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*Committee on International Trade*

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**2011/0207(NLE)**

26.1.2012

## **OPINION**

of the Committee on International Trade

for the Committee on Development

on the draft Council decision concerning the conclusion of the Agreement amending for the second time 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, as first amended in Luxembourg on 25 June 2005 (16894/2011 – C7-0469/2011 – 2011/0207(NLE))

Rapporteur: Daniel Caspary

PA\_Leg\_Consent

## SHORT JUSTIFICATION

In 2000 the Cotonou Agreement was concluded for 20 years. It was agreed that there would be a possibility of revision every five years. The first revision had little impact on the economic and trade chapter. The Council authorized the opening of the negotiations for the second revision on 23 February 2009. The amending Agreement was signed on 22 June 2010. Parliament consent is required.

On 20 January 2010 the EP adopted a resolution on the second revision of the Cotonou Agreement calling amongst others for:

- consideration of problems of the ACP related to the financial crisis, preference erosion, increasing food prices, climate change etc.;
- inclusion of policy coherence in the Agreement;
- updating the economic and trade chapter, taking into account the EPAs and the expiry of the non-reciprocal trade preferences by 2007;
- more attention for trade adaptation strategies and tailor made 'Aid for Trade' measures;
- support for the ACP requests to include trade and development, trade and finance, fair trade and trade in arms;
- Deletion of the special review procedure for the economic and trade cooperation in Article 95 (3) of the Cotonou Agreement;
- addressing tax-related aspects of development;
- promotion of micro-credits to facilitate investment and development of SMEs.

The result of the negotiations took most of the above mentioned points on board. For future negotiations the Parliament asks the Council to also include amongst others:

- support for the ACP requests to include trade and finance and fair trade;
- addressing tax-related aspects of development;
- Promotion of micro-credits to facilitate investment and development of SMEs.

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The Committee on International Trade calls on the Committee on Development, as the committee responsible, to propose that Parliament give its consent.

## RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

<b>Date adopted</b>	26.1.2012
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+:               25 -:                0 0:                3
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	William (The Earl of) Dartmouth, Laima Liucija Andrikienė, María Auxiliadora Correa Zamora, Christofer Fjellner, Yannick Jadot, Metin Kazak, Bernd Lange, Emilio Menéndez del Valle, Vital Moreira, Paul Murphy, Cristiana Muscardini, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Niccolò Rinaldi, Helmut Scholz, Peter Šťastný, Gianluca Susta, Keith Taylor, Jan Zahradil, Paweł Zalewski
<b>Substitute(s) present for the final vote</b>	Josefa Andrés Barea, George Sabin Cutaş, Mário David, Albert Deß, Syed Kamall, Silvana Koch-Mehrin, Inese Vaidere
<b>Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote</b>	Jutta Haug, Jean Roatta