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Brussels, 16 July 2026

DECISIONS

**OF THE 121st SESSION OF THE OACPS COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS**

HELD IN BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

FROM 15 TO 16 JULY 2026

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DECISIONS

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**DECISION N°1/CXXI/26
OF THE 121ST SESSION OF THE OACPS COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
HELD IN BRUSSELS, BELGIUM FROM 15 TO 16 JULY 2026**

REVISED CONTRIBUTIONS FORMULA

The OACPS Council of Ministers,

- Meeting in Brussels, Belgium, from 15 to 16 July 2026;

HAVING REGARD to the provisions of the Revised Georgetown Agreement (2019);

HAVING REGARD to Article 6 (b) of the financial regulations of the ACP Secretariat;

RECALLING Council Decision No. 4/XCV/12, which provides for a revision of the scale of contributions every five (5) years;

FURTHER RECALLING Council Decision No.4/XCVII/17 of the revision of the scale of contributions that approved the revised scale effective 1 January 2019;

HAVING REGARD to Council decision No. 7/CXXX/25 on the review of the OACPS contribution formula;

HAVING EXAMINED the Report of the OACPS Committee of Ambassadors to the 121st Session of the OACPS Council of Ministers [**ACP/26/027/26 Rev.1**] recommending the revised scale of contributions.

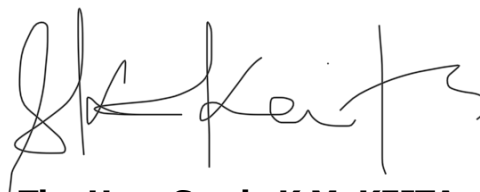


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HEREBY DECIDES TO:

1. **Maintain** the current system, based on a ceiling of 7 per cent and a floor of 0.2 per cent, while updating the data used to calculate the contributions.

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**DECISION N°2/CXXI/26
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GRANTING A WAIVER OF THE DEBT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF SOMALIA

The OACPS Council of Ministers,

- Meeting in Brussels, Belgium, from 15 to 16 July 2026;

HAVING REGARD to the provisions of the Revised Georgetown Agreement (2019);

RECALLING previous Council decisions on the Republic of Sudan, the Republic of Somalia and the Republic of Cuba;

HAVING REGARD to Council Decision No. 7/CXXX/25 on the review of the OACPS contribution formula;

RECOGNISING that Somalia has met the condition set by the Committee of Ambassadors in January 2026 of paying its contribution to the 2026 OACPS budget;

HAVING EXAMINED the report of the OACPS Committee of Ambassadors to the 121st Session of the OACPS Council of Ministers **[ACP/26/027/26 Rev.1]**;



HEREBY DECIDES TO:

1. **Grant** a waiver of EUR 591,707.17, which is the total outstanding contribution in arrears, including interest, for the Federal Republic of Somalia; and
2. **Instruct** the Committee of Ambassadors to apportion, or consider other mechanisms to deal with, the financial impact arising from this waiver.

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DECISION N°3/CXXI/26
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GRANTING A WAIVER OF THE DEBT OF REPUBLIC OF SUDAN

The OACPS Council of Ministers,

- Meeting in Brussels, Belgium, from 15 to 16 July 2026;

HAVING REGARD to the provisions of the Revised Georgetown Agreement (2019);

RECALLING all the previous Council decisions on the Republic of Sudan, the Republic of Somalia and the Republic of Cuba;

HAVING REGARD to Council Decision No. 7/CXXX/25 on the review of the OACPS contribution formula;

RECOGNISING that Sudan has met the condition set by the Committee of Ambassadors in July 2026, of paying their contribution to the 2026 OACPS budget;

HAVING EXAMINED the report of the OACPS Committee of Ambassadors to the 121st Session of the OACPS Council of Ministers **[ACP/26/027/26 Rev.1]**;



HEREBY DECIDES TO:

1. **Grant** a waiver of EUR 954,271.04, which is the total contribution in arrears, including interest, for the Republic of Sudan; and
2. **Instruct** the Committee of Ambassadors to apportion, or consider other mechanisms to deal with, the financial impact arising from this waiver.

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DECISION N°4/CXXI/26
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GRANTING A WAIVER OF THE DEBT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA
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The OACPS Council of Ministers,

- Meeting in Brussels, Belgium, from 15 to 16 July 2026;

HAVING REGARD to the provisions of the Revised Georgetown Agreement (2019);

RECALLING Decision No. 5/XCIII/11 of the 93rd Session of the ACP Council of Ministers on the contribution of Cuba;

RECALLING ALSO Decision No. 5/XCVIII/13 of the 98th Session of the ACP Council of Ministers on the write-off of interest on arrears in contribution for the Republic of Guinea-Bissau and Cuba;

RECALLING FURTHER Decision No. 9/CII/15 of the 102nd Session of the ACP Council of Ministers on Cuba's contribution to the budget of the ACP Secretariat;

RECOGNISING the economic situation of Cuba ;

REAFFIRMING the principles of solidarity, unity and mutual support among Members of the OACPS;

HAVING EXAMINED the report of the OACPS Committee of Ambassadors to the 121st Session of the OACPS Council of Ministers **[ACP/26/027/26 Rev.1]**;



HEREBY DECIDES TO:

1. **Grant** a waiver of EUR 1,741, 572.32, which is the total contribution in arrears, and interest, including the 2026 contribution to the OACPS Budget for the Republic of Cuba; and
2. **Instruct** the Committee of Ambassadors to apportion, or consider other mechanisms to deal with, the financial impact arising from this waiver.

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DECISION N°5/CXXI/26
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IMPLEMENTATION OF MALABO DECLARATION

The OACPS Council of Ministers,

- Meeting in Brussels, Belgium, from 15 to 16 July 2026;

HAVING REGARD to the provisions of the Revised Georgetown Agreement (2019);

WELCOMING the successful convening of the 11th Summit of the OACPS Heads of State and Government in Equatorial Guinea from 27 to 29 March 2026

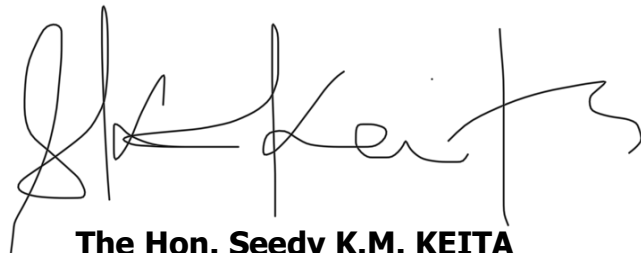
RECALLING the adoption of the Malabo Declaration under the theme "A transformed and renewed OACPS in a changing World"

HAVING CONSIDERED the Implementation Matrix and the Road Map for the Malabo Declaration **[ACP/28/052/26 Rev.2];**

HEREBY DECIDES TO:

1. **Endorse** the Implementation Matrix and Road Map for the Malabo Declaration; and
2. **Mandate** the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to ensure the timely and effective implementation of the Malabo Declaration, in close consultation with Member States and the relevant organs of the Organisation.

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DECISION N°6/CXXI/26
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MANUAL FOR ACCREDITATION OF OACPS AMBASSADORS
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The OACPS Council of Ministers,

- Meeting in Brussels, Belgium, from 15 to 16 July 2026;

HAVING REGARD to the provisions of the Revised Georgetown Agreement (2019);

RECALLING the initiative presented to the 120th Session of the Council of Ministers concerning the establishment of a formal process for the accreditation of Ambassadors and Permanent Representatives to the OACPS;

RECALLING FURTHER the guidance of Council on the need to establish clear guidelines for Member States and to give due consideration to the relevant provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and established diplomatic practice;

RECOGNISING that the ongoing reform agenda requires the modernisation and strengthening of the Organisation's institutional, administrative and diplomatic practices, in accordance with internationally recognised standards;

HAVING EXAMINED the report of the OACPS Committee of Ambassadors to the 121st Session of the OACPS Council of Ministers **[ACP/26/027/26 Rev.1]**;

HEREBY DECIDES TO:

1. **Approve** the manual for the Accreditation of Ambassadors to the OACPS as annexed to the report
2. **Reaffirm** that the establishment of a formal accreditation framework forms part of the broader institutional transformation and modernisation of the OACPS and contributes to strengthening its credibility, effectiveness and standing as an international organisation;
3. **Apply** the manual prospectively and that Ambassadors already duly accredited to the OACPS at the time of its adoption shall not be required to present new letters of credence solely as a consequence of the adoption of the Manual.

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**DECISION N°7/CXXI/26
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UK TARIFF SUSPENSION ON FOOD PRODUCTS
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The OACPS Council of Ministers,

- Meeting in Brussels, Belgium, from 15 to 16 July 2026;

HAVING REGARD to the provisions of the Revised Georgetown Agreement (2019);

HAVING EXAMINED the report of the OACPS Committee of Ambassadors to the 121st Session of the OACPS Council of Ministers **[ACP/26/027/26 Rev.1]**;

NOTING the brief on the United Kingdom's temporary suspension of tariffs on selected food and agricultural products, including tuna and tuna products;

RECOGNISING that the measure applies on a Most-Favoured-Nation basis and extends duty-free treatment to all suppliers, thereby reducing the value of preferences currently enjoyed by OACPS Member States;



HEREBY DECIDES TO:

1. **Take note** of the United Kingdom's temporary suspension of tariffs on a range of food products, including tuna and tuna products;
2. **Express concern** regarding the potential implications of the measure for affected OACPS Member States, particularly those that have developed export-oriented industries on the basis of longstanding preferential market access arrangements;
3. **Reaffirm** the importance of predictable, transparent and development-oriented trade relations, as well as the need to preserve the value of trade preferences granted to developing countries;
4. **Request** the OACPS Secretariat to conduct technical studies and engage with the relevant United Kingdom authorities, as well as explore any possible ways of addressing the OACPS concerns;
5. **Encourage** the United Kingdom to engage in consultations with affected Members of the OACPS and to explore appropriate mitigating measures, such as:
 - the establishment of autonomous tariff quotas;
 - the application of reduced tariff rates, with a view to preserving meaningful preference margins and mitigating the adverse effects of preference erosion on affected OACPS economies.

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**DECISION N°8/CXXI/26
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OACPS RESOURCE MOBILISATION EFFORTS
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The OACPS Council of Ministers,

- Meeting in Brussels, Belgium, from 15 to 16 July 2026;

HAVING REGARD to the provisions of the Revised Georgetown Agreement (2019);

WELCOMING the successful convening of the 11th Summit of the OACPS Heads of State and Government in Equatorial Guinea from 27 to 29 March 2026

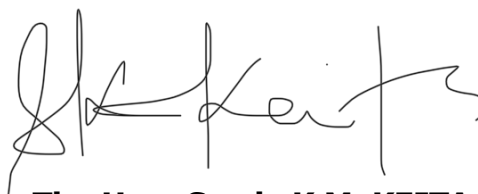
RECALLING the adoption of the Malabo Declaration under the theme "A transformed and renewed OACPS in a changing World"

HAVING CONSIDERED the Report of the Work of the OACPS Champion on Resources Mobilisation [**ACP/28/057/26**];

HEREBY DECIDES TO:

1. **Express** profound appreciation to His Majesty the King Mswati III for his outstanding leadership and tireless efforts in advancing the OACPS Resource Mobilisation Initiative, including the successful convening of the International Round table for Resource Mobilisation, which has strengthened Member States' commitment to the Organisation's financial sustainability and renewal;
2. **Call** for the convening of the second international round table for sustainable financing to be held on a date to be determined in 2027;
3. **Reaffirm** that the hosting of the second international round table seeks to mobilise resources for OACPS Programming in the furtherance of strategic priorities; and
4. **Express** profound appreciation to OACPS Member States that have made voluntary contributions during the 121st Council of Ministers in addition to the commitments made in Malabo.

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DECISION N°9/CXXI/26
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LAUNCH OF THE OACPS CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR THE DIASPORA
IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

The OACPS Council of Ministers,

- Meeting in Brussels, Belgium, from 15 to 16 July 2026;

HAVING REGARD to the provisions of the Revised Georgetown Agreement (2019);

RECALLING the commitment of OACPS Heads of State and Government to strengthen diaspora engagement, as reflected in the Nairobi, Luanda and Malabo Summits;

RECALLING ALSO Council Decision No. 10/CXIV/22 on the establishment of the OACPS Platform of Engagement with the Diaspora and People of African Descent;

HAVING REGARD to the Luanda Declaration of the 10th Summit of OACPS Heads of State and Government held on 9 December 2022, entitled, "*Three Continents, Three Oceans, One Common Destiny: Building a Resilient and Sustainable OACPS*";

RECALLING FURTHER Council Decision No.2/CXVI/23 on the OACPS Diaspora Centre of Excellence in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria;

NOTING with gratitude the decision of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to grant logistical and material resources for the benefit of the OACPS Centre of Excellence;

RECOGNISING the important role of diaspora communities in supporting development, investment, remittances, skills transfer, entrepreneurship and knowledge exchange in OACPS Member States.

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HEREBY DECIDES TO:

1. **Approve** the launch of the operationalisation of the OACPS Diaspora Centre of Excellence;
2. **Mandate** the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to operationalise the Centre, including the negotiation and conclusion of a Host Country Agreement with the Government of Nigeria; and
3. **Request** the Secretary-General to present a report on this matter at the 122nd Session of the OACPS Council of Ministers.

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DECISION N°10/CXXI/26
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DATE AND PLACE FOR THE 122ND SESSION OF THE OACPS COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
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The OACPS Council of Ministers,

- Meeting in Brussels, Belgium, from 15 to 16 July 2026;

HAVING REGARD to the provisions of the Revised Georgetown Agreement (2019);

RECOGNISING the importance of strengthening the visibility, ownership and engagement of Member States in the work of the Organisation;

WELCOMING the incoming Presidency of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia from 1st August 2026 to 31st January 2027.

HEREBY DECIDES TO:

1. **Convene** the 122nd Session of the OACPS Council of Ministers on the exact date to be confirmed; and
2. **Approve** that the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia be the host of the 122nd Session of the OACPS Council of Ministers.

Done in Brussels, 16 July 2026



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