

# ACP-EC COTONOU AGREEMENT

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## **DRAFT MINUTES**

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of : 6th meeting of the Joint ACP-EC Ministerial Trade Committee  
on : 28 June 2006  
at : Centre Borschette, rue Froissart 36, Brussels

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Subject : Draft Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Joint ACP-EC Ministerial Trade Committee

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The Joint ACP-EC Ministerial Trade Committee held its sixth meeting in Brussels on 28 June 2006 under the chairmanship of Mr Peter MANDELSON, Member of the European Commission. Hon. Dame Billie MILLER, Senior Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Barbados, acted as spokesman for the ACP States.

A list of participants at the meeting is given in Annex I.

### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

(ACP-CE 2116/06 - ACP/61/040/06)

The agenda was adopted.

**2. Approval of the minutes of the fifth meeting of the Joint ACP-EC Ministerial Trade Committee**  
(ACP-CE 2113/05 - ACP/61/039/05)

The minutes were approved.

**3. Exchange of views and recommendations on the EPA negotiations and Article 37.4 review**

Minister Miller examined the state of play of the negotiations and noted that in almost all the regions the relatively slow pace of the negotiations and the little progress made so far has not yet produced tangible results. She considered that the responsibility for the slow progress is to be shared by the two sides. On the part of the ACP, she pointed to capacity constraints to deal with negotiations, which are running in parallel with the WTO Doha Round negotiations, as the actors in all these sets of negotiations are the same.

Minister Miller further noted the need to agree on how to hasten the pace of the negotiations, with a view to meeting the set deadline for successfully concluding the negotiations. If the deadline cannot be met, an alternative trading arrangement that would enable to cope with the expiry of the WTO waiver should be examined. To this end an enhanced development cooperation should be considered, including increased and fast disbursement of adequate resources necessary to enable ACP States to benefit from EPAs. This means assistance in addressing adjustment challenges, as well as providing the support agreed to in Article 37.3 of the Cotonou Agreement. She also pointed to the fact that the resources of the 10th EDF which are meant to finance development aid will be insufficient to finance the EPAs adjustment and implementation costs.

Minister Miller recalled that the ACP Council of Ministers at its meeting in Papua New Guinea formally requested the European Union and the European Commission to establish an additional EPA Financing Facility as envisaged in Declaration XV of the revised Cotonou Agreement. With regards to the proposition of the Commission, Minister Miller noted that the text seems to be based on a simple trade integration agenda and does not take account of the broader regional integration goals and objectives for which the regional groupings were established. She recognised overlapping membership between the EPA negotiating configurations and the regional integration groupings could pose a challenge. The ACP regions concerned have started to address this issue and the Heads of State and Government of the Africa Union meeting in Banjul have on their agenda the harmonization of Africa's regional economic communities. She recalled that some ACP States are cautious about the introduction of trade-related issues such as competition policy, government procurement and investment in EPAs and not all ACP regions have national policies on these issues

Minister Miller expressed hope that an agreement can be found on the following issues:

- Shift gear and hasten the pace of the negotiations,
- Alternative trade arrangements to be put into place in view of the expiry of the WTO waiver. Article 37.6 of the Cotonou Agreement should be used to this end.
- Undertake formal and comprehensive review of the negotiations as foreseen in Article 37.4.

Minister Miller noted that the ACP can agree with the Council conclusions of April 2006, in particular on the need for the review to cover trade and development aspects of EPAs, including aspects that will be relevant for the implementation of EPAs. She added that the review should be all inclusive and consultative with all stakeholders including non-state actors and parliamentarians. It should be conducted at national and regional levels and consider development benchmarks. A mandate should be given to the Joint Committee of Ambassadors to agree on the process and modalities for the implementation of Article 37.4 of the Cotonou Agreement at the joint ACP-EU level and alternative to trade arrangements should be examined in view of the expiry of the WTO waiver.

Commissioner Mandelson replied that EPAs offer the best possible framework for a new generation of trade relations between the EU and the ACP countries. He added that the EU is totally committed to producing flexible, development-friendly final agreements. He recalled that meeting the 2008 WTO deadline to renew the trading agreements means that the EU and the ACP need to work together in partnership. A system of preferential access had not helped strengthen or diversify ACP economies and the EPA process would help build strong regional markets in the ACP regions and integrate those markets into the global economy. He further noted that although the full integration of ACP economies into the global economy is vital for their sustainable development, the EU is committed to ensuring - and defending in the WTO - sufficient flexibility to protect fragile industries and build competitiveness. He expressed the view that many of the fears associated with the EPAs are unjustified and there is no evidence and little likelihood that EU goods would flood ACP markets following eventual liberalisation because the real level of protection of ACP tariffs is fairly low.

Commissioner Mandelson also said that a move to funding government revenues through the fiscal returns from a growing economy would finally break the dependence on unreliable and declining tariff revenues as source of income. He stressed that the EU is not pushing for an immediate agreement on setting a single tariff for integrated ACP regions and would not insist that external tariffs be set at the lowest existing levels. Although development funding is not a part of the EPA negotiation, EPAs are a central priority in the 22.7 billion euro 10th European Development Fund. If amounts available were not sufficient to address EPA requirements, then funding could be reviewed. Financial assistance is a means to an end and could not replace effective reform and economic diversification in ACP regions. He concluded that policy reform will drive trade, trade will deliver growth and Africa alone needs 7% growth per year to meet the Millennium Development Goals.

Commissioner Mandelson indicated that no formal request under article 37.6 provisions had been received. He explained that no alternatives exist which are at the level of EPAs for achieving the development objectives we shared in the negotiations. He informed however the ACP side that the Commission would be ready to examine any suggestion coming from the ACP group.

#### **4. Exchange of views and recommendations on DDA**

Minister Miller declared that the ACP States remain engaged in the WTO process and will continue to make positive contribution with a view to moving the negotiations forward. The ACP analysis of the situation is that the negotiations seem to be slowed down by the so-called triangle of issues, namely, the market access in agricultural products, domestic subsidy in agriculture and market access in NAMA. The European Union, United States, and the G-20 hold the key to unlocking the deadlock and it is necessary for these countries to modify their positions to enable progress to be achieved in defining modalities for the preparations of schedules of commitments in agriculture and NAMA negotiations.

The ACP States are aware and concerned that an improved offer by the EU on market access in agriculture could adversely affect the preference margins of a number of ACP countries. However, some European states have entrenched positions that make it difficult for the EU as a whole to improve this offer and some ACP countries would benefit from an improved offer from the EU on market access in agriculture. The challenge is to seek a workable balance between these three interest groups. The ACP group is pursuing its interest in key areas such as longstanding preferences, cotton, duty free and quota free market access for LDCs, special products, special safeguard mechanism, issues relating to net food importing developing countries, commodities, principle of less than full reciprocity, greater flexibilities for Small and Vulnerable Economies (SVEs) and ACP members who are covered by paragraph 6 of Annex B of the July 2004 Framework, as well as enhanced space for designing policies for the industrialization and diversification of ACP States. Overall, the ACP group hopes that the modalities being addressed will cover all the mentioned issues.

H. E. Mr Luc Magloire MBARGA ATANGANA, Minister of Trade of Cameroon, Spokesperson for the ACP Banana Group stated the ACP position on the treatment of bananas in the framework of the WTO negotiations. He recalled that the ACP countries subscribed to the principle of a substantial improvement as the result of the Doha negotiations. He added that at the same time, all the WTO Members had agreed that this Round was, more than any other, a development round, and that longstanding preferences, representing one of the factors for development in trade, had been recognized and re-affirmed as such in all the consensus texts that had been adopted by the WTO since the Framework Agreement of July 2004.

The Minister reiterated the position of the group according to which there should be no consolidation of the tariff applied to bananas prior to the conclusions of the market monitoring mechanism that was agreed for at least a one-year period, in Hong Kong in December 2006. Justice requires that this monitoring mechanism be maintained for at least the one-year period agreed in Hong Kong. The ACP group must also have at its disposal the modalities proposed for agricultural tariff reductions before it can assess the level at which to bind the tariff applied to banana imports to the European Union from the MFN countries.

In any event, the duty ought to be bound in such a way that following reduction, the tariff applied would still enable ACP banana producers to earn their livelihood from their exports. Specific solutions were also expected to be decided regarding the implementation timeframe and the reduction level, for example, so as to safeguard the preferential nature of the ACP banana trade.

H. E. M. DULLOO, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Cooperation of Mauritius who spoke on the issue of tuna stated that the Fisheries Sector in general and tuna canning and export of canned tuna in particular is a vital trade and economic sector of many ACP States, specially the island and coastal ACP States. This is also a sector of great mutual interest particularly from the number of fisheries agreements that the EU has concluded with the ACP States to have access to the fisheries resources in our waters and the investment made by EU companies in ACP's tuna-canning sector.

Minister Dulloo said that canned tuna is one of the few sectors in which ACP countries have experienced effective preferences. The 24% tariff applied to the third country canned tuna exports to the EU has played a key role in preserving the competitiveness of ACP countries.

Minister Dulloo noted that in the current WTO negotiations, canned tuna is treated as an industrial product, under NAMA. With the current proposals on the table, the EU tariff on canned tuna would be reduced to as low as 7%, by an across the board application of the preferred 'Swiss formula'.

If this were accepted, it would spell disaster to the ACP canning industry. The ACP countries would not be able to face the competition from Asian countries, which enjoy cheaper access to raw materials and lower maritime transport costs and yet they already have a 30% market share in the EU. The canned tuna sector of the ACP would be wiped out. All the prospects for investment and direct and indirect job creation would be lost.

The ACP side therefore called on the Commission to consider the use of a “carve out” clause in the WTO tariff reduction formula in the DDA in order to maintain an effective level of preference for the ACP canned tuna export to the EU. The ACP submitted that a long implementation period would not be enough without an appropriate coefficient for tuna in the Swiss formula allowing the preservation of an effective preference margin.

H.E. Mrs MOUNDELE-NGOLLO, Minister for Trade, Consumption and Supply of the Republic of Congo, spoke on the subject of Aid for Trade. She stated firstly that all developing countries, particularly the ACP countries, were awaiting impatiently and with great interest the outcome of the proceedings of the group set up by the WTO Secretariat, pursuant to the Hong Kong Ministerial Declaration. The ACP group fervently hoped that the measures adopted would make it possible, among other things, to resolve the supply constraints which restricted member countries' participation in world trade.

The Minister stated that, for the ACP countries, Aid for Trade represented an initiative which should reinforce the development aspect, both in the Doha Round and in the EPA negotiations. In that connection, Mrs Moundele-Ngollo emphasized that the ACP countries had already clearly identified their priorities, which related both to the creation of basic infrastructure and the widening of the production base of the economies of countries in the Group. Referring also to the diversity of the ACP group, the Minister said that these issues were fundamental to countries which did not yet have access to the market and which wished to participate in world trade.

All of the above points had to guide discussions on method as well as content and therefore raised the problem of the administrative procedures for granting aid, procedures which would, in the ACP group's view, determine the effectiveness of the initiative. Following the same line of thought, the Minister highlighted the issue of eligibility criteria which too often placed too much emphasis on political and security aspects to the detriment of the sometimes very difficult living conditions experienced by certain sectors of the population who were already victims of those same political problems.

Before calling on the European Union to share with the ACP Group its views on this issue, Minister Moundele-Ngollo urged the various players involved in Aid for Trade, namely NGOs, associations, development agencies and other groups, to coordinate their efforts, particularly with the Development Committee of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund so as to achieve the best possible result.

Commissioner Mandelson replied that the EU stands ready to support the ACP States on the treatment of products with real problems in terms of preference erosion. Bananas are clearly a key commodity for many ACP and particularly vulnerable in terms of preference erosion. At the same time, however, bananas are the most important product for a number of Latin American countries. He added that the EU wants to preserve the ACP preferences, but the margin of preference will inevitably become smaller as a result of the DDA negotiations; to which extent will depend on the outcome of the modalities negotiations in Geneva. The question is which treatment would be best for bananas. Bananas are not a product which the EU can declare sensitive given the limited domestic production in Europe. A possibility would be to get acceptance of bananas as a product with major preference erosion problems. This might set the basis for exceptional treatment, such as a longer implementation period for tariff cuts. But this position will be heavily opposed. He reminded that in the longer, post-DDA term, bananas will be covered by EPAs, which are an opportunity to redefine our trade relations and put an end to the banana-related uncertainty.

On tuna, the Commissioner took note of the concerns of the ACP group and recognised that tuna is an important product for many ACP States and this is a clear case of preference erosion. He added that unfortunately, it will be difficult to meet DDA commitments and to succeed in maintaining this preference. As for bananas, this is surely a product for which the ACP side needs to make the case clearly in Geneva and the EU would be prepared to support a longer transitional period.

Commissioner Mandelson pointed to the ongoing DDA negotiations in Geneva and said he is prepared to support the need for an inclusive process, so that the voice of the ACP group can be heard and involve the ACP group as much as possible in the negotiating process. He agreed on the need to take sufficient time to deal with specific development concerns.

The Commissioner also stressed the need to see real offers by the US on their agriculture domestic support, and by the G-20 and some others on NAMA. He stressed that the G-20 and the G-90 do not have identical interests and capacities in trade and the ACP in these negotiations should aim at opening up markets in countries where they are still heavily protected like Brazil and India, not in the EU where the ACP countries have already a competitive advantage. He recognised that preference erosion is a major political problem. As regards the list of products where there are real problems, he believed that they must be addressed as part of the final package, a right mix of well-focused Aid for Trade and longer implementation periods on tariff cuts. On Aid for Trade the Commissioner said that in the context of the WTO Task Force the EU will do its best to make existing delivery mechanisms work better, with monitoring at global and country level, more engagement from developing countries and improved donor coordination.

Commissioner Mandelson also acknowledged the situation of those ACP States who are not LDCs but nevertheless consider themselves as small and vulnerable. He pointed to the need to determine a Small and Vulnerable Economies status on the basis of credible, clear and objective criteria that are acceptable for all WTO Members.

## **5. Any Other Business**

No issues were raised.

## 6th Joint ACP-EC Ministerial Trade Committee Brussels, 28 June 2006

### Attendance List - ACP Countries

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	H.E. Mr Assad SHOMAN	Ambassador of Belize, Brussels
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