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From: ACP Working Party
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject: Draft Council Decision on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Union ("Overseas Association Decision")
- Adoption of the legislative act (LA + S)

1. Council Decision 2001/822/EC of 27 November 2001 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Community¹ will expire on 31 December 2013.
2. On 16 July 2012 the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a new Council Decision on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Union².

¹ OJ L 314 of 30.11.2001. p. 1.

² Doc. 12732/12.

3. Article 203 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union provides that the Council is to adopt this Decision in accordance with a special legislative procedure, acting unanimously and after having consulted the European Parliament.
 4. The Council consulted the European Parliament which established its position on 12 March 2013³.
 5. The ACP Working Party discussed the Commission proposal and agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision on 21 October 2013.
 6. 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 14907/13 PTOM 35 ACP 162 FIN 646 RELEX 927;
 - order that the statements in addenda to this note be entered in the minutes of its meeting;
 - decide to publish the Decision in the Official Journal of the European Union.
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³ Doc. P7_TA(2013)0067.