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DECISION OF THE ACP-EU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
regarding the revision of Annex III of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement

THE ACP-EUCOUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

Having regard to the Partnership Agreement between the members of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States of the other part, signed in Cotonou on 23 June 2000¹ (hereinafter referred to as the 'ACP-EU Partnership Agreement'), as last amended in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on 22 June 2010², and in particular Article 100 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 100 of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement states that its Annexes Ia, Ib, II, III, IV and VI may be revised, reviewed and/or amended by the ACP-EU Council of Ministers on the basis of a recommendation from the ACP-EU Development Finance Cooperation Committee.
- (2) At the 4th High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Busan, the Parties to the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement called for a more direct private sector engagement in order to advance innovation, create income and jobs, promoting SMEs and entrepreneurship, mobilize domestic resources and further develop innovative financial mechanisms.
- (3) Taking into account the above and the evolution of the international context, in particular the considerable number of actors and modalities able to provide effective private sector support, related programs are to be implemented through organizations that have shown their capacity to provide high quality expertise in a cost-effective way.
- (4) The modification of Annex III concerns the deletion of the references to the Centre for the Development of Enterprise (hereinafter referred to as 'CDE').

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

¹ OJ L 317, 15.12.2000, p. 3.

² OJ L 287, 4.11.2010, p.3

Article 1

Annex III to the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement is amended as follows:

1. The title of Annex III is replaced by the following:
‘Institutional Support’
2. Article 1 is replaced by the following:
‘Cooperation shall support the institutional mechanism to promote agriculture and rural development. In this context, cooperation shall help to strengthen and reinforce the role of the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA) in ACP institutional capacity development, particularly information management, in order to improve access to technologies for increasing agricultural productivity, commercialization, food security and rural development.’
3. Article 3 becomes Article 2 replacing it.

Article 2

The initiation of the liquidation of the Centre for the Development of the Enterprise (CDE) is endorsed by this Decision as follows:

1. The ACP-EU Council of Ministers mandates the Executive Board of the CDE to take all appropriate measures to initiate the liquidation of the CDE, under the supervision of the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors.
2. The liquidation process shall be concluded by December 31, 2016 at the latest.
3. The liquidation of the CDE and all related expenses shall be financed by the 11th European Development Fund.

Article 3

The present Decision shall be adopted within the ACP-EU Council of Ministers.

This Decision shall enter into force upon its adoption.

Done at [...], [...]

For the Council of the European Union
The Chair

For the ACP Council of Ministers
The Chair