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LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

Subject:	COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION concerning the discharge to be given to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the operations of the European Development Fund (eleventh EDF) for the financial year 2015

COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION (EU) 2017/…

of …

concerning the discharge to be given to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the operations of the European Development Fund (eleventh EDF) for the financial year 2015

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

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 2000[1], as last amended,

[1] OJ L 317, 15.12.2000, p. 3.

Having regard to the Internal Agreement between the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Union, meeting within the Council, on the financing of European Union aid under the multiannual financial framework for the period 2014 to 2020, in accordance with the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement, and on the allocation of financial assistance for the Overseas Countries and Territories to which Part Four of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union applies[1] (the 'Internal Agreement') setting up, amongst others, the eleventh European Development Fund (eleventh EDF), and in particular Article 11(7) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2015/323 of 2 March 2015 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the 11th European Development Fund[2], and in particular Articles 43 to 45 thereof,

Having examined the revenue and expenditure account and the balance sheet relating to the operations of the eleventh EDF as at 31 December 2015 and the Annual Report of the Court of Auditors on the activities funded by the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th European Development Funds (EDFs) concerning the financial year 2015, together with the Commission's replies[3] contained in that Annual Report,

1 OJ L 210, 6.8.2013, p. 1.
2 OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 17.
3 OJ C 375, 13.10.2016, p. 287.

Whereas:

(1) Pursuant to Article 11(7) of the Internal Agreement, the discharge for the financial management of the eleventh EDF is to be given to the Commission by the European Parliament on the recommendation of the Council.

(2) The overall implementation by the Commission of the operations of the eleventh EDF during the financial year 2015 has been satisfactory,

HEREBY RECOMMENDS that the European Parliament give the Commission a discharge in respect of the implementation of the operations of the eleventh EDF for the financial year 2015.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President