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Subject: COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION concerning the discharge to be given to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the operations of the European Development Fund (tenth EDF) for the financial year 2019

COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION (EU) 2021/...

of ...

**concerning the discharge to be given to the Commission
in respect of the implementation of the operations
of the European Development Fund (tenth EDF)
for the financial year 2019**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

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 part, signed in Cotonou on 23 June 2000¹, as last amended,

¹ OJ L 317, 15.12.2000, p. 3.

Having regard to the Internal Agreement between the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the financing of Community aid under the multiannual financial framework for the period 2008 to 2013 in accordance with the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement and on the allocation of financial assistance for the Overseas Countries and Territories to which Part Four of the EC Treaty applies¹ ('the Internal Agreement') setting up, inter alia, the tenth European Development Fund ('tenth EDF'), and in particular Article 11(8) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 215/2008 of 18 February 2008 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the 10th European Development Fund², and in particular Articles 142 to 144 thereof,

¹ OJ L 247, 9.9.2006, p. 32.

² OJ L 78, 19.3.2008, p. 1.

Whereas:

- (1) The Council has examined the revenue and expenditure account and the balance sheet relating to the operations of the tenth EDF as at 31 December 2019 and the annual report of the Court of Auditors on the activities funded by the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th European Development Funds (EDFs) concerning the financial year 2019¹, together with the Commission's replies contained in that annual report.
- (2) Pursuant to the Internal Agreement, the discharge for the financial management of the tenth EDF is to be given to the Commission by the European Parliament on the recommendation of the Council.
- (3) The overall implementation by the Commission of the operations of the tenth EDF during the financial year 2019 has been satisfactory,

HEREBY RECOMMENDS that the European Parliament give the Commission a discharge in respect of the implementation of the operations of the tenth EDF for the financial year 2019.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

¹ See the relevant communication in the Official Journal, OJ C 377, 9.11.2020, p. 13.