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**DECISION No .../2020 of the EPA Committee
established by the stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement
between Côte d'Ivoire, of the one part,
and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part**

**of ...**

**concerning the adoption of the list of arbitrators**

THE EPA COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement between Côte d’Ivoire, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part (‘the Agreement’), signed in Brussels on 3 March 2009 and applied on a provisional basis since September 2016, in particular Article 64(1) thereof,

Whereas:

The Agreement provides that the EPA Committee is to establish a list of 15 persons who are willing and able to serve as arbitrators in the settlement of disputes that may arise between the Parties,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

1. The list of 15 persons who are willing and able to serve as arbitrators is hereby established in accordance with Article 64(1) of the Agreement and is set out in the Annex to this Decision.

2. The list of arbitrators referred to in paragraph 1 is established without prejudice to any special rules provided for in the Agreement or which may be decided by the EPA Committee.

*Article 2*

The list of arbitrators referred to in Article 1 may be amended by a decision of the EPA Committee in accordance with Article 67 of the Agreement.

*Article 3*

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

Done at …, …

*For the Republic of Côte d’Ivoire For the European Union*

*... …*

**ANNEX**

List of arbitrators (Article 64(1) of the Agreement)

Arbitrators selected by Côte d’Ivoire:

Mr Abbe YAO – Côte d’Ivoire

Mr Abdouramane OUATTARA – Côte d’Ivoire

Mr Joachim BILA AKA – Côte d’Ivoire

Mr Narcisse AKA – Côte d’Ivoire

Mr Karim FADIKA – Côte d’Ivoire

Arbitrators selected by the European Union:

Mr Claus-Dieter EHLERMANN – Germany

Mr Giorgio SACERDOTI – Italy

Mr Jacques BOURGEOIS – Belgium

Mr Pieter Jan KUIJPER – Netherlands

Ms Hélène RUIZ FABRI – France

Arbitrators jointly selected by the two Parties:

Mr Martial AKAKPO - Togo

Ms Anna KOUYATE – Mali

Mr Thomas COTTIER – Switzerland

Ms Merit E. JANOW – United States

Mr Helge SELAND – Norway