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

No. Cion prop.: 15249/12- COM(2012) 597 final

Subject: Draft Council decision on the financial contributions to be paid by the Member States to finance the European Development Fund (3rd instalment 2012)
- Adoption
COMMON GUIDELINES
Consultation deadline for Croatia: 12.11.2012

1. On 22 October 2012, the Commission sent a proposal for a Council Decision fixing the financial contributions to be paid by the Member States contributing to the European Development Fund (3rd instalment for 2012)¹. The proposal is based on Articles 57(5) and 157 of the Financial Regulation applicable to the 10th EDF, under which the Council must decide, by a qualified majority as provided for in the Internal Agreement, on this instalment within twenty-one calendar days of the Commission's submission of its proposal.
2. The ACP Working Party has considered the Commission proposal and, following discussions, on 24 October 2012 all delegations agreed to it.

¹ 15249/12- COM(2012) 597 final.

3. The ACP Working Party agreed to recommend that the Permanent Representatives Committee invite the Council, acting by qualified majority provided for in Article 8 of the Internal Agreement applicable to the 10th EDF², to adopt the Decision, as set out in document 15522/12, under the "A" items of its Agenda.

² OJ L 247, 9.9.2006, p. 32, as modified by Council Decision of 16 July 2007 (OJ L 205, 3.8.2007, p. 35).