

Embassy of the Republic of Senegal in Brussels



DRAFT ROADMAP OF THE SENEGALESE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE AFRICAN GROUP OF AMBASSADORS IN BRUSSELS

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The Senegalese Chairmanship of the African Group of Ambassadors in Brussels is taking place within the framework of the Post Third Africa - EU Summit, held in Tripoli, Libya, on 29 and 30 November 2010. Consequently, it will mainly focus on the contribution of the African Group to the implementation of the Africa- EU Strategic Partnership, particularly the Plan of Action 2011 – 2013, adopted by the Heads of State and Government of the two Parties on that occasion.

To take up this important challenge, it is essential for the African Ambassadors in Brussels to particularly mobilise themselves and the following actions are recommended:

- Organise at least a monthly meeting of Ambassadors in Brussels in order to deal with current issues, matters of common interest and enhance the visibility, cohesion and coordination of the Group in its relations with other entities in different diplomatic fora in Brussels;
- Pursue and conclude successfully the mandate of the Working Group on a greater involvement of the African Group of Ambassadors in the follow up of the Africa – EU Cooperation;
- Establish contacts with the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) for an effective contribution of the African Group of Ambassadors in Brussels to the management of the Africa - EU Partnership;
- Institutionalise or formalise the relations between the African Group of Ambassadors in Brussels and the PRC, the AU Commission (AUC) and other African Groups in other multilateral places (Geneva, New York...);
- Strengthen communication, coordination, coherence and solidarity of the African Group in the ACP, particularly as regards the major issues like the Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) and the political dialogues;
- Establish a framework for exchange of views with the Group of Ambassadors of Arab countries in Brussels and develop interaction with the representations of countries or Regions having Strategic Partnerships with Africa such as South America, the United States, China, Japan, India, Turkey, the Republic of Korea etc.;
- Strengthen the exchanges and relations between the different Regional Economic Communities (RECs) of the Continent represented in Brussels, both through their respective Bureaus and the different Groups of Ambassadors of the Member States of these RECs.

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