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Proposal for a

COUNCIL DECISION

adopting the rules of procedure of the European Development Fund (EDF) Committee

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Internal Agreement between the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the financing of European Union aid under the multi-annual financial framework for the period 2014 to 2020, in accordance with the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement, and on the allocation of the financial assistance for the Overseas Countries and Territories to which part Four of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU applies (hereinafter referred to as 'Internal Agreement') was signed on 24 and 26 June 2013.

The Internal Agreement entered into force on XX¹ following the completion of the ratification process, i.e. on the first day of the second month following the notification of the ratification by the last Member State.

Article 8(5) of the Internal Agreement lays down that the Council, acting unanimously, has to adopt the rules of procedure of the EDF Committee on a proposal from the Commission.

The draft rules of procedure for the EDF Committee, which are enclosed with the proposal for a Council Decision, take into account the provisions of the 11th EDF Implementation Regulation, and in particular article 14 thereof, as well as the results of the Commission's simplification and harmonisation exercise in the area of comitology, including the standard rules of procedure approved by the Commission as part of this exercise².

The Commission therefore proposes that the Council adopt the attached Decision.

¹ Insert date of entry into force of the 11th EDF Internal Agreement

² Regulation 182/2011 of 16 February 2011 (OJ L55, 28.2.2011, p.13) ; standard rules of procedure (OJ C 206, 12.7.2011, p. 11)

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to the Internal Agreement between the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Union, meeting within the Council, on the financing of European Union aid under the multiannual financial framework for the period 2014 to 2020, in accordance with the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement, and on the allocation of financial assistance for the Overseas Countries and Territories to which Part Four of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union applies³ ('the Internal Agreement'),

Having regard to Council Regulation XX on the implementation of the 11th European Development Fund ('the 11th EDF Implementation Regulation')⁴,

Having regard to Council Decision 2013/755/EU of 25 November 2013 on the association of the Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) with the European Union⁵ ('Overseas Association Decision'),

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The rules of procedure of the European Development Fund Committee, as set out in the Annex, are hereby adopted.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

³ OJ L 210, 6.8.2013, p. 1

⁴ Insert reference of the 11th EDF Implementation Regulation

⁵ OJ L 344 of 19.12.2013, p.1