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From: ACP Working Party

To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: CTA - Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation
- Draft 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 2020

1. In accordance with Article 25 of the Financial Regulation applicable to the CTA¹, financial statements for the financial year 2020 were drawn up on the basis of statutory audits.
2. The Director's overall implementation of the Centre's budget during the financial year 2020 was such that, on the basis of the financial statements and the statutory audit reports of the CTA for the financial year 2020, 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 at its level upon the attached draft Decision on 14 September 2021.

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;
 - order that the decision of the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors, once adopted, be published in the Official Journal.
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Draft

DECISION No xx/2021

OF THE ACP-EU COMMITTEE OF AMBASSADORS

of ... 2021

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 2020

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 2/2020 of the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors of 4 December 2020 to amend Decision No 3/2019 of the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors to adopt transitional measures pursuant to Article 95(4) of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement²,

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)³, and in particular Article 4(2) of the Annex thereto,

¹ OJ L 317, 15.12.2000, p. 3.
² OJ L 420, 14.12.2020, p. 32.
³ 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)⁴, in particular Article 26(5) thereof,

Having taken note of the financial statements of the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation for the financial year 2020 that ended on 31 December 2020,

Having taken note of the Auditors' reports on the financial statements for the financial year 2020,

Having taken note of the approval of the financial statements of the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation for the financial year 2020 by the Board of the Centre, based on the examination of the audit report,

Whereas:

- (1) The revenue of the Centre for the financial year 2020 consisted principally of contributions from the European Development Fund, amounting to EUR 13 833 000 on a total of EUR 15 279 000.
- (2) The Director's overall implementation of the Centre's budget during the financial year 2020 were such that the Director should be given a discharge in respect of the implementation of that budget,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

⁴ OJ EU 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 2020.

Done at Brussels,

*For the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors
The Chairman*
