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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the OACPS-EU Council of Ministers as regards the adoption of Joint Guidelines for the conduct of the partnership dialogue provided for in Article 3 of the Samoa Agreement
	- Adoption

1. On 31 May 2024, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the OACPS-EU Council of Ministers concerning the adoption of joint guidelines for the conduction of partnership dialogue under Article 3 of the Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Members of the Organisation of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States, of the other part (ST 14345/24 + ADD 1).

2. The ACP Working Party discussed the abovementioned proposal and reached agreement on the text of the draft Council Decision at its level on 4 July 2025.

3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council at one of its upcoming meetings:

    –   adopt the draft Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the OACPS-EU Council of Ministers as regards the adoption of Joint Guidelines for the conduct of the partnership dialogue provided for in Article 3 of the Samoa Agreement, as set out in documents ST 11261/25 + ADD 1, after finalisation by the legal/linguistic experts;

    –   order the publication of the Council Decision in the Official Journal of the European Union;

    –   order that the decision of the OACPS-EU Council of Ministers, once adopted, be published in the Official Journal;

    –   inform the European Parliament of the adoption of the Council Decision.

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