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PROPOSAL

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Delegations will find attached document COM(2025) 169 final - ANNEX.

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ATTACHMENT

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**DECISION No 1/2025 of the Committee on Investment Facilitation under the
Sustainable Investment Facilitation Agreement between the European Union and the
Republic of Angola
of xxx 2025
as regards the adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee on Investment
Facilitation**

THE COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENT FACILITATION,

Having regard to the Sustainable Investment Facilitation Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Angola¹, signed in Luanda on 17 November 2023, and in particular Article 44(2) thereof,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Rules of Procedure of the Committee on Investment Facilitation, as set out in the Annex to this Decision, are hereby adopted.

Article 2

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

¹ OJ L, 2024/829, 8.3.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2024/829/oj>.

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENT FACILITATION

ARTICLE 1

Role and Name of the Committee on Investment Facilitation

1. The Committee established pursuant to Article 43 of the Sustainable Investment Facilitation Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Angola (hereafter referred to as “Agreement”) is responsible for all matters referred to in Article 44 of the Agreement.
2. The above Committee shall be referred to in documents of the Committee, including decisions and recommendations, as the Committee on Investment Facilitation.

ARTICLE 2

Composition and Chair

1. Pursuant to Article 43 of the Agreement, the Committee on Investment Facilitation is composed of representatives of the European Union (hereafter “the Union”) and of the Republic of Angola (hereafter “Angola”).
2. The Committee on Investment Facilitation shall be co-chaired by the Member of the European Commission in charge of trade for the Union, and, for Angola, the Minister of Planning, or by their respective designees.

ARTICLE 3

Secretariat

1. Officials from the departments under Article 2(2) shall act together as Secretariat of the Committee on Investment Facilitation.
2. Each Party shall notify to the other Party the name, position and contact details of the official who is the member of the Secretariat of the Committee on Investment Facilitation for that Party. This official is deemed to continue acting as member of the Secretariat for the Party until the date the Party has notified to the other Party a new member.

ARTICLE 4

Meetings

The meetings of the Committee on Investment Facilitation shall be convened by the Co-chair of the Party hosting the meeting.

ARTICLE 5

Delegations

A reasonable period of time in advance of a meeting, the official acting as Secretary of the Committee on Investment Facilitation for each Party shall inform the official acting as Secretary of the other Party of the intended composition of the delegations of the Union and of Angola respectively. The lists shall specify the name and function of each member of the delegation.

ARTICLE 6

Agenda for the meetings

1. At least 14 days in advance of a meeting, a provisional agenda for each meeting shall be drawn up by the Secretary of the Committee on Investment Facilitation on the basis of a proposal made by the Party hosting the meeting with a deadline for the other Party to provide comments.
2. The agenda shall be adopted by the Committee on Investment Facilitation at the beginning of each meeting. Items not appearing on the provisional agenda may be placed on the agenda by consensus.

ARTICLE 7

Invitation of experts

The Co-chairs of the Committee on Investment Facilitation may, by mutual agreement, invite experts (i.e. non-government officials) to attend the meetings of the Committee on Investment Facilitation in order to provide information on specific subjects and only for the parts of the meeting where such specific subjects are discussed.

ARTICLE 8

Minutes

1. Draft minutes of each meeting shall be drawn up by the official acting as member of the Secretariat of the Party hosting the meeting, within 15 days from the end of the meeting, unless otherwise decided by the Co-chairs. The draft minutes shall be transmitted for comments to the member of the Secretariat of the other Party.
2. The minutes shall, as a general rule, summarise each item on the agenda, specifying where applicable:
 - (a) all documents submitted to the Committee on Investment Facilitation;
 - (b) any statement that one of the Co-chairs of the Committee on Investment Facilitation requested to be entered in the minutes; and
 - (c) the decisions taken, recommendations made, statements agreed upon and conclusions adopted on specific items.
3. The minutes shall include a list of all decisions of the Committee on Investment Facilitation taken by written procedure pursuant to Article 9(2) since the last meeting of the Committee.
4. An annex to the minutes shall also include a list of the names, titles and capacity of all individuals who attended the meeting of the Committee on Investment Facilitation.

5. The Secretary shall adjust the draft minutes on the basis of comments received and the draft minutes, as revised, shall be approved by the Parties within 30 days of the date of the meeting, or by any other date agreed by the Co-chairs. Once approved, two originals of the minutes shall be established by the Secretariat and the Parties shall each receive one original of the minutes.

ARTICLE 9

Decisions and recommendations

1. The Committee on Investment Facilitation may adopt decisions and recommendations in respect of all matters where the Agreement so provides. The Committee on Investment Facilitation shall adopt decisions and recommendations by consensus, as provided for in Article 45 of the Agreement.
2. In the period between meetings, the Committee on Investment Facilitation may adopt decisions or recommendations by written procedure.
3. The text of a draft decision or recommendation shall be presented in writing by a Co-chair to the other Co-chair in a working language of the Committee on Investment Facilitation. The other Party shall have one month, or any longer period of time specified by the proposing Party, to express its agreement to the draft decision or recommendation. If the other Party does not express its agreement, the proposed decision or recommendation shall be discussed and may be adopted at the next meeting of the Committee on Investment Facilitation. The draft decisions or recommendations shall be deemed to be adopted once the other Party expresses its agreement and shall be recorded in the minutes meeting of the Committee pursuant to Article 8(3).
4. Where the Committee on Investment Facilitation is empowered under the Agreement to adopt decisions or recommendations, such acts shall be entitled 'Decision' or 'Recommendation' respectively. The Secretariat of the Committee on Investment Facilitation shall give any decision or recommendation a progressive serial number, the date of adoption and a description of their subject-matter. Each decision and recommendation shall provide for the date of its entry into force.
5. The decisions and recommendations adopted by the Committee on Investment Facilitation shall be established in duplicate, authenticated by the Co-chairs and transmitted one to each Party.

ARTICLE 10

Transparency

1. The Parties may agree to meet in public.
2. Each Party may decide on the publication of the decisions and recommendations of the Committee on Investment Facilitation in its respective official publication or online .
3. All documents submitted by a Party should be considered as confidential, unless that Party decides otherwise.

4. Provisional agendas of the meetings shall be made public before the meeting of the Committee take place. The minutes of the meetings shall be made public following their approval in accordance with Article 8.
5. Publication of documents mentioned under paragraphs 2 to 4 shall be made in compliance with each Party's applicable data protection rules.

ARTICLE 11

Languages

The working languages of the Committee on Investment Facilitation shall be English and Portuguese, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.

ARTICLE 12

Expenses

1. Each Party shall meet any expenses it incurs as a result of participating in the meetings of the Committee on Investment Facilitation, in particular with regard to staff, travel and subsistence expenditure and with regard to video or teleconferences, postal and telecommunications expenditure.
2. Expenditure in connection with the organisation of meetings and reproduction of documents shall be borne by the Party hosting the meeting.
3. Expenditure in connection with the provision of interpretation services between the working languages of the Committee on Investment Facilitation at meetings shall be borne by the Party hosting the meeting, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.

ARTICLE 13

Amendments of the Rules of Procedure

These Rules of Procedure may be amended in writing by a decision of the Committee on Investment Facilitation in accordance with Article 9.