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NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	Amendment No 3 to the Three-Year Action Programme for the African Peace Facility, 2014-2016

1. On 24 September 2015, the Permanent Representatives Committee approved Amendment No 3 to the 2014-2016 Action Programme of the African Peace Facility (APF).
2. In line with Article 15(b) of Council Regulation (EU) 2015/322 of 2 March 2015 on the implementation of the 11th European Development Fund, Amendment No 3 to the Action Programme annexed to this note can now be adopted by the Commission.

Action Document for the 2014-2016 action programme of the African Peace Facility**Amendment No. 3****1. IDENTIFICATION**

Title/Number	2014-2016 action programme of the African Peace Facility (APF) CRIS number: FED/2014/ 037-398 Revision 3: September 2015		
Total cost	Total estimated cost: EUR 901 339 064.53 EDF contribution: EUR 900 000 000 ¹ Kingdom of Denmark contribution: DKK 10 000 000 (equivalent to EUR 1 339 064.53) through the transfer agreement ACP/EDF/2014/037398 (including EUR 100 000 for support expenditure) The APF is open to contributions from other donors and international partners that will be managed in line with the 11 th EDF Financial Regulation.		
Aid method / Management mode and type of financing	Project Approach – grants and procurement (direct management) and indirect management with the African Union (AU) and/or African Regional Economic Communities and Regional Mechanisms (RECs/RMs).		
DAC-code	N/A	Sector	N/A

¹ Given the uncertainties on the global financial envelope for the APF under the 11th EDF which had still to be agreed at the time of approval of the initial decision in 2014, only EUR 325 million to mainly or exclusively support peace operations in 2014 were initially committed from the EDF Bridging Facility to the APF (Council Decision 2013/759/EU of 12 December 2013; OJ L335 of 14.12.2013). With amendment No.1 approved by the Committee of the Permanent Representatives (COREPER) of the Governments of the Member States on 28 January 2015 and adopted by the Commission on 23 February 2015, a further EUR 123 million from the EDF Bridging Facility were allocated to the APF. Following the entry into force of the 11th EDF, amendment No. 2 approved by COREPER on 12 June 2015 and adopted by the Commission on 23 July 2015, allocated a further EUR 302 million to the APF from the 11th EDF. With this amendment No.3, another EUR 150 million will be committed to the APF from the 11th EDF to cover expected additional needs for Peace Support Operations, in particular AMISOM, in 2016. The Committee of Ambassadors of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States endorsed this additional allocation on 8 September 2015.

1. RATIONALE AND CONTEXT

1.1. Summary of the action programme and its objectives

This sub-point remains unchanged.

1.2. Context

This sub-point remains unchanged.

1.3. Lessons learnt

This sub-point remains unchanged.

1.4. Complementary actions

This sub-point remains unchanged.

1.5. Donor coordination

This sub-point remains unchanged.

2. DETAILED DESCRIPTION

2.1. Objectives

This sub-point remains unchanged

2.2. Expected results and main activities

This sub-point remains unchanged.

2.3. Risks, assumptions and mitigation measures

This sub-point remains unchanged.

2.4. Cross-cutting issues

This sub-point remains unchanged.

2.5. Stakeholders

This sub-point remains unchanged.

3. IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

3.1. Financing agreement

This sub-point remains unchanged.

3.2. Indicative operational implementation period

This sub-point remains unchanged.

3.3. Implementation components and modules

This sub-point remains unchanged.

3.4. Scope of geographical eligibility for procurement and grants

This sub-point remains unchanged.

3.5. Retroactive financing

This sub-point remains unchanged.

3.6. Co-financing

This sub-point remains unchanged.

3.7. Eligibility of costs

This sub-point remains unchanged.

3.8. Indicative budget

This sub-point is replaced to read as follows:

The African Peace Facility's (APF) funds will be allocated to the three areas of support identified in section 3.2 above i.e., peace support operations, the African Peace Security Architecture (APSA) operationalisation and quick impact deliverables through the Early Response Mechanism (ERM). The budget allocation reflects the different levels of needs of the three areas and is broadly in line with the budget breakdown of previous action programmes. The bulk of the APF envelope is earmarked for peace support operations due to the direct positive effects, both in Africa and the EU, of successful African peace operations and the significant funding needs in this area. Support to the APSA operationalisation aims at strengthening African capacities to tackle peace and security challenges more and more autonomously. Investments in capacity building and conflict prevention contribute to reducing the suffering from conflicts and the need for costly peace operations.

The total EDF financial contribution for the period 2014-2016 is EUR 900 000 000. An additional amount of DKK 10 000 000 (equivalent to EUR 1 339 064.53) is contributed by the Kingdom of Denmark as a voluntary national contribution through the Transfer Agreement ACP/EDF/2014/037398. EUR 1 239 064.53 will be allocated to the budget line "Peace Support Operations" and EUR 100 000, corresponding to approximately 7.5% of the total contribution, to the new budget line "Commission Support Expenditure". This amount will be utilised to cover the administrative overheads incurred by the Commission in the management of this contribution.

The table below shows the indicative budget breakdown. Given the uncertainties on the global financial envelope for the APF under the 11th EDF, which had still to be agreed at the time of approval of the initial decision in 2014, only EUR 325 000 000 to mainly support peace operations in 2014 were initially committed from the EDF Bridging Facility to the APF.² With amendment No.1 approved by the Committee of the Permanent Representatives (COREPER) of the Governments of the Member States on 28 January 2015 and adopted by the Commission on 23 February 2015, a further EUR 123 000 000 from the EDF Bridging Facility were allocated to the APF. Following the entry into force of the 11th EDF, amendment No. 2 approved by COREPER on 12 June 2015 and adopted by the Commission on 23 July 2015, allocated a further EUR 302 000 000 to the APF from the 11th EDF. With this amendment No.3, a further EUR 150 000 000 will be committed to the APF from the 11th EDF to cover expected additional needs for Peace Support Operations, in particular AMISOM in 2016. The Committee of Ambassadors of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States endorsed this additional allocation on 8 September 2015.

	Component	in EUR
1	Peace support operations	811 239 064.53
2	Operationalisation of the APSA and Africa-EU dialogue	55 000 000
	Of which indirect management (section 4.3.3)	45 000 000
	Of which grants in direct management (section 4.3.1)	10 000 000
3	Quick impact initiatives (Early Response Mechanism) (indirect management, section 4.3.3)	15 000 000
4	Procurement: technical assistance (section 4.3.2), audit, monitoring, evaluation, communication and visibility (sections 4.10 and 4.11)	5 000 000
5	Contingencies	15 000 000
6	Commission Support Expenditure	100 000
	Total	901 339 064.53

² Council Decision 2013/759/EU of 12 December 2013; OJ L 335 of 14.12.2013.

The European Commission will inform the Member States when the financial weight of a single peace operation threatens the internal balance of the APF. In such a case, and if the EU is committed to continue its funding, the Commission will launch a specific call for voluntary contributions to further support the specific operation.

Furthermore, the APF will continue to be open to additional voluntary contributions from EU Member States and from other donors, managed in line with Council Regulation (EU) 2015/323 of 2 March 2015 on the financial regulation applicable to the 11th European Development Fund, to promote coherence and reduce transaction costs and administrative burden for the African partners.

3.9. Performance monitoring

This sub-point remains unchanged.

3.10. Evaluation and audit

This sub-point remains unchanged.

3.11. Communication and visibility

This sub-point remains unchanged.

Annex I: Decision-making procedures for the African Peace Facility, 2014-2016

This annex remains unchanged.
