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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 (eighth EDF) for the financial year 2020

COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION (EU) 2022/…

of …

concerning the discharge to be given to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the operations of the European Development Fund (eighth EDF) for the financial year 2020

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to the Fourth ACP-EEC Convention signed at Lomé on 15 December 1989[1], as amended by the Agreement amending the fourth ACP-EC Convention of Lomé signed in Mauritius on 4 November 1995[2],

[1] OJ L 229, 17.8.1991, p. 3.
[2] OJ L 156, 29.5.1998, p. 3.

Having regard to the Internal Agreement between the representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the financing and administration of the Community aid under the Second Financial Protocol to the fourth ACP-EC Convention[1] (the 'Internal Agreement') establishing, among other things, the eighth European Development Fund (the 'eighth EDF'), and in particular Article 33(3) thereof,

Having regard to Financial Regulation 98/430/EC of 16 June 1998 applicable to development finance cooperation under the fourth ACP-EC Convention[2], and in particular Articles 66 to 74 thereof,

[1] OJ L 156, 29.5.1998, p. 108.
[2] OJ L 191, 7.7.1998, p. 53.

Whereas:

(1) The Council has examined the revenue and expenditure account and the balance sheet relating to the operations of the eighth EDF as at 31 December 2020 and the annual report of the Court of Auditors on the activities funded by the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th European Development Funds for the 2020 financial year[1], together with the Commission's replies contained in that annual report.

(2) Pursuant to the Internal Agreement, the discharge for the financial management of the eighth EDF is to be given to the Commission by the European Parliament on the recommendation of the Council.

(3) The overall implementation by the Commission of the operations of the eighth EDF during the financial year 2020 has been satisfactory,

HEREBY RECOMMENDS that the European Parliament give the Commission a discharge in respect of the implementation of the operations of the eighth EDF for the financial year 2020.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

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[1] See the relevant communication in the Official Journal, OJ C 430, 25.10.2021, p. 7.