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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From:	ACP Working Party
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Relations with the ACP States Preparation of the 42nd session of the ACP-EU Council of Ministers (Brussels, Belgium, 5 May 2017) - Draft Annotated Agenda

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1. **The provisional agenda** for the 42nd session of the ACP-EU Council of Ministers, which will take place in Brussels (Belgium) on 5 May 2017, was agreed at the 67th meeting of the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors on 17 March 2017 (see Annex I).

The ACP-EU Council of Ministers' session will be preceded by a Ministerial-level meeting of the ACP-EU Development Finance Cooperation Committee (DFCC), which will take place on 4 May 2017 at the same venue. The agenda of this meeting has been prepared as a result of the discussions at the DFCC (Authorised Representatives) meeting on 10 March 2017.

The Ministerial-level meeting of the ACP-EU DFCC will report to the ACP-EU Council of Ministers.

2. The 42nd session of the ACP-EU Council of Ministers will be chaired by H.E. Dr Abraham TEKESTE, Minister of Finance and Economic Cooperation of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, and Co-President of the ACP-EU Council of Ministers who will introduce the agenda items and draw the conclusions. On the EU side, the session will be co-chaired, on behalf of the High Representative, by H.E. Mr George VELLA, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malta.

The Commission will be represented by Mr Neven MIMICA, Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development.

The EEAS will be represented by Ms Birgitte MARKUSSEN, Deputy Managing Director for Africa.

3. The provisional timetable of work is as follows:

Thursday 4 May 2017

15:00 - 18:00 ACP-EU Development Finance Cooperation Committee

Friday 5 May 2017

09:30 - 13:00 Plenary session of the ACP-EU Council of Ministers

14.30 - 18:00 Plenary session of the ACP-EU Council of Ministers

4. The draft annotated agenda, set out in Annex II, provides guidance for the EU statements at the 42nd session of the ACP-EU Council of Ministers and was agreed by the ACP Working Party on 29 March 2017. **COREPER/Council** is therefore invited to **confirm the draft annotated agenda**.

ACP-EU COTONOU AGREEMENT

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

**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Brussels, 31 March 2017

ACP/21/001/17

ACP-UE 2110/17

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Meeting: 42nd session of the ACP-EU Council of Ministers

Date: 5 May 2017

Venue: Brussels, Belgium

1. Adoption of the Provisional Agenda
[ACP/21/001/17 - ACP-UE 2110/17]

"A" ITEMS

2. Adoption of
 - Outcome of proceedings of the 41st session of the ACP-EU Council of Ministers on 28-29 April 2016
[ACP/21/002/17 - ACP-UE 2102/17]
3. Relations with the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly
 - Information on the activities of the Assembly in 2016
 - Adoption of a report to the Joint Parliamentary Assembly
[ACP/21/003/17 - ACP-UE 2111/17]

"B" ITEMS

4. Implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda
 - Exchange of views
5. Climate Change
 - Exchange of views
6. The future of the relations between ACP countries and the EU
 - Exchange of views
7. Migration
 - Exchange of views
8. Private Sector Development
 - Exchange of views
9. Development Finance Cooperation
 - Oral Report and follow-up to the meeting of the Development Finance Cooperation Committee (Ministers) (4 May 2017)
10. (poss.) Revision of Chapter 3 of Annex II to the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement
11. Economic issues
 - Trade Cooperation:
 - (a) Report from the 14th Joint Ministerial Trade Committee
 - (b) State of play of EPAs
 - European External Investment Plan
 - Perspectives of the Investment Facility
12. Date and place of the next session of the ACP-EU Council of Ministers

"C" ITEMS

13. 11th WTO Ministerial Conference
 14. Youth, job creation and demography
 15. Strengthened cooperation in the international arena
 16. Ocean governance
 17. Any Other Business
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42ND SESSION OF THE ACP-EU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Brussels, 5 May 2017

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM 1

ADOPTION OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

[ACP/21/xxx/17 - ACP-UE 2110/17]

POSITION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

The European Union will agree to the proposed agenda.

"A" ITEMS

AGENDA ITEM 2

ADOPTION OF

- **Outcome of proceedings of the 41st session of the ACP-EU Council of Ministers on 28-29 April 2016**
[ACP/21/xxx/17 - ACP-UE 2102/17]

POSITION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

The European Union will agree to the adoption of the draft Outcome of Proceedings of the 41st session of the ACP-EU Council of Ministers held on 28-29 April 2016.

AGENDA ITEM 3

RELATIONS WITH THE ACP-EU JOINT PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

- **Information on the activities of the Assembly in 2016**

POSITION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

The ACP-EU Council will take note of the results of the 31st and 32nd sessions of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly which took place in Windhoek, Namibia and Nairobi, Kenya respectively.

- **Adoption of a report to the Joint Parliamentary Assembly**
[ACP/21/xxx/17 - ACP-UE xxxx/17]

POSITION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

The European Union will agree to the approval of the report from the ACP-EU Council of Ministers to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly on the implementation of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement in 2016, as set out in annex 1 to Annex II of this document.

"B" ITEMS

AGENDA ITEM 4

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2030 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

- **Exchange of views**

POSITION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

The European Union will hold an exchange of views with the ACP side on the implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. It will stress the importance of the ACP-EU cooperation with a view to a successful implementation of the Agenda. It will inform the ACP side about its preparation for the meeting of the UN High Level Political Forum in July in New York.

It will welcome the convergence of views on both sides of the necessity that the ACP-EU Partnership be brought in line with the Sustainable Development Goals.

AGENDA ITEM 5

CLIMATE CHANGE

- **Exchange of views**

POSITION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

The European Union will stress its commitment to a successful implementation of the Paris Agreement and its intention to continue to work with the ACP side, and Fiji in particular as Chair of COP 23, to maintain the issue of climate change high on the agenda of international discussions.

AGENDA ITEM 6

THE FUTURE OF THE RELATIONS BETWEEN ACP COUNTRIES AND THE EU

- **Exchange of views**

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AGENDA ITEM 7

MIGRATION

- **Exchange of views**

POSITION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

The European Union will hold an exchange of views with the ACP side to take stock of the outcome of the Valletta Senior Officials' Meeting and the implementation of the Valletta Action Plan and the EU Trust Fund, underlining current challenges and opportunities regarding migration.

AGENDA ITEM 8

PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

- **Exchange of views**

POSITION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

The European Union will hold an exchange of views with the ACP side to take stock of the developments regarding the implementation of the Joint ACP-EU Cooperation Framework for Private Sector Development in ACP Countries.

AGENDA ITEM 9

DEVELOPMENT FINANCE COOPERATION

- **Oral Report and follow-up to the meeting of the Development Finance Cooperation Committee (Ministers) (4 May 2017)**

POSITION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

The European Union will be invited to present, on behalf of both parties, a joint oral report of the meeting of the ACP-EU DFCC which will have taken place at Ministerial level on 4 May 2017 before the session of the ACP-EU Council of Ministers.

The ACP-EU Council of Ministers will take note of the Report and examine the Recommendation made by the DFCC to the ACP-EU Council regarding the revision of Annex II to the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement.

Recommendation by the DFCC are necessary for the ACP-EU Council to formally adopt decisions on this matter (Article 100 of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement).

AGENDA ITEM 10

(poss.) REVISION OF CHAPTER 3 OF ANNEX II TO THE ACP-EU PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

POSITION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

The European Union will hold an exchange of views with the ACP side to take stock of the technical discussions regarding the revision of Annex II to the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement.

AGENDA ITEM 11

ECONOMIC ISSUES

- TRADE COOPERATION:

- (a) **Report from the 14th Joint Ministerial Trade Committee**

POSITION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

The EU side will be invited to present, on behalf of both Parties, an oral report from the 14th meeting of the Joint Ministerial Trade Committee which took place on 9 December 2016.

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- (b) State of play of EPAs

POSITION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

The Commission, who negotiates EPAs on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, will be invited to report on the state of play of EPA implementation.

The Commission's presentation will be followed by an exchange of views with **the ACP side**.

- EUROPEAN EXTERNAL INVESTMENT PLAN

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- PERSPECTIVES OF THE INVESTMENT FACILITY

POSITION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

The EIB will give an overview of the results of the Investment Facility in 2016 and an outlook for 2017 and beyond.

AGENDA ITEM 12

DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SESSION OF THE ACP-EU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

POSITION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

The European Union will propose that the next session of the ACP-EU Council of Ministers take place in the first semester of 2018 in an ACP country, on a date to be agreed.

"C" ITEMS

AGENDA ITEM 13

11TH WTO MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

POSITION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Both parties have agreed to hold an informal exchange of views, under the 'C' items of the agenda, concerning the 11th WTO ministerial conference.

AGENDA ITEM 14

YOUTH, JOB CREATION AND DEMOGRAPHY

POSITION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Both parties have agreed to hold an informal exchange of views, under the 'C' items of the agenda, concerning youth, job creation and demography.

AGENDA ITEM 15

STRENGTHENED COOPERATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA

POSITION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Both parties have agreed to hold an informal exchange of views, under the 'C' items of the agenda, concerning strengthened cooperation in the international arena.

AGENDA ITEM 16

OCEAN GOVERNANCE

POSITION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Both parties have agreed to hold an informal exchange of views, under the 'C' items of the agenda, concerning ocean governance.

AGENDA ITEM 17

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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