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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Proposal for a Council Decision amending Decision (EU) 2021/1764 on the Association of the Overseas Countries and Territories with the European Union including relations between the European Union on the one hand, and Greenland and the Kingdom of Denmark on the other - Progress report

I. INTRODUCTION

1. On 3 September 2025, the Commission submitted its proposal for a Council decision amending Decision (EU) 2021/1764 on the Association of the Overseas Countries and Territories with the European Union including relations between the European Union on the one hand, and Greenland and the Kingdom of Denmark on the other[1]. The proposal comes in the context of the 2028-2034 Multiannual Financial Framework.

2. The European Parliament was consulted on 10 October 2025 and has not yet adopted its opinion.

[1] ST 12484/25 + ADD 1

3. The proposal was first presented by the Commission to the ACP Working Party on 14 October 2025 under the Danish Presidency.

4. With this progress report, the Presidency wishes to inform the Permanent Representatives Committee on the state of play of discussions on the proposal.

II. STATE OF PLAY

5. Since the first presentation to the ACP Working Party, considerable efforts have been made in order to advance Member States' understanding of the proposal.

6. The ACP Working Party undertook and completed the first round of discussions of the proposal over the course of four Working Party meetings (14 October, 11 November, 18 November and 5 December).

7. During those meetings, the Commission presented its proposal and provided information orally about the proposed amendments. This gave the opportunity for Member States to ask clarifying questions, to provide their initial reactions and to propose orally and in writing their suggestions for amendments. The detailed analysis of the proposal is still ongoing, and further discussions are expected to take place in the ACP Working Party.

8. The discussions in the ACP Working Party took place in close coordination with the horizontal Ad-Hoc Working Party on the MFF. Conclusions on the bracketed parts of the text (ST 12565/25) will be taken in the Ad Hoc Working Party on the MFF.

9. On the basis of the four discussions completed in the ACP Working Party, the Presidency was to present a first compromise text reflecting the state-of-play of the discussions and the comments made by Member States so far. The compromise text[2] will be presented and discussed at the ACP Working Party meeting of 9 December 2025.

[2] ST 16508/25

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III. NEXT STEPS

10. The ACP Working Party will continue its examination of the proposal under the Cypriot Presidency.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

11. The Committee is invited to suggest to the Council to take note of this progress report.

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