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From:	ACP Working Party
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Council Decision on the financial contributions to be paid by Member States to finance the European Development Fund, including the ceiling for 2020, the annual amount for 2019, the first instalment for 2019 and an indicative and non-binding forecast for the expected annual amounts of contributions for the years 2021 and 2022 - Adoption

1. On 15 October 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision establishing the financial contributions to be paid by the Member States to finance the European Development Fund (EDF) regarding:
 - the ceiling of the contribution for 2020,
 - the annual amount of the contribution for 2019,
 - the amount of the first instalment of the contribution for 2019 (to be paid by Member States before 21 January 2019),
 - the indicative and non-binding forecast for the expected annual amounts for the years 2021 and 2022.

This proposal, based on Article 21 of the Financial Regulation applicable to the 11th EDF¹, sets the ceiling for the annual amount of 2020 at EUR 4 600 000 000 for the Commission, and at EUR 300 000 000 for the European Investment Bank (EIB); the annual amount of contributions for 2019 at EUR 4 400 000 000 for the Commission, and at EUR 300 000 000 for the EIB; and the first instalment for 2019 at EUR 2 000 000 000 for the Commission, and at EUR 100 000 000 for the EIB.

2. EDF contributions for 2019 will consist of funds coming from the 11th EDF (to which 28 Member States contribute) for the Commission, and from the 10th EDF (to which 27 Member States contribute) for the EIB.
3. The ACP Working Party examined the Commission proposal and agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision on 18 October 2018.
4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council, as an “A” item on its agenda:
 - adopt the Decision, as set out in document 13344/18, after finalisation by the legal/linguistic experts, acting by the qualified majority provided for in Article 8 of the Internal Agreement applicable to the 11th EDF²;
 - order its publication in the Official Journal.

¹ OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 17.

² OJ L 210, 6.8.2013, p. 1.