

ACP-EC COTONOU AGREEMENT

**AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN AND
PACIFIC GROUP OF STATES**

**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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ACP-EC DECISION

Subject : Decision No 2/2006 of the ACP-EC Council of Ministers of 2 June 2006 on reassigning part of the reserve of the long-term development envelope of the 9th European Development Fund (EDF)

DECISION No. 2/2006

OF THE ACP-EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

of 2 June 2006

**on reassigning part of the reserve of the long-term development envelope
of the 9th European Development Fund (EDF)**

THE ACP-EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

Having regard to the Partnership Agreement between the members of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, signed in Cotonou on 23 June 2000¹, as revised in Luxembourg on 25 June 2005² (hereinafter referred to as "the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement"), and in particular paragraph 8 of Annex I thereto,

Whereas:

- (1) The funds available for regional cooperation and regional integration are committed.
- (2) Additional resources should be allocated to help to set up an EU-Africa Partnership for Infrastructure that will facilitate interconnectivity on a continental scale and promote regional integration.
- (3) Additional resources should be allocated to better integrate the ACP States in international trade as a follow-up to actions already carried out by the European Community.

¹ OJ L 317, 15.12.2000, p. 3.

² OJ L 287, 28.10.2005, p. 4.

- (4) Additional resources should be allocated to support sugar research designed to underpin existing measures to accompany reform in countries covered by the Sugar Protocol.
- (5) Additional resources should be allocated to enable the ACP States to take advantage of the ERASMUS MUNDUS programme.
- (6) Additional resources should be allocated to support the African Union's African Peer Review Mechanism aimed at encouraging political stability, economic growth and sustainable development.
- (7) Additional resources should be allocated for action plans to upgrade slums in specific areas of the ACP States,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
Intra-ACP cooperation under the envelope
for regional cooperation and regional integration

An amount of EUR 114 million shall be transferred from the reserve of the long-term development envelope of the 9th EDF to the allocation for intra-ACP cooperation within the regional cooperation envelope, in accordance with the objectives set out in Articles 28, 29 and 30 of the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement. This amount can be used for the following purposes:

- 1.1. Setting up an EU-Africa Partnership for Infrastructure (EUR 70 million): a contribution of EUR 60 million for a trust fund to be managed by the European Investment Bank and EUR 10 million to finance preparatory actions and studies for the infrastructure plan in Africa;
- 1.2. Promoting the integration of the ACP States in world trade (up to EUR 20 million): up to EUR 10 million for stepping up Community support for the multilateral initiative, "the Integrated Framework", and up to EUR 10 million for continuing the Community project to help the ACP States participate more actively in the World Trade Organisation;
- 1.3. Financing the following actions in favour of many or all ACP States (up to EUR 24 million): the financing of a sugar research project to underpin measures to accompany reform in countries covered by the Sugar Protocol (up to EUR 13 million), the creation of a ERASMUS MUNDUS window for the ACP States (up to EUR 5 million), support for the trust fund of the African Union's African Peer Review Mechanism (up to EUR 2 million) and support for UN-HABITAT's participatory programme to upgrade slums in ACP countries (up to EUR 4 million).

Article 2

Request for support

In accordance with Article 13(2) of Annex IV to the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement, the ACP-EC Council of Ministers invites the Commission to finance the actions set out in Article 1.

Article 3

Entry into force

This Decision shall enter into force on the day on which it is adopted.

Done at Port Moresby, 2 June 2006

For the ACP-EC Council of Ministers

The President

Onofre ROJAS
