

## ACP-EU COTONOU AGREEMENT

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## **Draft Joint ACP-EU Declaration on the Centre of the Development of Enterprise (CDE)**

We, the ACP-EU Council of Ministers, meeting in Nairobi 19-20 June 2014 and taking into consideration the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement, hereby agree:

- to proceed with the orderly closing of the CDE and the amendment of Annex III of the Cotonou Agreement;
- to ensure that the private sector support projects implemented by the CDE in ACP countries and regions are completed in full;
- in line with the Joint ACP-EU Cooperation Framework for Private Sector Development support in ACP Countries, to set up a light support structure to adequately respond to the needs of the ACP private sector and safeguard the CDE's gains and best practices;
- to establish an ACP-EU Joint Working Group to ensure that the CDE is closed under the best possible conditions;
- for this purpose, to grant a delegation of powers to the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors to take this matter forward with a view to adopt the necessary decisions, including the relevant amendment to Annex III of the Cotonou Agreement.

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