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From: ACP Working Party
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Subject: **ACP-EU Partnership Agreement – Implementation of Article 68**
EU position in the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors
- Adoption of decision

1. The aim of this Decision is to implement Article 68 of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement and it aims at improving the functioning of the system of financing for support in case of exogenous shocks.
2. The ACP-EU Council of Ministers decided to grant a delegation of powers to the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors at the meeting ACP-EU Council of Ministers of 6 May 2017, for the purpose of taking a decision on the implementation of Article 68 of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement before 31 December 2017.
3. On 6 November 2017, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors regarding the implementation of Article 68 of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement.

4. The ACP Working Party discussed the abovementioned proposal for the Council decision and agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision on 14 November 2017.
 5. The Working Party agreed to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee recommend that the Council, as an "A" item on its agenda:
 - approve the draft Decision as set out in in document 14346/17, after finalisation by the legal/linguistic experts,
 - decide to forward the draft Decision to the ACP side for adoption by the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors by exchange of letters.
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