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The first round of formal negotiations between the ACP Group of States and the European Union kicked off this afternoon at the ACP House in Brussels. The ACP's chief negotiator, Professor Robert Dussey, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and African Integration from Togo was present for this symbolic occasion.

On the side of the European Union, their chief negotiator is Mr Stefano Manerversi, Director General of International Cooperation and Development at the European Commission. There are already several points of convergence between the ACP and the EU, and the EU is hoping to finalise negotiations by July 2019.

A video of the opening session may be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/s9-DiqzIfKw> ^[1]

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