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NOTE TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL HEADS OF DELEGATION

Subject: Training on Employment in EU Development Cooperation, (24/06-27/06/2013, Brussels).

The EC Communication “Increasing the impact of EU Development policy: an agenda for change” acknowledges the need for increased focus on decent work -covering job creation, guarantee of rights at work, social protection and social dialogue-, employability and skills development in EU external cooperation in order to achieve sustainable and inclusive growth, defined as *people's ability to participate in, and benefit from, wealth and job creation*. These areas figure among the focal sectors for the next programming period in a number of countries, and constitute political priorities for several partner governments and international development partners.

Employment is increasingly seen as a central element in development policy for making the growth process more inclusive. Evidence shows that people and households that are moving out of poverty do this as a result of improvements in their labour market situation, through moving into new better jobs or productivity and earning increases in existing jobs.. In developing countries, labour markets are characterised by a deficit of decent jobs, large informal economies and high labour market segmentation that makes labour market analysis and employment policy design complex and challenging.

In this context, DEVCO B3 is organising a training on Employment in EU development cooperation with the aim of equipping EU staff with the necessary knowledge, understanding, conceptual and practical tools to engage in policy dialogue and programmes related to this area with a big impact across development cooperation sectors. A special emphasis will also be put on how an employment perspective could be strengthened in other areas of development policy such as private sector development, agriculture and rural development, and infrastructure. The training will take place **in Brussels, from the 24th to the 27st of June 2013**.

Please find attached an outline of the training, providing further information about the content and structure.

We would be grateful if you could encourage staff of your delegation dealing with employment and social affairs or related issues to participate in this seminar, which will

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provide a unique opportunity to enhance their knowledge and understanding on employment in development cooperation and to exchange views with colleagues from other Delegations and Headquarters. Registration is already open in Syslog (Ref. 421758). For more information, you can also consult the "Thematic group on Employment and Social Protection" on capacity4dev.

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Annex: Outline of the seminar.

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