French, this annex was replaced with an annex in a corresponding language.
4. Following this corrigendum, on 5 October 2012 the ACP Working Party agreed to forward the draft Decision concluding the interim agreement with a view to an Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Central Africa Party, of the other part, to the European Parliament for consent.
5. In preparation for the conclusion of the agreement, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to suggest that, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, the Council decide to forward the draft Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement, as set out, following finalisation by the Legal/Linguistic experts in document 14757/12, as well as the text of the Agreement as already contained in 12122/08 REV 1 and 13485/11 + ADD 1-2, to the European Parliament for consent.

¹ Doc. 13485/11 + ADD 1-2