

ACP-EU COTONOU AGREEMENT

**AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN AND
PACIFIC GROUP OF STATES**

**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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ACP-EU DECISION

Subject: Decision No 1/2019 of the ACP-EU Council of Ministers of 23 May 2019 on the delegation of powers to the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors on the decision to adopt transitional measures pursuant to Article 95(4) of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement

DECISION No 1/2019

OF THE ACP-EU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

of 23 May 2019

on the delegation of powers to the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors on the decision to adopt transitional measures pursuant to Article 95(4) of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement

THE ACP-EU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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 15(4) thereof,

¹ OJ L 317, 15.12.2000, p. 3.

Whereas:

- (1) The Partnership Agreement between the members of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States ('ACP') of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part ('the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement') is to be applied until 29 February 2020.
- (2) In accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 95(4) of the of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement, negotiations towards a new ACP-EU Partnership Agreement were launched in September 2018. In case the new Agreement is not ready to be applied by the expiry date of the current legal framework, it is necessary to adopt transitional measures.
- (3) The second subparagraph of Article 95(4) of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement provides for the Council of Ministers to adopt any transitional measures that may be required until the new Agreement comes into force.
- (4) Pursuant to Article 15(4) of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement, the ACP-EU Council of Ministers may adopt a decision to delegate powers to the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors, including the power to adopt the decision on transitional measures.
- (5) The ACP-EU Council of Ministers is to have its yearly ordinary meeting on 23-24 May 2019 in Brussels. The transitional measures have not been agreed and can therefore not be adopted by the ACP-EU Council of Ministers at its ordinary meeting. As no further meetings of the ACP-EU Council of Ministers are foreseen before the expiry of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement, in order to ensure that the decision on transitional measures is taken in a timely manner, it is necessary that the decision to adopt transitional measures pursuant to Article 95(4) of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement, be delegated to the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The ACP-EU Council of Ministers hereby delegates powers to the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors, in accordance with Article 15(4) of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement, on the decision to adopt, pursuant to Article 95(4) of the ACP-EU Partnership agreement, any transitional measures that may be required until the new Agreement comes into force.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 23 May 2019.

For the ACP-EU Council of Ministers

The President

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