

**DECISION No.2/CVII/18**  
**OF THE 107<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE ACP COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**  
**HELD IN LOMÉ, TOGO, FROM 29<sup>TH</sup> TO 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018**

**ACP NEGOTIATING MANDATE FOR THE POST-COTONOU  
PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE EU *etc***

**The ACP Council of Ministers,**

- Meeting in Lomé, Togo, from 29 to 30 May 2018,

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

**HAVING REGARD** to the Cotonou Agreement signed in Cotonou on 23 June 2000, revised in Luxembourg on 25 June 2005, revised in Ouagadougou on 22 June 2010, in particular Article 95 (4);

**HAVING REGARD** to the Sipopo and Port Moresby Declarations and the Waigani Communiqué, which reiterate that the strength, unity and solidarity among African, Caribbean and Pacific States will sustain the future of the ACP Group in a changing world of challenges and opportunities;

**HAVING REGARD** to Decision No.2/CV/17 of the 105<sup>th</sup> Session of the ACP Council of Ministers held in Brussels, Belgium, from 3 to 4 May 2017;

**HAVING REGARD** to the ACP Policy framework "Towards the ACP We Want" in Document **ACP/1/1/11/ (Vol.1)/17 Rev. 3;**

**COMMENDING** the work of the Committee of Ambassadors on the development of the ACP Negotiating Mandate for the post-Cotonou Partnership Agreement with the EU in document **ACP/00/011/18 Final;**

**TAKING FULLY INTO CONSIDERATION** the conclusions of the Special Session of the Council of Ministers held on 27 May 2018;

**HEREBY DECIDES TO:**

1. **adopt** the ACP Negotiating Mandate for a Post-Cotonou Partnership Agreement;
2. **mandate** the Committee of Ambassadors to make preparations for the official launch of the commencement of negotiations with the European Union in accordance of Article 95 (4) of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement; and
3. **widely disseminate** the Negotiating Mandate of the ACP Group of States on a Post-Cotonou Partnership Agreement with the European Union in all ACP official languages. *eoq*

**Done in Lomé, 30 May 2018**



**Senator the Honourable Kamina Johnson Smith,  
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade  
of Jamaica  
President-in-Office of the ACP Council of Ministers**