

**XXth IRCC PLENARY MEETING – 12 NOVEMBER 2010**

**SUMMARY OF DECISIONS**

<b>DECISIONS</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>XIXth IRCC Meeting Report and 28-29 June IRCC Technical Meeting and Follow-up of recommendations</b>	
1. Draft XIXth IRCC Report approved by XXth plenary  2. Follow-up Table of recommendations of XIXth IRCC and 28-29 June Technical IRCC noted  3. End of IRCC Bridging programme (and IRCC Secretariat) at 30 Sep 2010 noted. Several longer term or recurrent IRCC tasks /recommendations deferred until establishment of new IRCC support structure under 10 <sup>th</sup> EDF.	IRCC secretariat to maintain a follow-up on decisions  IRCC Secretariat ( for record)  For record

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OVERVIEW OF POLITICAL AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION 2009	
<b>Article 8 – Political Dialogue</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Provisions under Art. 8 of 2nd Revision of the CPA noted, that it now provides for enhanced dialogue on issues pertaining to regional and continental integration</li> <li>5. Political dialogue with Africa to be intensified with more structured approach needed with regional organisations and ensuring that national and regional dialogues are synergistic.</li> <li>6. ROs and EU to define, and agree on, the interlocutors, criteria , and other modalities ( frequency, etc) for the dialogue which will be effected on basis of subjects of common interests in the spirit of the partnership and that such dialogue be used to guide cooperation</li> <li>7. Accreditation of EU Head of Delegations with the Regional Organisation is a key step in establishing the regional dialogue process and needs to be completed at earliest for IOC and IGAD.</li> <li>8. Any available Guidelines for establishing the Article 8 Political Dialogue to be shared by both parties.</li> </ol> <b>COMESA-EAC-SADC Tripartite process</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Progress noted towards the establishment of the Tripartite FTA, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Summit being scheduled tentatively for February 2011 in South Africa; Tripartite Infrastructure meetings held with prioritisation effected on transport ( corridors) , water and energy projects, addressing most of the priorities of the region while there are some specifics which still need to be addressed otherwise for the HoA region .</li> <li>10. A preliminary conference is being organised to plan and prepare for a Pledging Conference ( on Tripartite Infrastructure priorities) during 1<sup>st</sup> semester 2011</li> </ol>	<p>For record</p> <p>ROs and EU.</p> <p>ROs and EU</p> <p>IGAD , IOC, EU Dels Djibouti and Mauritius.</p> <p>ROs ( + ACP), EU</p> <p>For record</p> <p>ROs attendance and follow-up by Secretariat</p>

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<p><b>EPA ( ESA and EAC)</b></p> <p>11. ESA to progress onto text-based discussions during forthcoming ESA-EC Technical Meeting on 13 December in Harare.</p> <p>12. EAC decision in June 2010 to shift discussions towards a Comprehensive EPA instead of the Framework EPA; next meeting in end November 2010.</p> <p>13. IRCC fully supports the good continuation of the discussions for the EPAs to be established soonest.</p> <p><b>Fight against maritime piracy</b></p> <p>14. IRCC endorses the outcome of the ROs/EU consultation of the Tuesday 9 Nov being the establishment of a PIF, and recommends its subsequent appraisal by the EU, for a regional programme to implement the Regional Action Plan approved by the October Ministerial.</p> <p>15. The PIF/AF will address realistic targets in line with the implementation calendar of a 10th EDF programme.</p> <p>16. IRCC endorses that an indicative amount of EUR 25M under the Focal Area 2 of the ESA-IO 10th EDF RSP/RIP will be allocated to the programme.</p>	<p>For record</p> <p>For record</p> <p>For record and follow-up</p> <p>EU</p> <p>PIF/AF drafting committee</p> <p>For record</p>

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<b>High Level ESA-IO Ministerial</b>	
<b>Lusaka Declaration</b> 17. Monitoring matrix to be circulated by IRCC Secretariat.	IRCC Secretariat
<b>Conference on Transposition</b> 18. Conference to be organised in 2011, a working group to be established to assess readiness and inform IRCC on planning.  19. Prerequisites established in terms of a region-wide study on the state of transposition to be effected by COMESA ; COMESA to share Terms of Reference and calendar  20. The case studies (Malawi, Burundi, others) and the contribution of UNECA in the organisation of the meeting will be maintained.	IRCC Chair  COMESA through IRCC Secretariat and in consultation with EU Del Lusaka.  IRCC Secretariat to maintain the contact with the relevant parties.
<b>ESA-IO 9th EDF: Status of implementation, evaluations and closures</b>	
<b>Status of implementation and closure</b> 21. ESA IO 9th EDF Financial Situation ( table in annex ) noted , IRCC Secretariat to provide more information on programmes attributed to non ESA-IO States and on Non-RIP programmes.  22. Progress on closures noted, ROs and EU to accelerate the process.	IRCC Secretariat ( with EU for data)  ROs and EU

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<p>23. Presentation on 9th EDF programme implementation to include status on expected results and assessment of outcome. This exercise can also feed into the 9th EDF Publication and the forthcoming 9th EDF Results Conference.</p> <p><b>Evaluations</b></p> <p>24. Relevance of end of term evaluations noted to show outcome, successes and lessons learnt; ROs and EU Delegations to agree on 9<sup>th</sup> EDF programmes to be subjected to final evaluations.</p> <p><b>Continuations through Riders</b></p> <p>25. Three 9th EDF programmes mentioned , for record by IRCC, for no cost Riders ( do not require IRCC endorsement unless additional financial resources involved).</p> <p>26. REFORM : 6 month extension with no cost implication, processing of request to be accelerated (recommended by MTR)</p> <p>27. CPMR : extension with no cost implication for the COMESA CA component</p> <p>28. RISM : drafts for Rider exchanged between COMESA and EU establishing the new focus and availing from the Mid-Term Evaluation exercise. Forthcoming meeting of the RISM structures ( Management Committee and Advisory Council) 16-17 November 2010 in Lusaka, following which Rider can progress through the EU system</p>	<p>IRCC Secretariat</p> <p>ROs and EU</p> <p>For record.</p> <p>EU Delegations Djibouti and Addis.</p> <p>COMESA and EU Del Lusaka</p> <p>COMESA and EU Del Lusaka</p>
<p align="center"><b>ESA-IO 10th EDF</b></p>	
<p><b>Overall situation and forecast + Status of AAP 2010 – 2011</b></p> <p>29. Indicative Table on the ESA IO 10th EDF Schedule of Commitments noted with amendments( see annex).</p>	<p>For record</p>

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<p>30. The 10<sup>th</sup> EDF Schedule of Commitments Table to be enriched with information on complementary funding from NIPs and support leveraged from EU Member States, EIB, or other donors. IRCC Secretariat to coordinate with the ROs and EU on required information.</p> <p>31. IRCC agrees on the principle that there is an urgent need to further support, with additional financial resources, the cooperation, and general support to the Regional Organisations, with immediate emphasis on appraisal of infrastructure programmes, and in complementarity with the IRCC support programme and other facilities such as the RISP.</p> <p>32. Consultations on the idea of a general Technical Cooperation Facility (TCF), at the level of each RO/EU Delegation, will be held as soon as possible following the submission of a draft PIF by the EU Delegation in Tanzania and with a view for all stakeholders to decide on final modalities.</p> <p>33. The ROs and the EU will discuss on the appropriate accompanying measures for infrastructure programming and development.</p> <p>34. To provide in 10th EDF that IOC intends to present its maritime corridor and SEGANET programmes under new modalities foreseen under revised Article 21 of Cotonou (use of EDF grants to leverage private finance) .</p> <p>35. IRCC Chair to circulate <b>the updated 10th EDF Schedule of Commitments</b> with request on flexibility on deadlines for submission of PIFs for AAP 2011.</p> <p>36. Further appraisal of <b>IGAD Renewable Energy project</b> to take into consideration the various geothermal energy initiatives (eg Comoros, Tanzania, Zambia) across the ESA-IO region</p> <p>37. ROs to progress in drafting and submission of the PIF and AF for the <b>Regional Private Sector support programme</b> . To extend the beneficiaries scope to Non State Actors.</p> <p>38. EU to consider <b>ROs participation in QSG</b></p>	<p>IRCC Secretariat , ROs, EU</p> <p>For record</p> <p>ROs, EU</p> <p>ROs, EU</p> <p>IRCC Chair, EU, IOC</p> <p>IRCC Chair</p> <p>IGAD ( other ROs to give info )</p> <p>COMESA and ROs</p> <p>EU</p>

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<p><b>ESA-IO 10<sup>th</sup> EDF AAP 2009 Implementation</b></p> <p>39. On <u>description of programme management and control systems</u> to be effected by each non CA compliant RO prior to disbursement of funds , requirement is confirmed to be <u>a statement by the RO to their responsible EU Delegation</u> . To note that the IOC will attach an external independent assessment.</p> <p>40. Confirmed that <b>implementation of sub-delegated IRCC II budgets</b> by each RO (EAC, IGAD, IOC) does not require the description of programme management and control systems as the provisions in the FA are deemed sufficient. ROs to submit their first PE and EU Dels to process asap</p>	<p>EU Dels to respond asap once statement or external verification submitted.</p> <p>ROs and EU</p>
<p><b>Programmes</b></p> <p>41. IGAD: Inland water resources management programme : PE submitted , to be signed soon. Recruitment of programme manager launched. Rider will be required to extend the implementation period .</p> <p>42. <b>IOC : Implementing the SIDS Mauritius Strategy in the ESA-IO region (ISIDSMS)</b> - Procurement Notice and short-listing cancelled , new Procurement notice to be issued asap with amended PN. IOC To submit start-up PE and to progress with EU in C.A with UNDESA. Rider will be required to extend the implementation period.</p> <p>43. <b>IOC : Implementation of a Regional Fisheries Strategy in the ESA-IO region (IRFS)</b> - Shortlisting exercise to be effected . IOC to submit Start-up PE and to progress with EU in C.A with FAO.</p> <p>44. <b>COMESA : IRCC II</b> : Sub-delegated funds operational for other EU Delegations and ROs. See also point 39.. To accelerate process for procurement of IRCC Secretariat staff (Short-listing effected and ToRs finalised).</p>	<p>For record IGAD and EU Del Djibouti(for Rider)</p> <p>For record IOC and EU Del Mauritius (for Rider)</p> <p>For record</p> <p>COMESA and EU Del Lusaka</p>

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<p>45. <b>COMESA RISP II programme</b> : Implementation Agreements between COMESA and the three ROs are signed and it is clarified that the use of EDF procedures, with involvement of the “local” EU Delegation concerns procurement activities only.</p> <p>Contribution Agreement not yet signed but in final processes, to be signed soonest.</p> <p>ROs to liaise with COMESA for modalities to feed the central RISP Monitoring system</p> <p>46. <b>COMESA : Regional Multi-Disciplinary Centre of Excellence (RMCE)</b> - IRCC notes that draft documents are completed and that compliance with requirements for the Contribution Agreement to be signed is in good progress ; CA to be signed in the next three weeks (by early December 2010). IRCC also notes that the Terms of Reference for the Executive Director have been adopted at the 1<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting and recruitment will be effected soon under the EU funding component.</p> <p>47. <b>EAC : Regional Political Integration and Human Security Support Programme ( RPIHSSP)</b> – Implementation progress noted ; PE signed, recruitment of the Coordinator on-going, and some activities already started. COMESA CA still to be signed and IGAD PE has been submitted.</p>	<p>For record by ROs and EU Dels.</p> <p>COMESA and EU Del Lusaka</p> <p>COMESA and ROs</p> <p>For record.</p> <p>COMESA and EU Del Lusaka to progress on signature of CA.</p> <p>For record</p>
<p><b>EDF/ERDF</b></p> <p>48. Stakeholders to maintain progress towards achieving a practical co-financing EDF/ERDF mechanism based on the 10<sup>th</sup> EDF IOC projects . Results of the two IRCC funded studies noted.</p>	<p>IOC, EU Del Mauritius, IRCC and France/Reunion</p>
<p><b>Contribution Agreement</b></p> <p>49. Good progress across EAC, IGAD and IOC. EU five-pillar assessment to be scheduled for 2011 upon indication by each RO. IRCC Secretariat to be kept informed.</p>	<p>ROs and EU Del.</p>



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<p><b>EU Court of Auditors Report</b></p> <p>50. Recommendation of the June 2010 IRCC Technical Meeting maintained that each RO and its EU Delegation will jointly review the report and implications for the RO and EU and that overall exchange on common issues to be discussed subsequently in IRCC EFFEC Task Force</p> <p>51. EU internal guidelines on management of regional programmes already drafted and to be circulated to ROs when final.</p> <p>52. Capacity of EU Delegation Djibouti to be urgently addressed to improve on overall performance of cooperation involving IGAD Secretariat .</p> <p>53. Task Force , as a sub group of the IRCC-EFFEC, and involving EU HQ services, EU Del Lusaka, ROs, and IRCC Secretariat, to be established to address all CoA Report recommendations in a methodological way and to report thereon on actions effected and measures taken (target setting and checklist approach).</p>	<p>ROs, EU, IRCC Sec</p> <p>EU</p> <p>EU</p> <p>EU, ROs, IRCC Sec.</p>
<p align="center"><b>ESA-IO 10th EDF Mid Term Review</b></p>	
<p>54. EU services restructuring noted on account of the new EU External Service as from January 2011, impacting on the finalisation of the national MTRs ; the regional MTRs will start in 2011.</p> <p>55. EU to communicate new timetable and to exchange on Terms of Reference when ready</p>	<p>For record</p> <p>EU</p>

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<b>10<sup>th</sup> EDF at SADC, AU and ACP</b>	
<b>10<sup>th</sup> EDF Intra-ACP envelope</b>	
56. AAP 2011 intra-ACP ready for consultation by ACP Council of Ministers in week of 10-12 November 2010 ; document submitted to the IRCC Meeting.	For record
57. COMESA Brussels Liaison Office, through Ambassador Gervais Nkanagu, to be formally mandated to assist IRCC in linkage with the ACP Secretariat and the EU in Brussels and to regularly inform both sides.	COMESA
<b>Visibility</b>	
<b>9<sup>th</sup> EDF Publication and 9<sup>th</sup> EDF Results Conference</b>	
58. Work on the Publication to continue between IRCC (Chair and Secretariat) and ECDPM and pending inputs to be given to IRCC Secretariat by ROs and EU Delegations ( Photos, Statements of CEOs)	IRCC Chair, IRCC Sec, ROs, EU Dels, ECDPM
59. 9 <sup>th</sup> EDF Results Conference to be scheduled in 2011 , in collaboration with ECDPM	IRCC Chair, IRCC Sec, ECDPM
<b>Commemoration of 10 years of EU – ESA/IO cooperation under IRCC</b>	
60. Events to be programmed in the margins of IRCC Meetings in 2011 and to emphasise the visibility of the strong EU – ESA/IO partnership. Working Group , involving the IRCC Liaison Officers, and the EU Delegations to be set up.	IRCC Chair, EU Delegations

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