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Delegations will find in the annex the Council conclusions on European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 30/2016 on "The effectiveness of EU support to priority sectors in Honduras", adopted by the Council at its 3555th meeting held on 11 July 2017.

Council Conclusions

on the Court of Auditors' Special Report

entitled "The effectiveness of EU support to priority sectors in Honduras"

1. The Council welcomes the Special Report (SR) on the effectiveness of EU support to priority sectors in Honduras by the European Court of Auditors (CoA).
2. The Council takes note that the SR reports that the EU development support during the audited period was mostly effective, taking into account the difficulties in the country.
3. The Council notes that according to the SR the EU's actions were relevant and generally delivered the expected outputs.
4. The Council welcomes that, according to the SR, the Commission has implemented a constructive policy dialogue in Honduras, in particular in the area of human rights where the Commission's policy dialogue was instrumental to promote the basic principles of the EU, and that the Commission has helped to create a platform for dialogue with civil society.
5. The Council notes that while there is a good donor coordination structure in Honduras, additional efforts need to be made towards an effective division of labour. In that respect, the Council welcomes that the Commission is making efforts towards joint programming with EU Member States in Honduras.
6. The Council refers to the Council Conclusions on stepping up Joint Programming (doc. 8554/16 dated 12 May 2016) and recalls that joint programming can reinforce coordinated policy dialogue, as well as joint analysis, information sharing, joint implementation initiatives, joint monitoring and joint evaluation.

7. The Council supports the Court's recommendations, including the need to enhance the consistency and focus of the EU approach, to further strengthen the management of budget support operations as well as performance measurement of EU actions, and the importance to strengthen the policy dialogue in the priority sectors.
8. The Council will continue to monitor EU development cooperation provided to Honduras as well as in the other Latin American countries which continue to receive such support.
9. The Council commends the collaboration of and the work done by the Honduran authorities and welcomes further progress in the implementation of the recommendations of the Court of Auditors.
10. The Council thanks the Court for its most valuable analysis and invites the Commission to implement the Court's recommendations as appropriate.
