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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
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Subject:	Draft Council Decision on the financial contributions to be paid by Member States to finance the European Development Fund in 2015, including the second instalment for 2015 - Decision to use the written procedure for its adoption

1. On 15 June 2015, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the financial contributions to be paid by the Member States to finance the European Development Fund concerning the second instalment for 2015¹.
2. Under Article 57(3) of the Financial Regulation applicable to the 10th European Development Fund (EDF)², the Council shall decide on the proposal at the latest 21 calendar days following the presentation by the Commission, and the Member States must pay the second instalment of contributions at the latest 21 calendar days following the date on which the Council Decision was notified to them.

¹ Doc. 9947/15 + ADD 1.
² OJ L 78, 19.3.2008, p. 1.

3. On 26 June 2015, the ACP Working Party agreed on the financial contributions to be paid by the Member States to finance the European Development Fund in 2015, including the second instalment 2015, as set out in the Commission proposal.

 4. Since there is no Council meeting foreseen between the meeting of the Permanent Representatives Committee on 1 July 2015 and 6 July 2015 - date when the Council shall decide on the current Decision - the Committee is invited to decide, pursuant to Article 19(7)(e) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to use the written procedure for adopting the Council Decision as set out in document 10257/15 ACP 96 FIN 455 PTOM 13 acting by the qualified majority provided for in Article 8(2) of the Internal Agreement applicable to the 10th EDF³.
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³ OJ L 247, 9.9.2006, p. 32, and Council Decision of 16 July 2007 modifying the Internal Agreement to include Bulgaria and Romania: OJ L 202, 3.8.2007, p. 35.