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From: ACP Working Party

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Subject: Council Decision on the financial contributions to be paid by Member States to finance the European Development Fund, including the ceiling for 2019, the annual amount for 2018, the first instalment for 2018 and an indicative and non-binding forecast for the expected annual amounts for the years 2020 and 2021

- Adoption

1. On 25 October 2017, 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 2019,
 - the annual amount of the contribution for 2018,
 - the amount of the first instalment of the contribution for 2018 (to be paid by Member States before 21 January 2017),
 - the indicative and non-binding forecast for the expected annual amounts for the years 2020 and 2021.

This proposal, based on Articles 21 to 24 of the Financial Regulation applicable to the 11th EDF¹, sets the ceiling for the annual amount of 2019 at EUR 4 600 000 000 for the Commission, and at EUR 300 000 000 for the European Investment Bank (EIB); the annual amount of contributions for 2018 at EUR 4 550 000 000 for the Commission, and at EUR 250 000 000 for the EIB; and the first instalment for 2018 at EUR 2 050 000 000 for the Commission, and at EUR 150 000 000 for the EIB.

2. EDF contributions for 2018 will consist of funds coming from the 11th EDF (to which 28 Member States contribute) for the Commission, and from the 10th EDF (to which 27 Member States contribute) for the EIB.
3. The **ACP Working Party** examined the Commission proposal and agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision on 31 October 2017.
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 **13588/17**, after finalisation by the legal/linguistic experts, acting by the qualified majority provided for in Article 8 of the Internal Agreement applicable to the 11th EDF²;
 - order its publication in the Official Journal.

¹ OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 17.

² OJ L 210, 6.8.2013, p. 1.