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From: ACP Working Party

To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: CTA - Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation
- Decision of the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors giving a discharge to the Director of the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA) in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2017

1. In accordance with Article 25 of the Financial Regulation applicable to the CTA¹, financial statements for the financial year 2017 were drawn up on the basis of statutory audits.
2. The Director's overall implementation of the Centre's budget during the financial year 2017 was such that, on the basis of the financial statements and the statutory audit reports of the CTA for the financial year 2017, the Director should be given a discharge in respect of the implementation of that budget.
3. In view of this, the ACP Working Party agreed upon the attached draft Decision on 22 January 2019.

¹ Decision No 3/2006 of the ACP-EC Committee of Ambassadors of 27 September 2006 on the Financial Regulation of the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA) (OJ L 350, 12.12.2006, p. 1).

4. 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 the Annex,
 - 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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Draft

DECISION No xx/2019

OF THE ACP-EU COMMITTEE OF AMBASSADORS

of 2019

giving a discharge to the Director

of the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA)

in respect of the implementation of its budget

for the financial year 2017

THE ACP-EU COMMITTEE OF AMBASSADORS,

Having regard to the Partnership agreement between the members of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part¹, and in particular Article 2(6) of Annex III thereto,

Having regard to Decision No 5/2013 of the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors of 7 November 2013 on the Statutes of Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA)², and in particular Article 4(2) of the Annex thereto,

¹ OJ L 317, 15.12.2000, p. 3.

² OJ L 309, 19.11.2013, p. 50.

Having regard to Decision No 3/2006 of the ACP-EC Committee of Ambassadors of 27 September 2006 on the Financial Regulation of the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA)³, in particular Article 26(5) thereof,

Having regard to the financial statements of the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation for the financial year 2017 that ended on 31 December 2017,

Having regard to the Auditors' reports on the Centre's accounts for the financial year 2017,

Having taken note of the replies given by the Director of the Centre to the comments made by the Auditors,

Having taken note of the adoption of the financial statements and the Auditors' reports of the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation for the financial year 2017 by the Board of the Centre,

Whereas:

- (1) The revenue of the Centre for the financial year 2017 consisted principally of contributions from the European Development Fund amounting to EUR 14 792 000.
- (2) The Director's overall implementation of the Centre's budget during the financial year 2017 were such that the Director should be given a discharge in respect of the implementation of that budget,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

³ OJ L 350, 12.12.2006, p. 1.

Sole Article

The Committee, on the basis of the Auditors' report and the financial statements for the corresponding financial year, hereby gives a discharge to the Director of the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2017.

Done at ...

For the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors
The Chairman
