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From:	ACP Working Party
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Subject:	Draft Council Decision adopting the rules of procedure of the European Development Fund (EDF) Committee - Adoption

1. On 24 and 26 June 2013 Member States of the European Union signed the Internal Agreement establishing the 11th European Development Fund¹. This Agreement will enter into force on 1 March 2015.
2. Article 8(1) of the Internal Agreement provides that a Committee ('the EDF Committee') consisting of Representatives of the Governments of the Member States shall be set up at the Commission for the 11th EDF resources which the Commission administers. In accordance with Article 8(5) of the Agreement, the Council shall adopt the rules of procedure of the EDF Committee acting unanimously on a proposal from the Commission.

¹ Internal Agreement between the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Union, meeting within the Council, on the financing of European Union aid under the multiannual financial framework for the period 2014 to 2020, in accordance with the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement, and on the allocation of financial assistance for the Overseas Countries and Territories to which Part Four of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union applies (OJ L 210, 6.8.2013, p.1).

3. On 28 October 2014 the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision adopting the rules of procedure of the EDF Committee².
4. The ACP Working Party amended the Commission proposal and agreed on the text on 6 February 2015.
5. Against that background, COREPER is invited to confirm the agreement and to recommend that the Council, as an "A" item on its agenda adopt, following the entry into force of the Internal Agreement establishing the 11th European Development Fund and acting by unanimity, the Decision as set out in document 5992/15 after finalisation by the legal/linguistic experts.

² Doc. 14844/14.