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**23rd Session of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, Horsens:  
- extracts from the opening session - statements European  
Parliament , Horsens, Denmark**

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SUMMARY

The 23rd session of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly is held in Horsens (Denmark) from 28 to 30 May 2012.

The ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly was created out of a common desire to bring together the elected representatives of the European Community - the Members of the European Parliament - and the elected representatives of the African, Caribbean and Pacific states ("ACP countries") that have signed the Cotonou Agreement: it is the only institution of its kind in the world. It is the only international assembly in which the representatives of various countries sit together regularly with the aim of promoting the interdependence of North and South.

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SHOTLIST

00:00:00	Title
00:00:05	Exterior views, landscape, Marina, Horsens Aqua Forum (ACP/EU venue), EU Flags, EU -ACP logo ( 8 shots)
00:00:33	Atmosphere inside the AQUA FORUM, ACP EU Delegates ( 5 shots)
00:00:51	Delegates in the meeting room ( 4 shots)
00:01:03	Opening Ceremony, Arrivals in the conference room of Helle THORNING-SCHMIDT, Prime Minister of Denmark, Louis MICHEL, Co-President of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, Musikari KOMBO, Co-President of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, Choir, (6 shots)
00:01:25	Cutaways of Louis MICHEL and Musikari KOMBO
00:01:29	Opening speech (English) by Musikari KOMBO, Co-President of the ACP EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, "We have noted with a lot of concern the European Commission proposal to amend the market access regulation 1628 Which is intended to withdraw from the list of beneficiaries to the quarter free duty free market access to the EU for 18 ACP countries that shall not ratify their EPAs at 1st Decmber 2013."
00:01:56	Opening Speech (French) Louis MICHEL, Co President of the ACP EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, " The consequences of the fall of the Libyan tyrant have been just as dramatic in the Sahel Sahara region which was already in an extremely precarious situation"
00:02:11	Opening Speech (French) Louis MICHEL, Co President of the ACP EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, " The recent developments in Mali in terms of security, development and

humanitarian issues confirm the importance of the reform of the security system and the fast response of the EU strategy for security and development in the Sahel region as well as the deployment on July 2012 of a military civilian mission proposed in Nigeria as part of the Common foreign and security policy, I know that this will sound scary, but the necessity to support financially the CEDEAO in case of a military intervention in Mali."

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00:02:57 Opening speech (English) by Helle THORNING SCHMIDT, Prime Minister of Denmark," With the climate changing , the natural resources of the world going scarce and the global population growing bigger we are facing the challenge of our life time. Some highlands in the Pacific are in danger to be submerged beneath rising ocean waters. and a High Level Panel on global sustainability estimates that by 2030 which is not that far away, the world will need at least 50 % more food , 45 % more energy and 30 % more water."

00:03:35 Cutaway

00:03:43 SOUNDBITE (French) by Louis MICHEL, Co President of the ACP EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly," Mali is an extremely serious case. I am not used to use these kind of wording , but it is very serious. Because Mali is cut in two with a a threat to implode.If Mali was partitioned or if it disappeared this would have a domino effect on the whole region."

00:04:06 SOUNDBITE (French) by Louis MICHEL, " The international Community has not realised the situation that is going on in Mali. for the time being there is in that Sahel region a major danger, with some very perverse alliances, dangerous, with AQMI,MNLA, drug traffickers, and all of that is leading to an explosive situation."

00:04:38 SOUNDBITE (French) by Louis MICHEL, "There must be a military response along with a political process, but if one believes that by only good will there will be agreements to solve the question, I think that this is a big mistake. "

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