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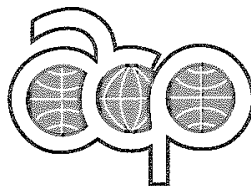
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to : H.E. Ms. Milena Vicenova, Ambassador, EU Co-Chairperson of the ACP-EC
Committee of Ambassadors
Subject : Letter on the situation in Zimbabwe

Delegation will find attached a copy of the letter dated 21 April 2009 from Sir John R. Kaputin, Secretary General of the ACP Group of States, on the above.

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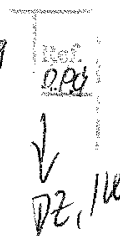
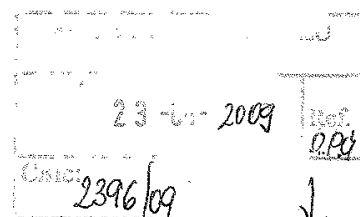
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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the European Council's Decision 2002/148/CE of 18 February 2002 adopting appropriate measures against the Republic of Zimbabwe in accordance with Article 96(2)(c) of the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement, as well as the European Council's Decision 2009/144/CE of 19 February 2009 extending the period of application of these appropriate measures.

The ACP Group considers that the social and political situation is evolving positively in Zimbabwe, as testified among other things by the conclusion of the Global Political Agreement between various political forces in the country and the formation of an inclusive Government composed of representatives from the three main political parties, i.e. ZANU-PF, MDC-T and MDC-M. Therefore, the ACP Group is of a view that the lifting of the above-mentioned appropriate measures and the restoration of full-fledged cooperation between the European Union and the Republic of Zimbabwe would be not only justified, but also consistent with the spirit of political dialogue enshrined in the Cotonou Partnership Agreement.

A similar letter has been addressed to the European Commission.

Please accept, **Excellency**, the assurance of my highest consideration.




Sir John R. KAPUTIN
Secretary-General

Cc: *Embassy of Zimbabwe
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