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Subject: Draft Council Decision on the financial contributions to be paid by Member States to finance the European Development Fund, including the ceiling for 2015, the amount for 2014 and the first instalment for 2014  
- Adoption

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1. On 28 October 2013, 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 2015,
  - the annual amount of the contribution for 2014,
  - the amount of the first instalment of the contribution for 2014 (to be paid by Member States before 21 January 2014).

This proposal, based on Article 57(2) and 58 of the Financial Regulation applicable to the 10th EDF<sup>1</sup>, sets the ceiling for the annual amount of 2015 at EUR 3 300 000 000 for the Commission, and at EUR 300 000 000 for the European Investment Bank (EIB); the annual amount of contributions for 2014 at EUR 3 100 000 000 for the Commission, and at EUR 150 000 000 for the EIB; and the first instalment for 2014 at EUR 2 000 000 000 for the Commission.

2. EDF contributions for 2014 will consist mostly of funds coming from the 10th EDF (to which 27 Member States contribute) and a minor part coming from the leftover of the 9th EDF (to which only 15 Member States contribute)<sup>2</sup> to finance the Investment Facility managed by the EIB.
3. The ACP Working Party examined the Commission proposal and agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision on 4 November 2013.
4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council, as an "A" item on its agenda, adopt the Decision, as set out in document 15699/13, acting by the qualified majority provided for in Article 8 of the Internal Agreement applicable to the 10th EDF<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 78 of 19.03.2008, p.1.

<sup>2</sup> 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*".

<sup>3</sup> 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).