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From: ACP Working Party
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
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Subject: Draft Council Decision repealing Decision 2011/492/EU concerning the conclusion of consultations with the Republic of Guinea-Bissau under Article 96 of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement
- Adoption

1. On 18 July 2011, the Council of the European Union decided to take appropriate measures following the conclusion of the consultations held with the Republic of Guinea-Bissau under Article 96 of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement by means of Council Decision 2011/492/EU¹. That Decision was amended and its period of application was prolonged several times. On 14 July 2014 the Council adopted Decision 2014/467/EU² extending the validity of Decision 2011/492/EU and suspending the application of its appropriate measures.
2. On 26 February 2015, the Commission forwarded to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision repealing Decision 2011/492/EU concerning the conclusion of consultations with the Republic of Guinea-Bissau under Article 96 of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement³.

¹ OJ L 203, 6.8.2011, p. 2.

² OJ L 212, 18.7.2014, p. 12.

³ Doc. 6690/15 + ADD 1.

3. The ACP Working Party discussed the abovementioned proposal and agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision on 6 March 2015.
4. In accordance with paragraph 3 of the Annex to the Internal Agreement for the implementation of the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement⁴, the Decision should be adopted by the Council acting by qualified majority.
5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council:
 - adopt the Decision as set out in document 6866/15 after finalisation by the legal/linguistic experts using, if necessary, a written procedure;
 - agree to communicate the letter in the Annex to this Decision to the authorities of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau;
 - decide to publish the Decision and the attached notification letter in the Official Journal of the European Union.

⁴ Internal Agreement between the representatives of the governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, of 18 September 2000 on measures to be taken and procedures to be followed for the implementation of the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement (OJ L 317 of 15.12.2000, p. 376), as amended by the Internal Agreement between the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, of 10 April 2006 amending the Internal Agreement of 18 September 2000 on measures to be taken and procedures to be followed for the implementation of the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement (OJ L 247 of 9.9.2006, p. 48).