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Subject: Draft Council Decision on the position to be taken by the European Union within the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors regarding the mandate to be given to the Executive Board of the Centre for the Development of Enterprise (CDE)
- Adoption

1. On 12 June 2014 the Commission forwarded to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken by the European Union within the ACP-EU Council of Ministers regarding the revision of Annex III of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement¹.
2. At its 39th session held on 19 and 20 June 2014 in Nairobi, the ACP-EU Council of Ministers agreed, in a Joint Declaration, to proceed with the orderly closing of the Centre for the Development of Enterprise ('CDE') and the amendment of Annex III to the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement and, for this purpose, decided to grant a delegation of powers to the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors to take the matter forward with a view to adopting the necessary decisions.

¹ Doc. 10907/14 + ADD 1.

3. The Executive Board of the CDE should be authorised by the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors to take, with immediate effect, all appropriate measures to prepare for the closure of the CDE.
 4. The ACP Working Party agreed upon the draft Decision at its meeting on 23 September 2014.
 5. The Working Party agreed to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee recommend to the Council, as an "A" item on its agenda, to:
 - approve the draft Decision as set out in document 13520/14;
 - decide to forward the draft Decision to the ACP Group of States for adoption by the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors by exchange of letters;
 - order its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.
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