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**DECISIONS AND RESOLUTIONS
OF THE 103rd SESSION OF THE ACP COUNCIL OF
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FROM 26th TO 27th APRIL 2016**

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DECISION No.1/CIII/16
OF THE 103rd SESSION OF THE ACP COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
HELD IN DAKAR, SENEGAL, FROM 26TH TO 27TH APRIL 2016

ACP EMINENT PERSONS GROUP (EPG) *EOA*

The ACP Council of Ministers,

- Meeting in Dakar, Senegal, from 26 to 27 April 2016,

RECALLING the objectives of the Georgetown Agreement, including consolidating and strengthening the solidarity of the ACP Group;

RECALLING Decision No. 2/XCVI/12 of the ACP Council of Ministers, taken in Malabo in December 2012 **endorsing** the Secretary-General's initiative to form an Eminent Persons Group (EPG) to widen and deepen reflections on the future of the ACP Group in its regions and in the South;

WHEREAS the mandate of the EPG is to envision the future of the ACP Group in a changing and challenging global environment; to examine options for reform to shape the ACP Group into a contemporary organisation that is responsive to the aspirations and expectations of the citizens of its Member States; and to hone its decision-making bodies and its Secretariat into a stronger; more effective framework for cooperation and partnership;

WHEREAS the 8th Summit of the ACP Heads of State and Government scheduled to take place in Papua New Guinea will be invited to consider the EPG report;

HAVING HEARD a presentation of the outline of the final report of the Eminent Persons Group and the discussion that ensued;

HEREBY DECIDES TO:

1. **Welcome** the finalisation of the Report of the Eminent Persons Group and commend the report for presentation to the 8th Summit of the ACP Heads of State and Government for consideration and decision;
2. **Invite** ACP delegations to adequately brief their Leaders prior to the Summit in Papua New Guinea, in view of the critical importance of the EPG report in the on-going thinking and reflection on the future of the ACP Group; and

3. **Congratulate and express** deep gratitude to all Members of the EPG under the leadership of His Excellency Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, for the tireless efforts and exceptional dedication the team has demonstrated since the EPG was launched in March 2013. *eoq*

Dakar, 27th April 2016



Hon. Léon Raphaël MOKOKO
Minister of Integration and Planning
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President of the ACP Council of Ministers

DECISION No.2/CIII/16
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WORKING GROUP ON THE REVISION OF THE STAFF REGULATIONS

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The ACP Council of Ministers,

- Meeting in Dakar, Senegal, from 26 to 27 April 2016,

HAVING REGARD TO the Georgetown Agreement, notably Article 25;

HAVING REGARD TO the Revised Staff Regulations of the ACP Secretariat, ACP/41/050/11 Rev.1;

HAVING REGARD TO the Headquarters Agreement concluded between the ACP Group and the Belgian Government in April 1993;


CONSIDERING the decision taken during its 101st session on the revision of the Staff Regulations;

HAVING REGARD TO the report of the Ambassadorial Working Group on the revision of the Staff Regulations [ACP/41/016/16];

HEREBY DECIDES:

to approve the mandate of the Working Group on the revision of the Staff Regulations as recommended by the Committee of Ambassadors. eoa

Dakar, 27th April 2016



Hon. Léon Raphaël MOKOKO
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DECISION No.6/CIII/16
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OUTBREAK OF ZIKA VIRUS IN THE CARIBBEAN

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The ACP Council of Ministers,

- meeting in Dakar, Senegal, from 26 to 27 April 2016;

RECALLING the objectives of the Georgetown Agreement, including consolidating and strengthening the solidarity of the ACP Group;

HAVING REGARD TO the 11th EDF Intra-ACP indicative programme and particularly its objective 1.2 related to the strengthening of health systems in ACP countries;

HAVING REGARD also to Article 12B, paragraph b (iii) of the Annex IV of the Cotonou Agreement;

WHEREAS Caribbean states are being seriously affected by the Zika virus which has spread throughout the Americas and noting its potential economic and social impact;

WHEREAS the World Health Organisation (WHO) has declared the Zika virus as a Public Health emergency of International concern;

NOTING that the governments of the Caribbean region have been proactive and are giving priority attention to this health issue and are taking a multi-sectoral approach to eradicate this disease;

WHEREAS the WHO and Pan American Health Organization are working with Caribbean member states to communicate the risks of Zika, promote prevention and improve surveillance;

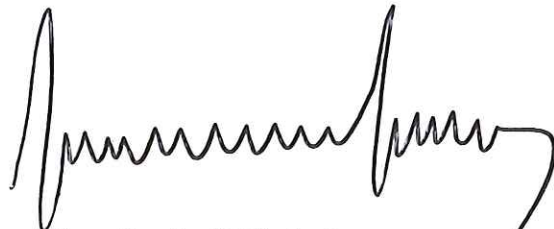
NOTING that this new health emergency situation, underscores the need to take urgent action to strengthen the health sectors in ACP Countries as recommended by the ACP Council following the Ebola outbreak;

NOTING also the efforts by the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) to provide technical support to the region especially through Zika testing;

HEREBY DECIDES TO:

1. **Instruct** the Committee of Ambassadors to engage with the EU in order to provide an urgent response to this critical situation facing Caribbean member States, by approving an appropriate financial allocation from the 11th EDF Intra-ACP resources;
2. **Request** the Committee of Ambassadors to ensure that the modalities for allocation and contracting the resources respond adequately to the urgency of the situation. *eba*

Dakar, 27th April 2016



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