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Subject:	Financing of the African Peace Facility (APF) for the period mid-2016 to end 2018

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 Ministers<sup>1</sup>.
2. The financing of the APF is ensured through the European Development Fund (EDF). According to the latest estimates, meeting the APF financing needs for the activities currently envisaged during the period mid-2016-2018, will require additional funds estimated at EUR 685 million (EUR 150 million for 2016, EUR 340 million for 2017 and EUR 195 million for 2018), to which an additional EUR 25 million<sup>2</sup> (representing 3.45% of the needs) should be added for the management of these funds by the Commission (support expenditure). The total amount needed is therefore EUR 710 million (EUR 155 million for 2016 and EUR 555 million for 2017-18).

<sup>1</sup> OJ L 345, 31.12.2003, p.108.

<sup>2</sup> This amount may vary according to scenarios, because the additional Commission expenditure (3.45%) is only needed for the management of the decommitted funds. For the management of 11th EDF funds, the corresponding Commission expenditure is already included in the total amount agreed for the 11th EDF in the 11th EDF Internal Agreement.

3. In its conclusions from 7 July 2015, PSC agreed on the need to improve the predictability of the financing of the APF and invited EEAS/Commission services to make concrete proposals.
4. Subsequently, the Commission initial proposal to finance EUR 710 million for the APF up to end 2018 by using decommitted funds from previous EDFs (8th, 9th and 10th EDF - the so-called 'réserve non-mobilisable'), together with a number of other proposals (pulling funds from 10th and 11th EDF in various proportions ) was discussed at the ACP and COAFR Working Parties at the beginning of the year as well as by the PSC on a number of occasions.
5. Given that those discussions did not lead to an agreement, Coreper was seized to discuss on 4 May 2016 the financing of the APF on the basis of the options for financing mentioned above. While a number of delegations repeated the difficulties with agreeing on any of the three initial options for financing, they have shown flexibility towards reaching a compromise agreement.
6. In the light of this, the following compromise proposal aimed to ensure the financing of the African Peace Facility for the period mid -2016 until end 2018 has been put forward by the Presidency (c.f. Annex):
  - EUR 500 million through the use of the decommitments from the 10th EDF;
  - EUR 100 million from resources of the 11th EDF Intra-ACP envelope;
  - EUR 110 million from 11th EDF National Indicative Programmes (NIPs) / Regional Indicative Programmes (RIPs),

on the understanding that, as mentioned in footnote 2, the final figures will be slightly lower due to reduced Commission support expenditures. The expected Commission explanatory note will show these corrected figures.

7. Coreper is invited to agree on the above proposal.

Source of funds: (EUR million)				
decommitments		Reserves		
8/9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> Intra-ACP	11 <sup>th</sup> NIP/RIP	
0	500	100	110	