

**European Commission agrees interim EPA with Ghana - Brussels 13 December 2007**

**The European Commission welcomes the initialling of an interim Economic Partnership Agreement with Ghana today. This follows the initialling of an interim agreement by Côte d'Ivoire on 7 December. The initialling of this agreement secures access for Ghanaian exports to EU markets and removes the risk of trade disruption on 1 January 2008. The agreement allows for 100% free access to the EU market as of 1 January 2008, with transition periods for rice and sugar**

The European Commission reiterates its commitment to promote regional integration in West Africa and underlines that this Agreement is a stepping stone towards the negotiation of a full Economic Partnership Agreement with the West Africa Region. The European Commission looks forward to continuing discussions with West Africa in the months ahead.

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