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From: ACP Working Party

To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Negotiations of an agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Angola on investment facilitation

- Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations
- Negotiating directives

1. On 23 March 2021, the Commission submitted to the Council a Recommendation for a Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations on an agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Angola on investment facilitation¹.
2. The ACP Working Party examined the text and reached agreement at Working Party level on the draft Council Decision and the negotiating directives on 6 May 2021.

¹ 7292/21 - COM(2021) 138 final.

3. The ACP Working Party also agreed, following the principles set out in a statement to the minutes of the Council of 10 March 2015², that the decision to make the negotiating directives public would, in this instance, have no impact on the ability of the EU to negotiate effectively and would not undermine the EU's negotiating position in these specific negotiations. Consequently, the ACP Working Party proposed to make public the negotiating directives, as contained in document 8441/21 ADD 1.
4. Subject to confirmation by Coreper, the Council is invited
 - to adopt the draft Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations on an agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Angola on investment facilitation as set out in document 8441/21 following legal-linguistic revision³, and the accompanying negotiating directives set out in document 8441/21 ADD 1;
 - to make the negotiating directives public after their adoption.
5. The European Parliament will be informed in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU and the Decision and the negotiating directives will be transmitted to the European Parliament.

² 7060/1/15 REV 1.

³ The Council Decision will be published in the Official Journal in accordance with Article 17(2)(b) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.