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From: ACP Working Party

To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Draft Council Decision extending the validity of Decision 2012/96/EU
- Adoption

1. On 18 February 2002, the Council of the European Union decided to take appropriate measures following the conclusion of the consultations held with Zimbabwe under Article 96 of the Cotonou Agreement by means of Council Decision 2002/148/EC¹. These measures were adapted on a number of occasions, lastly by Council Decision 2012/96/EU² of 17 February 2012 which was to expire on 20 August 2012. The period of application of these measures was however extended, first until 20 August 2013 by Council Decision 2012/470/EU³ of 7 August 2012 and thereafter until 20 February 2014 by Council Decision 2013/428/EU⁴ of 9 August 2013 which also suspended the application of appropriate measures.

¹ OJ L 50, 21.2.2002, p. 64.
² OJ L 47, 18.2.2012, p. 47.
³ OJ L 213, 10.8.2012, p. 13.
⁴ OJ L 217, 13.8.2013, p. 36.

2. In this context, on 10 February 2014, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision extending the validity of Decision 2012/96/EU⁵.
 3. The ACP Working Party partially amended the abovementioned proposal and agreed on the text on 10 February 2014.
 4. In accordance with Paragraph 3 of the Annex to the Internal Agreement on the implementation of the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement⁶, the Decision should be adopted by the Council acting by qualified majority.
 5. 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 6223/14 after finalisation by the legal/linguistic experts;
 - decide to publish the Decision in the Official Journal of the European Union.
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⁵ 6222/14.

⁶ Internal Agreement between the representatives of the governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, of 18 September 2000 on measures to be taken and procedures to be followed for the implementation of the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement (OJ L 317 of 15.12.2000, p. 376), as amended by the Internal Agreement between the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, of 10 April 2006 amending the Internal Agreement of 18 September 2000 on measures to be taken and procedures to be followed for the implementation of the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement (OJ L 247 of 9.9.2006, p. 48).