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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Joint Statement of the Organisation of African Caribbean and Pacific States and the European Union for COP 28
- Approval of an NBI

1. On 7 November 2023, the Commission informed the ACP Working Party that the Organisation of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) proposed the adoption of a joint EU-OACPS statement with a view to COP 28 along with its preliminary text suggestions. The Commission informed of its intention to negotiate with the OACPS such a joint statement, reaffirming the common unwavering commitment to implementing the Paris Agreement, with a view to achieving successful outcomes at COP 28 in all tracks.
2. On 13 November 2023, the Council approved that the Commission enter into negotiations on the abovementioned joint statement.
3. On 22 November 2023, the Commission submitted to the Council the text of the Joint Statement agreed at technical level with the OACPS.
4. On 22 October 2023, the ACP Working Party reached an agreement at its level on the text of the Joint Statement.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited accordingly to recommend that the Council, at one of its upcoming meetings, approve the Joint Statement of the Organisation of African Caribbean and Pacific States and the European Union for COP 28 (ST 15816/23).
 6. Following the approval by the Council, the text of the Joint Statement will be sent to the OACPS side for approval by the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors by exchange of letters.
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