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from: ACP Working Party

to Permanent Representatives Committee / Council

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Subject: Draft Council Decision on the financial contributions to be paid by the Member States to finance the European Development Fund in 2013 and 2014, including the first instalment for 2013
- Adoption

COMMON GUIDELINES

Consultation deadline for Croatia: 12.11.2012

1. On 22 October 2012 the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision establishing the financial contributions to be paid by the Member States to finance the European Development Fund (EDF) regarding:

- the ceiling of the contribution for 2014,
- the annual amount of the contribution for 2013,
- the amount of the first instalment of the contribution for 2013 (to be payed by Member States before 21 January 2013).

This proposal, based on Article 57(2) and 58 of the Financial Regulation applicable to the 10th EDF¹, sets the ceiling for the annual amount of 2014 at EUR 3 250 000 000 for the Commission, and at EUR 360 000 000 for the European Investment Bank (EIB); the annual amount of contributions for 2013 at EUR 3 100 000 000 for the Commission, and at EUR 250 000 000 for the EIB; and the first instalment for 2013 at EUR 1 850 000 000 for the Commission, and at EUR 100 000 000 for the EIB.

2. EDF contributions for 2013 will consist mostly of funds coming from the 10th EDF (to which all 27 Member States contribute) and a minor part coming from the leftover of the 9th EDF to finance the EIB Investment Facility (to which only 15 Member States contribute)².
3. The ACP Working Party discussed the Commission proposal and, on 26 October 2012, unanimously reached an agreement in line with the Commission's figures.
4. The Working Party agreed to recommend that the Permanent Representatives Committee invite the Council, acting by qualified majority provided for in Article 8.3 of the Internal Agreement applicable to the 10th EDF³, to adopt the Decision, as set out in document 15524/12, under the "A" items of its Agenda.

¹ OJ L 78 of 19.03.2008, p.1.

² Article 58(2) of the Financial Regulation applicable to 10th EDF states that "*calls for contributions shall first use up the amounts laid down for previous EDFs, one after the other*".

³ OJ L 247 of 9.09.2006, p.32.