

Brussels, 8 November 2023

Coordinators' decisions and recommendations taken by written procedure on 25 October 2023

1. Appointment of rapporteurs for reports and opinions

i) Possible DEVE opinion on the draft Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Economic Partnership Agreement between the Republic of Kenya, member of the East African Community of the one part, and the European Union of the other part

Decision: It was decided to prepare a consent opinion. However, in the absence of interested political groups, it will be prepared by the Chair for zero points

ii) Procedural change for the DEVE's contribution to the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber and timber products to the European Union (FLEGT)

Decision: Given the tight calendar communicated by INTA, it was decided that the DEVE opinion to the accompanying non-legislative resolution should take the form of a letter.

2. Invitation to participate in the Disability Rights Week

Decision: It was decided that DEVE should participate in the Disability Rights Week. An exchange of views on 'Challenges and opportunities in access to education and training for persons with disabilities in developing countries' will be organised at the next meeting on 28 November.

3. Proposal to request a study from the EPRS on Policy Coherence for Development

Decision: It was decided to request a study from the EPRS to prepare an implementation study on PCD, which will be available at the beginning of the next legislative term. The exact terms of reference will be further defined in consultation between EPRS, the DEVE secretariat and the Standing Rapporteur, also in light of the Commission Work Programme which was adopted on 17 October.

4. Possible organisation of an exchange of views on the situation in Ethiopia

Decision: It was decided to liaise with DROI in view of the organisation of a joint exchange of views on the situation in Ethiopia in the coming months.