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**DECISIONS, DECLARATIONS, RESOLUTION  
AND MOTION**

**DECISION OF THE AFRICAN UNION THEME OF THE YEAR FOR 2022  
“STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE IN NUTRITION AND FOOD SECURITY ON THE  
AFRICAN CONTINENT: STRENGTHENING AGRO-FOOD SYSTEMS, HEALTH AND  
SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEMS FOR THE ACCELERATION OF HUMAN, SOCIAL  
AND ECONOMIC CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT”;**

**The Assembly,**

1. **RECALLS** African Union (AU) Decisions and commitments on nutrition; established the African Task Force on Food and Nutrition Development (ATFFND) in 1987, the adoption of Maputo Declaration on the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) under the NEPAD initiative in 2003 (**Assembly/AU/Decl.7 (II)**); the endorsement of Africa Day for Food and Nutrition Security (ADFNS) in 2010 (**Assembly/AU/Dec.327(XV)**); the adoption of Malabo Declaration in 2014 (**Assembly/AU/Decl.4 (XXIII)**); the endorsement of African Union Nutrition Champion in 2014 (**Assembly/AU/ /Decl.4 (XXIII)**); the adoption of revised African Union regional nutrition Strategy (2016-2025) in 2016 (**Ex.CL/Dec.638**); the endorsement of the Africa Leaders for Nutrition (ALN) Initiative in 2018 (**Assembly/AU/Dec.681(XXX)**); and the launch of Continental Nutrition Accountability Scorecard in 2019 (**Assembly/AU/Dec.681(XXX)**) among others;
2. **COMMENDS** the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire and His Excellency Alassane Ouattara, President of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire for proposing nutrition as the theme of the year for 2022. **FURTHER COMMENDS** the ongoing efforts at the continental, regional and national level in the implementation of the above decisions and commitments to address all forms of malnutrition;
3. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** of the efforts of the African Union Nutrition Champion, His Majesty King Letsie III, Head of State and Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho in sustaining advocacy for improved Food and Nutrition Security within the member state, across member states and globally;
4. **NOTING WITH CONCERN** that COVID-19 Pandemic has created major global health and economic shocks, with unprecedented impacts on people's health, nutrition and livelihoods, **URGES** all stakeholders to take urgent action in preserving the gains made, particularly among the poor and vulnerable in the area of food security and nutrition through designing the needed interventions.
5. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the concept note and action plan on the proposal of the 2022 African Union Theme of the year as nutrition under the theme “*Strengthening Resilience in Nutrition and Food Security on The African Continent: Strengthening Agro-Food Systems, Health and Social Protection Systems for the Acceleration of Human, Social and Economic Capital Development*”;

6. **REAFFIRMS** continued importance of nutrition especially child nutrition as a major pillar in human capital development, social and economic transformation of Africa and calls on all member states to continue prioritizing nutrition through the implementation of the priorities outlined in the 2022 of the year action plan.
7. **ENDORSES** 2022 African Union Year of Nutrition under the theme “*Strengthening Resilience in Nutrition and Food Security on The African Continent: Strengthening Agro-Food Systems, Health and Social Protection Systems for the Acceleration of Human, Social and Economic Capital Development*”.



**DECISION ON SUB-COMMITTEE ON STRUCTURAL REFORMS**  
**- Doc: EX.CL/1280(XXXIX)**

**The Assembly,**

**1. RECALLS** the following Decisions that created Organs, Representational, Technical and Specialized Offices:

- a) Executive Council Decision EX.CL/Dec.1057(XXXV) taken in Niger in July 2019, requesting the Commission to submit to the PRC the financial, legal and structural implications for the opening of the Beijing Office, for onward submission to the Executive Council for consideration in February 2020, in order to regularize the legal status of the AU Beijing Office;
- b) Assembly Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.750(XXXIII) taken in Ethiopia in February 2020, approving the new AUC Departmental Structure;
- c) Executive Council Decision EX.CL/Dec.986(XXXII) taken in Ethiopia in February 2018 approving the proposed structure of the Secretariat for the Economic Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC), and the Executive Council Decision EX.CL/Dec.1115(XXXVIII) of February 2021, requesting The ECOSOCC Secretariat to present its structural, financial and legal implications in accordance with the due process in place and report back to the 39th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in July 2021;
- d) Executive Council Decision EX.CL/Dec.1057(XXXV) taken in Niger in July 2019 adopting the provisional structure of the APRM, amongst others; the Executive Council Decision EX.CL/Dec. 1074 (XXXVI) of February, 2020 adopting the (i) APRM Rules of Procedure of the African Peer Review Mechanism Panel of Eminent Persons; (ii) Rules of Procedure of the African Peer Review Mechanism Committee of Focal Points; (iii) Rules of Procedure of the African Peer Review Mechanism Secretariat Decision; the Assembly Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.758 (XXXIII) of February, 2020 on the adoption of the APRM Statute (2020) and the Rules of Procedure of the APR Forum; as well as The Assembly Decision, Assembly/AU/Dec.765 (XXXIII) on the adoption of the Five Year Strategic Plan of the APRM 2020-2024;
- e) Executive Council Decision EX.CL/Dec.987(XXXII) endorsing the establishment of Distance and E-Learning arm of the Pan African University (PAU) (PAVEU) in January 2018;
- f) Executive Council Decision EX.CL/Dec.1074(XXXVI) para 64 in February 2020 recommending to the Assembly that the structure and the staffing of the AfCFTA Secretariat should be done in two phases, namely:
  - First Phase be initial recruitment of the Secretary General, four (4) Directors and essential staff; and
  - Second phase be the positions to be filled after adoption of a permanent structure and budget, reviewing the appropriate functions of the appointed Directors and their exact number.



- g) The Assembly Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.676(XXX), adopting the Statute of the African Space Agency, following the recommendation by the Specialized Technical Committees on Education, Science and Technology (STC-EST) in Cairo in October 2017, and the Justice and Legal Affairs (STCJLA) in November 2017. The Statute establishes the African Space Agency as an Organ of the African Union.

**2. ADOPTS** the following proposed structures:

- a) AU Permanent Representation Office in Beijing, China

Position title	Grade	Number of posts
Permanent Representative	P6	1
Senior Policy Officer in charge of economic and commercial cooperation	P3	1
Senior Policy Officer in charge of technical cooperation, technology, science and education	P3	1
Senior Policy Officer in charge of promotion of Culture, Tourism and Engagement of the Diaspora	P3	1
Legal Officer	P2	1
Finance and Administrative Officer	P2	1
Secretary	GSA4	1
Secretary/Receptionist	GSA4	1
Cleaner/Mail Runner	GSB6	1
Drivers	GSB7	1
Drivers	GSB7	1
<b>Total number of posts on structure</b>		<b>11</b>

The annual estimated staff cost is \$ 1,277,164. The recruitment of those positions should be phased and subject to budget availability.

- b) Office Safety and Security Services in AU Commission, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Title	Grade	No of Positions
Head, Safety and Security (P6)	P6	1
Deputy Head of OSSS in charge of Emergency Operations (P4)	P4	1
Administrative Assistant (GSA5)	GSA5	1
Secretary (GSA4)	GSA4	1
Head of Operations Unit	P3	1
Regional Operations Manager	P2	1

Local Security assistant for each AU office (GSA5)	GSA5	1
HQ Security Operations Manager (P2)	P2	1
VIP protection (GSA5)	GSA5	5
HQ Security Operations Officer (P1)	P1	1
Accreditation & Reception (GSA4)	GSA4	4
Control room operations (GSA5)	GSA5	1
Control room operations (GSB9)	GSB9	5
Patrol and intervention (GSA5)	GSA5	1
Patrol and intervention (GSB9)	GSB9	4
Perimeter and conference Security - shift leaders (GSA5)	GSA5	6
Perimeter and conference Security (GSB9)	GSB9	64
Duty Security Driver (GSB7)	GSB7	3
Security System maintenance officer (P1)	P1	1
Threat Info Analysis (P2)	P2	2
Emergency Planning & Response System Officer (P1)	P1	1
Head of Occupational and Work Environment Safety Unit	P3	1
Occupational Safety Awareness & Operations Manager (P2)	P2	1
Safety system operations Supervisor (GSA5)	GSA5	1
Safety system operations (GSB9)	GSB9	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>111</b>

The annual estimated staff cost is \$ 5,613,143. The recruitment of those positions should be phased as per the Transition Plan.

c) Economic, Social & Cultural Council (ECOSOCC) in Lusaka, Zambia

Position title	Grade	Number of Posts
<b>Head of Secretariat Office</b>		
Executive Secretary	P6	1
Senior Legal Officer	P3	1
Protocol officer	P1	1
Secretary	GSA4	1
Admin Assistant	GSA5	1
<b>Programmes Division</b>		
Head of Programmes	P5	1
Unit Head-Projects & Partnerships	P3	1
Unit Head - CSO Engagements	P3	1
Program Officers	P2	2
Program Officers	P2	5

Admin Assistant	GSA5	1
<b>Administration HR &amp; Finance Unit</b>		
Head of Administration, HR and Finance	P4	1
ICT Officer	P2	1
HR Officer	P2	1
Procurement Officer	P2	1
Finance Officer	P2	1
Security Supervisor	GSA5	1
Procurement Assistant	GSA5	1
HR Assistant	GSA5	1
Accounts Assistant	GSA5	1
Admin Assistant	GSA5	1
Drivers	GSB7	3
<b>Communications Unit</b>		
Senior Comm. Officer	P3	1
Webmaster	P2	1
Multimedia Officer	P1	1
Documentalist	GSA5	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>34</b>

The annual estimated staff cost is \$ 1,564,585. The recruitment of those positions should be phased and subject to budget availability.

d) African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) in Midrand, South Africa

No	Title	Grade
<b>CEO's Office</b>		
1	Chief Executive Officer	SP3
2	Chief of Staff	P6
3	Technical Advisor- Governance, Reviews and Assessments	P5
4	Special Assistant to CEO	P3
5	Private Secretary	GSA5
6	Senior Auditor	P3
7	Senior AU Liaison Officer	P3
8	Senior Early Warning and Conflict Prevention Officer	P3
9	Senior Panel and Focal Point Officer	P3
10	Protocol Officer	P2

11	Driver	GSB7
12	Household Staff	GSB5
13	Administration Assistant	GSA5
14	Administration Assistant	GSA5
<b>Strategic Planning Unit</b>		
15	Principal Strategic Planning Officer	P4
16	Strategic Planning Officer	P2
17	Senior Risk Officer	P3
<b>Technical Cooperation and Resource Mobilization Unit</b>		
18	Senior Technical Cooperation and Resource Mobilization Officer	P3
19	Technical Cooperation and Resource Mobilization Officer	P2
<b>Media and Communications Unit</b>		
20	Senior Information and Communication Officer	P3
21	Communications Officer	P2
22	Publishing Officer	P2
<b>Conference Management Division Unit</b>		
23	Interpreter/ Translator	P4
24	Translator	P3
25	Translator	P3
26	Documentalist/Librarian	P1
<b>Legal Unit</b>		
27	Principal Legal Counsel	P4
28	Legal Officer	P2
<b>Directorate of Operations</b>		
29	Director	D1
30	Admin Assistant	GSA5
<b>Corporate Service Division</b>		
31	Head of Corporate Service Division	P5
32	Admin Assistant	GSA5
<b>Human Resource Unit</b>		
33	Senior HR Officer	P3
34	HR Officer	P2
35	Payroll Officer	P2
36	HR Assistant	GSA5
<b>IT Unit</b>		
37	Senior IT Officer	P3
38	Infrastructure & Network Officer	P2
39	Systems & Security Officer	P2
40	IT Assistant	GSA5
<b>Procurement and Facilities Unit</b>		



41	Senior Procurement and Travel Officer	P3
42	Procurement Officer	P2
43	Procurement Officer - Grant	P2
44	Procurement Assistant	GSA5
45	Travel Officer	P1
46	Travel Assistant	GSA5
47	Administration & Facilities Officer	P1
48	Security & Safety Officer	P1
49	Record Controlling Assistant	GSA5
50	Secretary/Receptionist	GSA4
51	Driver/Messenger	GSB7
52	Driver /Messenger	GSB7
<b>Finance Division</b>		
53	Head of Division	P5
54	Senior Finance Officer - Accounting	P3
55	Finance Officer-Accounting	P2
56	Senior Budget Officer	P3
57	Finance Officer-Budget/Grant	P2
58	Treasury Officer	P2
59	Certifying Officer	P2
60	Assistant Accountant	GSA5
61	Assistant Accountant	GSA5
<b>Directorate Country Review and Assessment</b>		
62	Director	D1
63	Admin Assistant	GSA5
64	Admin Assistant	GSA5
65	Regional Coordinator North, West and Central Africa	P5
66	Regional Coordinator East and Southern Africa	P5
67	Senior Country Review Officer - Economic Governance	P3
68	Country Review Officer - Economic Governance	P2
69	Senior Country Review Officer - Democracy and Political Governance	P3
70	Country Review Officer - Democracy and Political Governance	P2
71	Senior Country Review Officer - Corporate Governance	P3
72	Country Review Officer - Corporate Governance	P2
73	Senior Country Review Officer - State Resilience	P3
74	Country Review Officer - State Resilience	P2
75	Senior Country Review Officer Socio Economic Development, Gender Officer	P3
76	Country Review Socio-Economic Development, Gender Officer	P2

<b>Directorate for Governance &amp; Specialized Reporting</b>		
77	Director	D1
78	Admin Assistant	GSA5
<b>Governance Reporting Division</b>		
79	Head of Governance Reporting Division	P5
80	Admin Assistant	GSA5
81	Senior Corporate Governance Research Officer	P3
82	Senior Political Governance Research Officer	P3
83	Senior Economic Governance Research Officer	P3
84	Senior Socio Economic Development Research Officer	P3
85	Senior State Resilience Research Officer	P3
86	Senior Research, Methodology and Development Officer	P3
87	Senior Africa Governance Report Officer	P3
88	Africa Governance Report Officer	P2
89	Senior National Governance Report Officer	P3
90	National Governance Reporting Officer	P1
<b>Credit Rating Division</b>		
91	Head of Research, Credit Rating, Advisory Division	P5
92	Admin Assistant	GSA5
93	Senior Credit Officer	P3
94	Credit Rating Agency Officer	P2
<b>Directorate Monitoring and Evaluation</b>		
95	Director	D1
96	Admin Assistant	GSA5
<b>Monitoring &amp; Evaluation of National Governance Programmes</b>		
97	Head of Monitoring & Evaluation of National Governance Programmes	P5
98	Admin Assistant	GSA5
99	Senior Monitoring & Evaluation of National Governance Programmes	P3
100	Senior Monitoring & Evaluation of National Governance Programmes	P3
101	Monitoring & Evaluation of National Governance Programmes Officer	P2
102	Monitoring & Evaluation of National Governance Programmes Officer	P1
103	Senior Statistician	P3
104	Statistician	P2
105	Programme Officer	P1
106	Programme Officer	P1
107	Database Administrator	P2

108	Senior Economist	P3
<b>Monitoring &amp; Evaluation of Continental &amp; Global Governance Programmes</b>		
109	Head of Monitoring & Evaluation of Continental & Global Governance Programmes	P5
110	Senior Programme Officer Continental & Global Governance Programmes	P3
111	Senior Programme Officer Continental & Global Governance Programmes	P3
112	Programme Officer Continental & Global Governance Programmes	P2
113	Programme Officer Continental & Global Governance Programmes	P2
114	Programme Assistant	GSA5

The annual estimated staff cost is \$ 11,417,711. The recruitment of those positions should be phased over a period of three (3) years and subject to budget availability.

e) Pan African Virtual E-University (PAVEU) in Yaounde, Cameroon

	Title	Grade	No of Posts
1	Director	P5	1
2	Academic Affairs Coordinator	P4	1
3	Senior Content Development Officer	P3	1
4	Senior Learner support Officer	P3	1
5	Instructional Designer	P3	1
6	Educational Technologist	P2	1
7	Monitoring & Evaluation Officer	P2	1
8	IT Officer	P1	1
9	Learning Support Officer	P1	1
10	LMS Administrator	P1	1
11	Assistant LMS Administrator	GSA 5	1
12	Administrative Assistant	GSA 4	1
13	Bilingual Secretary	GSA 4	1
14	Driver	GSB7	1
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>14</b>

The annual estimated staff cost is \$1,213,359. The recruitment of those positions should be phased and subject to budget availability.

f) Secretariat of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) in Accra, Ghana

No	Department	Title of Position	Grade	Status
		<b>Office of the Secretary-General</b>		
1	CSG	Secretary-General (SP2)	SP2	Approved-Phase I
2	CSG	Chief of Staff (D1)	D1	Approved-Phase I
3	CSG	Advisor (P5)	P5	Approved-Phase I

4	CSG	Advisor (P5)	P5	Approved-Phase I
5	CSG	Advisor (P5)	P5	Approved-Phase I
6	CSG	Advisor (P5)	P5	Approved-Phase I
7	CSG	Special Assistant SG (P4)	P4	Approved-Phase I
8	CSG	Policy Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
9	CSG	Senior Record Assistant (GSA3)	GSA3	Phase II
10	CSG	Executive Assistant (P1) - SG	P1	Approved-Phase I
11	CSG	Bilingual Secretary (GSA5) - SG	GSA5	Approved-Phase I
12	CSG	Bilingual Secretary (GSA5) - CoS	GSA5	Approved-Phase I
13	CSG	Administrative Assistant (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
14	CSG	Secretary (GSA4)	GSA4	Approved-Phase I
<b>Communications Division</b>				
15	CSG	Head of Communications (P5)	P5	Phase II
16	CSG	Spokesperson and SpeechWriter (P4)	P4	Phase II
17	CSG	Senior Communication Officer (P3)	P3	Phase II
18	CSG	Senior Press Officer and Editor (P3)	P3	Phase II
19	CSG	Communication & Digital Branding Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
20	CSG	Web Designer and Content Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
21	CSG	Knowledge Management Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
22	CSG	Librarian (P1)	P1	Phase II
23	CSG	Archives Officer (P1)	P1	Phase II
24	CSG	Archives and Administrative Assistant (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
<b>Office of the Deputy Secretary-General</b>				
25	ODSG	Deputy Secretary-General	D2	Phase II
26	ODSG	Special Assistant (P3)	P3	Phase II
27	ODSG	Programme Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
28	ODSG	Bilingual Secretary (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
29	ODSG	Senior Record Assistant (GSA3)	GSA3	Phase II
30	ODSG	Administrative Assistant (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
31	ODSG	Administrative Assistant - 4 Divisions (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
<b>Protocol Division</b>				
32	ODSG	Head of Protocol (P5)	P5	Phase II
33	ODSG	Principal Protocol Officer (P4)	P4	Phase II
34	ODSG	Senior Protocol Officer (P3)	P3	Phase II
35	ODSG	Protocol Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
36	ODSG	Protocol Officer (P1)	P1	Phase II



37	ODSG	Assistant Protocol Officer (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
<b>Conference and Languages Division</b>				
38	ODSG	Head of Conference and Languages (P5)	P5	Phase II
39	ODSG	Central Planning and Coordination Unit (P3)	P3	Phase II
40	ODSG	Documentation Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
41	ODSG	Documents and Calendar Controller (P1)	P1	Phase II
42	ODSG	Conference System Technician (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
43	ODSG	Pool Secretary (GSA4)	GSA4	Phase II
44	ODSG	Interpreter/Translator (P4) (Arabic)	P4	Phase II
45	ODSG	Interpreter/Translator (P4) (English)	P4	Phase II
46	ODSG	Interpreter/Translator (P4) (French)	P4	Phase II
47	ODSG	Interpreter/Translator (P4) (Portuguese)	P4	Phase II
<b>Directorate of Trade in Goods and Competition</b>				
48	DTIGC	Director - Trade in Goods and Competition (D1)	D1	Approved-Phase I
49	DTIGC	Bilingual Secretary (GSA5)	GSA5	Approved-Phase I
50	DTIGC	Senior Records Assistant/Mail runner (GSA3)	GSA3	Phase II
51	DTIGC	Administrative Assistant - Divisions (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
52	DTIGC	Administrative Assistant - Divisions (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
<b>Market Access Division</b>				
53	DTIGC	Head of Division of Market Access (P5)	P5	Approved-Phase I
54	DTIGC	Principal Officer (P4)	P4	Phase II
55	DTIGC	Senior Program Officer (P3)	P3	Phase II
56	DTIGC	Program Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
57	DTIGC	Program Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
58	DTIGC	Junior Program Officer (P1)	P1	Phase II
<b>Rules of Origin Division</b>				
59	DTIGC	Head of Division of Rules of Origin (P5)	P5	Approved-Phase I
60	DTIGC	Principal Officer (P4)	P4	Phase II
61	DTIGC	Senior Program Officer (P3)	P3	Phase II
62	DTIGC	Program Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
63	DTIGC	Junior Program Officer (P1)	P1	Phase II

<b>Non-Tariff Measures Division</b>				
64	DTIGC	Head of Division of Non-Tariff Measures (P5)	P5	Approved-Phase I
65	DTIGC	Principal Officer (P4) - SPS	P4	Approved-Phase I
66	DTIGC	Principal Officer (P4) - TBT (Quality Infrastructure)	P4	Phase II
67	DTIGC	Senior Program Officer (P3) – NTBs	P3	Phase II
68	DTIGC	Senior Program Officer (P3) - TBT/SPS	P3	Phase II
69	DTIGC	Program Officer (P2) - NTBs	P2	Phase II
70	DTIGC	Program Officer (P2) - TBT/SPS	P2	Phase II
71	DTIGC	Junior Program Officer (P1) – NTBs	P1	Phase II
72	DTIGC	Junior Program Officer (P1) - TBT	P1	Phase II
73	DTIGC	Junior Program Officer (P1) - SPS	P1	Phase II
<b>Trade Remedies Division</b>				
74	DTIGC	Head of Division of Trade Remedies (P5)	P5	Approved-Phase I
75	DTIGC	Principal Officer (P4)	P4	Phase II
76	DTIGC	Principal Officer (P4)	P4	Phase II
77	DTIGC	Senior Program Officer (P3)	P3	Phase II
78	DTIGC	Senior Program Officer (P3)	P3	Phase II
79	DTIGC	Program Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
80	DTIGC	Program Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
81	DTIGC	Junior Program Officer (P1)	P1	Phase II
82	DTIGC	Junior Program Officer (P1)	P1	Phase II
<b>Competition Policy Division</b>				
83	DTIGC	Head of Division of Competition Policy (P5)	P5	Phase II
84	DTIGC	Principal Officer (P4)	P4	Phase II
85	DTIGC	Senior Program Officer (P3)	P3	Phase II
86	DTIGC	Program Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
87	DTIGC	Junior Program Officer (P1)	P1	Phase II
<b>Director of Customs Administration</b>				
88	DCA	Director (D1)	D1	Phase II
89	DCA	Bilingual Secretary (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
90	DCA	Senior Records Assistant/Mail runner (GSA3)	GSA3	Phase II
91	DCA	Administrative Assistant - Divisions (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
92	DCA	Administrative Assistant - Divisions (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
<b>Customs Enforcements Division</b>				

93	DCA	Head of Division of Customs Enforcements (P5)	P5	Phase II
94	DCA	Principal Officer (P4)	P4	Phase II
95	DCA	Senior Program Officer (P3)	P3	Phase II
96	DCA	Program Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
97	DCA	Junior Program Officer (P1)	P1	Phase II
<b>Transit and Trade Facilitation Division</b>				
98	DCA	Head of Transit and Trade Facilitation (P5)	P5	Phase II
99	DCA	Principal Program Officer (P4)	P4	Approved-Phase I
100	DCA	Program Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
101	DCA	Junior Program Officer (P1)	P1	Phase II
<b>Customs Capacity Building and Training Division</b>				
102	DCA	Division of Customs Capacity Building and Training (P5)	P5	Phase II
103	DCA	Senior Program Officer (P3)	P3	Phase II
104	DCA	Program Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
105	DCA	Junior Program Officer (P1)	P1	Phase II
<b>Directorate of Trade in Services, Investment, IPR and Digital Trade</b>				
106	DSII	Director of Trade in Services, Investment, IPR & Digital Trade (D1)	D1	Approved-Phase I
107	DSII	Bilingual Secretary (GSA5)	GSA5	Approved-Phase I
108	DSII	Senior Records Assistant/Mail runner (GSA3)	GSA3	Phase II
109	DSII	Administrative Assistant - Divisions (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
110	DSII	Administrative Assistant - Divisions (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
<b>Trade in Services Division</b>				
111	DSII	Head of Division of Trade in Services (P5)	P5	Approved-Phase I
112	DSII	Principal Officer (P4)	P4	Phase II
113	DSII	Principal Officer (P4)	P4	Phase II
114	DSII	Senior Program Officer (P3)	P3	Phase II
115	DSII	Senior Program Officer (P3)	P3	Phase II
116	DSII	Senior Program Officer (P3)	P3	Phase II
117	DSII	Program Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
118	DSII	Program Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
119	DSII	Program Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
120	DSII	Junior Program Officer (P1)	P1	Phase II
121	DSII	Junior Program Officer (P1)	P1	Phase II
122	DSII	Junior Program Officer (P1)	P1	Phase II
<b>Investment Division</b>				
123	DSII	Division of Investment (P5)	P5	Phase II

124	DSII	Principal Officer (P4)	P4	Phase II
125	DSII	Senior Program Officer (P3)	P3	Phase II
126	DSII	Senior Program Officer (P3)	P3	Phase II
127	DSII	Program Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
128	DSII	Program Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
129	DSII	Junior Program Officer (P1)	P1	Phase II
<b>Intellectual Property Rights Division</b>				
130	DSII	Division of Intellectual Property Rights (P5)	P5	Phase II
131	DSII	Principal Officer (P4)	P4	Phase II
132	DSII	Principal Officer (P4)	P4	Phase II
133	DSII	Senior Program Officer (P3)	P3	Phase II
134	DSII	Senior Program Officer (P3)	P3	Phase II
135	DSII	Program Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
136	DSII	Program Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
137	DSII	Junior Program Officer (P1)	P1	Phase II
138	DSII	Junior Program Officer (P1)	P1	Phase II
<b>Digital Trade Division</b>				
139	DSII	Division on Digital Trade (P5)	P5	Phase II
140	DSII	Principal Officer (P4)	P4	Phase II
141	DSII	Senior Program Officer (P3)	P3	Phase II
142	DSII	Senior Program Officer (P3)	P3	Phase II
143	DSII	Program Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
144	DSII	Program Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
145	DSII	Junior Program Officer (P1)	P1	Phase II
<b>Directorate of Dispute Settlement and Legal Affairs</b>				
146	Legal	Director of Dispute Settlement and Legal Affairs (D1)	D1	Phase II
147	Legal	Secretary (GSA4)	GSA4	Phase II
148	Legal	Senior Record Assistant (GSA3)	GSA3	Phase II
149	Legal	Administrative Assistant - Divisions (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
150	Legal	Administrative Assistant - Divisions (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
<b>Dispute Settlement Division</b>				
151	Legal	Senior Legal Counsel - Dispute Settlement (P5)	P5	Phase II
152	Legal	Principal Legal Officer (P4)	P4	Phase II
153	Legal	Senior Legal Officer (P3)	P3	Phase II
154	Legal	Legal Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
155	Legal	Legal Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
156	Legal	Associate Legal Officer (P1)	P1	Phase II
<b>General Legal Affairs Division</b>				
157	Legal	Senior Legal Counsel - General	P5	Phase II



		Legal Affairs (P5)		
158	Legal	Principal Legal Officer (P4)	P4	Phase II
159	Legal	Principal Legal Officer (P4)	P4	Phase II
160	Legal	Principal Legal Officer (P4)	P4	Phase II
161	Legal	Senior Legal Officer (P3)	P3	Phase II
162	Legal	Senior Legal Officer (P3)	P3	Phase II
163	Legal	Legal Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
164	Legal	Legal Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
165	Legal	Associate Legal Officer (P1)	P1	Phase II
166	Legal	Associate Legal Officer (P1)	P1	Phase II
<b>Directorate of Administration of Human Resources Management</b>				
167	Director of Administration and Human Resources Management		D1	Approved-Phase I
168	AHRM	Bilingual Secretary (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
169	AHRM	Senior Record Assistant (GSA3)	GSA3	Phase II
170	AHRM	Administrative Assistant - Divisions (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
<b>Administration and Human Resources Management Division</b>				
171	AHRM	Head of Administration and Human Resources Management (P5)	P5	Approved-Phase I
172	AHRM	Senior HR Generalist (P4)	P4	Phase II
173	AHRM	Recruitment Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
174	AHRM	Recruitment Officer (P1)	P1	Phase II
175	AHRM	HR Generalist and Payroll Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
176	AHRM	HR Assistant (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
177	AHRM	Snr. HR Records Assistant (GSA3)	GSA3	Phase II
178	AHRM	Recruitment Operations specialist (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
179	AHRM	Operations and Benefits Specialist (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
180	AHRM	Administrative Assistant (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
181	AHRM	Secretary (GSA4)	GSA4	Phase II
182	AHRM	Internal Medicine/Doctor (P4)	P4	Phase II
183	AHRM	Nursing Officer (P1)	P1	Phase II
184	AHRM	Medical Secretary (GSA4)	GSA4	Phase II
185	AHRM	Senior Administration Officer (P3)	P3	Phase II
186	AHRM	Fleet Inspection & Controller (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
187	AHRM	Drivers (GSB7)	GSB7	Approved-Phase I
188	AHRM	Drivers (GSB7)	GSB7	Approved-Phase I
189	AHRM	Drivers (GSB7)	GSB7	Approved-Phase I
190	AHRM	Drivers (GSB7)	GSB7	Approved-Phase I

191	AHRM	Drivers (GSB7)	GSB7	Phase II
192	AHRM	Drivers (GSB7)	GSB7	Phase II
193	AHRM	Drivers (GSB7)	GSB7	Phase II
194	AHRM	Records Assistants/Mail Runners (GSB6)	GSB6	Phase II
195	AHRM	Records Assistants/Mail Runners (GSB6)	GSB6	Phase II
196	AHRM	Records Assistants/Mail Runners (GSB6)	GSB6	Phase II
197	AHRM	Household Staff (GSB5)	GSB5	Phase II
198	AHRM	Household Staff (GSB5)	GSB5	Phase II
199	AHRM	Household Staff (GSB5)	GSB5	Phase II
200	AHRM	Chief Procurement Officer (P3)	P3	Phase II
201	AHRM	Procurement Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
202	AHRM	Procurement Officer (P1)	P1	Phase II
203	AHRM	Procurement Assistant (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
204	AHRM	Principal Travel Officer (P4)	P4	Phase II
205	AHRM	Senior Travel Officer (P3)	P3	Phase II
206	AHRM	Travel Officer (P1)	P1	Phase II
207	AHRM	Travel Assistant (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
208	AHRM	Asset Management Officer (P1)	P2	Phase II
209	AHRM	Stock and Asset Management Clerk (GSA4)	GSA4	Phase II
210	AHRM	Senior Information Technology Officer (P3)	P3	Phase II
211	AHRM	Digital Apps Development Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
212	AHRM	Information Technology Officer (P1)	P1	Phase II
213	AHRM	Information Systems Officer (P1)	P1	Phase II
214	AHRM	Information Technology Assistant (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
215	AHRM	Information Systems Assistant (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
216	AHRM	Security and Facility Management (P3)	P3	Phase II
217	AHRM	Facilities Maintenance & Mgmt. Officer (P1)	P1	Phase II
218	AHRM	Facilities Management Assistant (GSA3)	GSA3	Phase II
219	AHRM	House-keeping & Functions assistant (GSA3)	GSA3	Phase II
220	AHRM	House-keeping and functions Helper (GSB6)	GSB6	Phase II
221	AHRM	Secretary (GSA4)	GSA4	Phase II

222	AHRM	Security Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
223	AHRM	Assistant Security Officer (P1)	P1	Phase II
224	AHRM	VIP Protection (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
225	AHRM	VIP Protection (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
226	AHRM	VIP Protection (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
227	AHRM	Security Operations Officer (P1)	P1	Phase II
228	AHRM	Receptionist/Secretary/Cashier (GSA4)	GSA4	Phase II
229	AHRM	Receptionist/Secretary/Cashier (GSA4)	GSA4	Phase II
230	AHRM	Control room operations (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
231	AHRM	Control room operations (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
232	AHRM	Patrol and intervention (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
233	AHRM	Security System maintenance officer (P1)	P1	Phase II
234	AHRM	Threat, Emergency, Planning & Response Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
235	AHRM	Occupational and Work Environment Safety Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
236	AHRM	Secretary (GSA4)	GSA4	Phase II
<b>Directorate of Finance</b>				
237	Finance	Director of Finance	D1	Approved-Phase I
238	Finance	Bilingual Secretary (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
239	Finance	Senior Record Assistant (GSA3)	GSA3	Phase II
240	AHRM	Administrative Assistant - Divisions (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
<b>Accounting, Budget and Financial Management Division</b>				
241	Finance	Head of Accounting, Budget and Financial Management Division(P5)	P5	Phase II
242	Finance	Principal Accounting and Reporting Officer (P4)	P4	Phase II
243	Finance	General Ledger Payables and Receivables Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
244	Finance	Assistant Accountant (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
245	Finance	Assistant Accountant (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
246	Finance	Bank reconciliation (P2)	P2	Phase II
247	Finance	Assistant Accountant (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
248	Finance	Fixed Assets (P2)	P2	Phase II
249	Finance	Senior Disbursement Officer (P3)	P3	Phase II
250	Finance	Disbursement Finance Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
251	Finance	Staff Benefits Section Finance Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
252	Finance	Assistant Financial Management (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II

253	Finance	Secretary (GSA4)	GSA4	Phase II
254	Finance	Assistant Accountant (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
255	Finance	Senior Finance Officer Treasury (P3)	P3	Phase II
256	Finance	Finance Officer Treasury (P2)	P2	Phase II
257	Finance	Certification Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
258	Finance	Assistant Treasury Officer (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
259	Finance	Principal Budget Planning and Programme Reporting Officer (P4)	P4	Phase II
260	Finance	Financial Review and Monitoring (P2)	P2	Phase II
261	Finance	Finance Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
262	Finance	Finance Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
263	Finance	Assistant Budget (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
264	Finance	Assistant Budget (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
265	Finance	Secretary (GSA4)	GSA4	Phase II
<b>Directorate - Institutional Matters &amp; Programme Coordination</b>				
266	DIMPC	Director of Institutional Matters & Programme Coordination	D1	Phase II
267	DIMPC	Programme Management Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
268	DIMPC	Administrative Assistant (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
269	DIMPC	Bilingual Secretary (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
<b>Strategic Planning, Resource Mobilisation &amp; Partnerships Division</b>				
270	DIMPC	Head of Division Strategic Planning, Resource Mobilisation & Partnerships (P5)	P5	Approved-Phase I
271	DIMPC	Senior Resource Mobilisation & Partnerships Officer (P3)	P3	Phase II
272	DIMPC	Senior Monitoring and Evaluation Officer (P3)	P3	Phase II
273	DIMPC	Senior Strategic Planning Officer (P3)	P3	Phase II
274	DIMPC	Monitoring and Evaluation Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
275	DIMPC	Junior Programme Officer (P1)	P1	Phase II
276	DIMPC	Head of Women and Youth in Trade (P5)	P5	Phase II
277	DIMPC	Principal Officer (P4)	P4	Phase II
278	DIMPC	Programme Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
279	DIMPC	Junior Program Officer (P1)	P1	Phase II
280	DIMPC	Administrative Assistant (GSA5)	GSA5	Phase II
281	DIMPC	Principal Small & Medium sized Enterprises Officer (P4)	P4	Phase II
282	DIMPC	SMEs Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II



283	DIMPC	Junior SMEs Officer (P1)	P1	Phase II
284	DIMPC	Head of AfCFTA Policy Review & Research (P5)	P5	Phase II
285	DIMPC	Value Chain Development and Implementation Officer (P4)	P4	Phase II
286	DIMPC	Senior AfCFTA Academy Coordinator (P4)	P4	Phase II
287	DIMPC	Events and Special Projects Officer (P4)	P4	Phase II
288	DIMPC	Senior Internal Auditor (P3)	P3	Phase II
289	DIMPC	Senior Statistician (P3)	P3	Phase II
290	DIMPC	Senior Trade Policy Review Officer (P3)	P3	Phase II
291	DIMPC	Senior Research Officer (P3)	P3	Phase II
292	DIMPC	Trade Policy Review Officer (P2)	P2	Phase II
293	DIMPC	Statistician (P2)	P2	Phase II
294	DIMPC	Junior Trade Policy Review Officer (P1)	P1	Phase II
295	DIMPC	Head of AU Liaison Office (P5)	P5	Phase II
296	DIMPC	Coordination with RECs [P4]	P4	Approved-Phase I

The annual estimated staff cost is \$29,388,489.25. The recruitment of those positions should be phased over a period of four (4) years and subject to budget availability.

g) African Space Agency (AfSA) in Cairo, Egypt

Position	Grade	No of Posts
<b>OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL</b>		
Director General	D2-1	1
Administrative Assistant	GSA5	1
Personal Assistant	P3	1
<b>Monitoring and evaluation Division</b>		
Head	P5	1
Senior monitoring and evaluation Officer	P3	1
Monitoring and evaluation Officers	P2	2
Administrative Assistant	GSA5	1
<b>Audit Unit</b>		
Senior Auditor	P3	1
Auditor	P2	2
<b>OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL</b>		
Deputy Director General	D1-1	1
Administrative Assistant	GSA5	1
<b>Legal Affairs Division</b>		

Head	P5	1
Senior Officers	P3	1
Legal Officers	P2	2
Administrative Assistant	GSA5	1
<b>Security Division</b>		
Head	P5	1
Senior Officers	P3	1
Officers	P2	2
Administrative Assistant	GSA5	1
Security Guards	GSB9	5
<b>Facility Management Division</b>		
Head	P5	1
Senior Officer	P3	1
Facility Officers	P2	2
Administrative Assistant	GSA5	1
Pool of Drivers	GSB7	2
<b>Space Systems IT Division</b>		
Head	P5	1
Senior Officers	P3	1
Officers	P2	2
Administrative Assistant	GSA5	1
<b>General IT Support Division</b>		
Head	P5	1
Senior IT officer	P3	1
IT Officers	P2	2
Administrative Assistant	GSA5	1
<b>CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE</b>		
Director	D1	1
Administrative Assistant	GSA5	1
<b>Human Resource Division</b>		
Section Head	P5	1
Senior Officers	P3	1
HR Officers	P2	2
Administrative Assistant	GSA5	1
<b>Finance Division</b>		
Section Head	P5	1
Senior Finance Officers	P3	1
Finance Officers	P2	2
Administrative Assistant	GSA5	1
<b>Procurement Division</b>		
Section Head	P5	1

Senior Officers	P3	1
Officers	P2	2
Administrative Assistant	GSA5	1
<b>POLICY AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS DIRECTORATE</b>		
Director	D1	1
Administrative Assistant	GSA5	1
<b>Strategic planning, Cooperation, Partnership &amp; Liaison Division</b>		
Head	P5	1
Senior Officers	P3	1
Officers	P2	2
Administrative Assistant	GSA5	1
<b>Policy and Strategy Division</b>		
Head	P5	1
Senior Officers	P3	1
Officers	P2	2
Administrative Assistant	GSA5	1
<b>Communication &amp; Outreach Division</b>		
Head	P5	1
Senior Officers	P3	1
Officers	P2	2
Administrative Assistant	GSA5	1
<b>SPACE APPLICATIONS DIRECTORATE</b>		
Director	D1	1
Administrative Assistant	GSA5	1
<b>Earth Observation Development Division</b>		
Program Manager	P5	1
Senior Officers	P3	2
Officers	P2	4
Administrative Assistant	GSA5	1
<b>Satellite Communications program Division</b>		
Program Manager	P5	1
Senior Officers	P3	2
Officers	P2	4
Administrative Assistant	GSA5	1
<b>Navigation &amp; Positioning Division</b>		
Program Manager	P5	1
Senior Officers	P3	2
Officers	P2	4
Administrative Assistant	GSA5	1
<b>Astronomy, Space Exploration &amp; Outer Space Science Division</b>		
Program Manager	P5	1

Senior Officers	P3	2
Officers	P2	4
Administrative Assistant	GSA5	1
<b>SPACE OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE</b>		
Director	D1	1
Administrative Assistant	GSA5	1
<b>Safety, Mission Planning &amp; Assurance Division</b>		
Head	P5	1
Senior Officers	P3	2
Officers	P2	4
Administrative Assistant	GSA5	1
<b>Systems, Robotics, &amp; Space Infrastructure Management Division</b>		
Head	P5	1
Senior Officers	P3	2
Officers	P2	4
Administrative Assistant	GSA5	1
<b>Assembly, Integration &amp; Testing Division</b>		
Head	P5	1
Senior Officers	P3	2
Officers	P2	4
Administrative Assistant	GSA5	1
<b>INNOVATION, RESEARCH &amp; DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE</b>		
Director	D1	1
Personal Assistant	GSA5	1
<b>Space industry &amp; Business Development Division</b>		
Head	P5	1
Senior Officers	P3	1
Officers	P2	2
Administrative Assistant	GSA5	1
<b>Capacity, Learning &amp; Skills Development Division</b>		
Head	P5	1
Senior Officers	P3	1
Officers	P2	2
Administrative Assistant	GSA5	1
<b>Knowledge Management Division</b>		
Head	P5	1
Senior Officers	P3	1
Officers	P2	2
Administrative Assistant	GSA5	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>156</b>

The annual estimated staff cost is \$ 13,101,302.48. The recruitment of those positions should be phased over a period of three (3) years and subject to budget availability.

3. **DECIDES** that the implementation of the above structures should be phased and subject to budget availability;
4. **ALSO DECIDES** that the recruitment process should be undertaken in line with the Merit Based Recruitment System (MBRS) and AU wide quota system;
5. **FURTHER DECIDES** to take stock of progress in the implementation of the above mentioned structures after each implementation phase.





## DECISION ON THE REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL (PSC) AND THE STATE OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN AFRICA

### The Assembly,

1. **COMMENDS** the PSC for the significant achievements made thus far, with emphasis on early warning for effective conflict prevention and mitigation; prompt response to threats to governance, peace and security including unconstitutional changes of government; intensified support to Member States in political transitions, conflicts and post-conflict situations; endorsement of the first-ever PCRD awareness week, as well as commemoration of the annual Amnesty Month; sustained engagement with Member States; increased engagement with AU Organs, Regional Economic Communities and Regional Mechanisms (RECs/RMs), the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) and other strategic partners; and **ENCOURAGES** the PSC to continue to ensure strategic timeous response to conflict situations on the Continent;
2. **UNDERLINES** the importance of Africa to speak with one voice on all matters relating to peace, security and stability in the Continent, full respect of all AU Assembly and PSC decisions, including through enhanced cooperation and collaboration with the African Members of the UN Security Council (A3) and the international community;
3. **NOTES WITH CONCERN** that the five regions of the Continent experienced several challenges at varying degrees, which were compounded by the persistence of the COVID-19 pandemic, including security and political-related tensions and violence at intra and inter-state level, terrorism and violent extremism, transnational organized crimes, border disputes, political governance and democratic transition sectarian and resource conflicts, secessionist agitations, maritime insecurity and strained diplomatic relations; and in this context, **UNDERScores** the leadership role of the Assembly in addressing these challenges;
4. **WELCOMES** the progress made in addressing political and security challenges in Chad; and **ENCOURAGES** all Chadian stakeholders to continue the implementation of the transition Roadmap, in line with the decisions of the PSC, and to maintain the inclusive, consensus-driven and peaceful nature of the transition; **DIRECTS** the AU Commission to pursue the implementation of its commitments, particularly, the full implementation of the AU Support Mechanism (AUSM);
5. **COMMENDS** the President of the Central African Republic (CAR) H.E. Faustin Archange Touadera for his unfailing openness to dialogue and **ENCOURAGES** him to take concrete measures to restore confidence with the leaders of the opposition and other national political actors for the effective holding of the republican dialogue; **EXPRESSES CONCERN** over the prevailing security

situation in the country; and **CALLS ON** the armed groups to lay down their arms in compliance with the cease-fire declared by the President of the Republic; **ALSO ENCOURAGES** the Government of the CAR to accelerate the proceedings of the commission of enquiry to identify the perpetrators of human rights abuses and international humanitarian law violations; **RECOGNIZES** the efforts of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) for its efforts in the CAR and **PAYS TRIBUTE** to the peacekeepers for their relentless commitment and sacrifices;

6. **REITERATES THE CALL** for the immediate and unconditional cessation of hostilities in Cameroon; **URGES** the separatists to embrace dialogue with the Government, work towards promoting national reconciliation and social cohesion and **REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Commission in collaboration with the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) and other partners to continue engaging the Government of Cameroon with a view to mobilizing the required support to effectively address the current security situation in the Anglophone regions and the far North of the country;
7. **APPLAUDS** the Multinational Joint Task Force (MNJTF) for the significant gains made in the fight against the Boko Haram terrorist group in the Lake Chad Basin region, and **COMMENDS** the AU Commission, the Lake Chad Basin Commission and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for the continued support towards the implementation of regional stabilization programmes, including the improvement in law and order; implementation of livelihood models through the Regional Stabilisation Facility, and the resettlement of internally displaced persons (IDP), as well as regional economic recovery;
8. **WELCOMES** the significant improvements in situation in the Great Lakes Region, notably, the successful organization of elections which is significantly contributing to the deepening and consolidation of democracy, good neighborliness, as well as strengthening of bilateral and multilateral cooperation among the signatory countries of the Framework Agreement on Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework Agreement (PSCF) for the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the Region and, in this regard, **WELCOMES** the efforts being deployed by the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), the East African Community (EAC), ECCAS and the Southern African Development Community (SADC);
9. **WELCOMES** the positive developments in Burundi; and **REITERATES** its appeal for the international community to lift the sanctions imposed on Burundi, in order to enhance the opportunity for socio-economic recovery in the country; and to provide the necessary financial support to consolidate Burundi's peace, stability and development; **REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the AU Commission to expedite the appointment of a new AU Special Representative for the Great Lakes/Burundi, in order to facilitate direct and continuous high-level engagements with the Governments in the Great Lakes Region;

10. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the positive progress in the situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), despite the activities of local and foreign armed groups and intercommunal tensions and **COMMENDS** the efforts of H.E. President Felix Tshisekedi and other leaders of the region to foster peace and stability including in the fight against the COVID 19 pandemic; **FURTHER COMMENDS** the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO), and other partners for their continuous multifaceted support for the stabilization of the DRC and the entire Great Lakes region;
11. **REAFFIRMS** its respect for the sovereignty, national unity and territorial integrity of Ethiopia; **COMMENDS** the Government of Ethiopia for the efforts to end the internal conflict, promote national dialogue and reconciliation; and in this context, **WELCOMES** the establishment of the National Dialogue Commission; **ENCOURAGES** the parties to the conflict in northern Ethiopia to embrace national dialogue as the only viable approach for promoting lasting peace, unity and national reconciliation in the country; **CALLS UPON** all key stakeholders to fully commit to a political solution to the current challenges facing the country, on the premises of an immediate cessation of hostilities, pursue an unconditional and comprehensive ceasefire; unhindered humanitarian access in accordance with international humanitarian law/human rights;;
12. **EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN** over the sporadic clashes along the disputed common border between Ethiopia and Sudan and **URGES** the two countries to utilize the AU Border Program (AUBP) in amicably and peacefully addressing their border dispute;
13. **WELCOMES** the appointment of H.E. Olusegun Obasanjo, former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as the AU High Representative for the Horn of Africa and **ENCOURAGES** him to scale up his mediation efforts towards finding African-centred solutions to the conflicts in the region;
14. **TAKES NOTE** of the progress made in the political process and the fight against the Al Shabaab terrorist group in Somalia; **HIGHLY COMMENDS** the AU Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) and the Somali defence and security forces for the achievements made thus far; and **PAYS TRIBUTE** to all Troop and Police Contributing Countries (T/PCCs) and to all AMISOM personnel who paid the ultimate sacrifice and **WISHES** speedy recovery to all those nursing injuries from Al Shabaab attacks; **WELCOMES** the consultations between the AU Commission and the Federal Government of Somalia on the future AU mission in Somalia post-2021, in line with UNSC Resolution 2568, and **FURTHER NOTES** the concept of a multidimensional transition mission, based on the Somali Transition Plan (STP), to ensure a comprehensive approach that leverages the competencies of the military, police and civilian capacities of the envisaged AU Mission; furthermore, **STRONGLY URGES** the leadership of Somalia to sustain

engagements with the Federal Member States and other stakeholders to expedite the completion of the electoral process, to end the current political uncertainty, as well as to prioritize force generation and capacitation of the Somali National Army (SNA) and other Somali Security Forces (SSF), towards for a seamless transfer of responsibility from AMISOM to the national security structures; **URGES** the international community to support the follow-on mission, and to ensure that the mission is provided with predictable and sustainable financing, at adequate levels, for the full duration of the new mission;

15. **COMMENDS** H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of the Republic of South Sudan and First Vice President, H.E. Dr. Riek Machar for placing the supreme interests of South Sudan and its people above all else; **ENCOURAGES** them to continue to speedily implement all outstanding provisions of the Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan (R-ARCSS), particularly Chapter II on the national Unified Forces (NUF) and mobilization of funding to accomplish the process; **ALSO ENCOURAGES** the international community to provide support in the implementation of Chapter II in order to consolidate the progress made by the Government of South Sudan; **APPEALS** to the international community to lift the arms embargo and other sanctions imposed on South Sudan; **REQUESTS** the AU Commission to continue to provide support towards the successful implementation of the R-ACRCS, including deploying technical expertise on the demilitarization, demobilization and reintegration (DDR) and security sector reform (SSR) programmes and dispatching a Post-Conflict Needs-Assessment Mission to South Sudan in identifying priorities and the required resources for the rebuilding of the country; in particular, **COMMENDS** H.E President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni of the Republic of Uganda for offering to host in Kampala, during the course of 2022, the South Sudan Leadership Retreat, with a view to facilitating the successful implementation of all outstanding provisions of the R-ARCSS and **LOOKS FORWARD** to the successful outcomes of the Retreat.

16. **REAFFIRMS** the AU solidarity with the people of the Republic of the Sudan in their legitimate aspirations to deepen and consolidate democracy; **and WELCOMES** the appointment of civilian Cabinet of Ministers comprising technocrats on 12 January 2022; **EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN** over the political developments in Sudan, including the escalating intercommunal violence in western and southern Darfur provinces; **CONDEMNS** the killing of peaceful protestors; and **URGES** the authorities to refrain from using excessive force against peaceful protestors; **DEMANDS** the immediate and unconditional release of all political detainees; and **REITERATES** the zero tolerance of the Union for unconstitutional changes of government based on the AU Constitutive Act (2000) and Lomé Declaration on the Framework for an OAU/AU Response to Unconstitutional Changes of Government(2000); **UNDERLINES** the centrality of the Constitutional Declaration of August 2019 and the Juba Peace Agreement of October 2020 as the most viable frameworks for facilitating the democratic transition in the Sudan; **UNDERScores THE URGENT NEED** for the prompt

return to normal constitutional order; and **STRONGLY CALLS ON** all Sudanese stakeholders to demonstrate a firm commitment to dialogue, consensus-building and peaceful resolution of differences in a manner that ensures the consolidation of democracy and economic recovery and stabilization, as well as sustainable post-conflict reconstruction and development;

17. **TAKES NOTE WITH SATISFACTION** of the initiation of an inclusive and genuine national dialogue in The Comoros which will enable all political leaders to peacefully resolve their differences, and **UNDERScores** the importance of ensuring that the national dialogue is transparent, inclusive and comprehensive; **REQUESTS** the AU Commission to continue engaging the Government of The Comoros and provide the required technical and financial support to ensure the successful holding of the national dialogue;
18. **APPLAUDS** the Libyan authorities for the progress in the peace process and **URGES** them to expedite the conduct of the elections, in order to stabilize and reconcile the country and **APPROVES** the relocation of the Tunis-based AU Liaison Office to Tripoli, Libya, with requisite human and financial resources to adequately support the AU's efforts on Libya;
19. **AFFIRMS** the AU solidarity with the people of Mozambique in their campaign against terrorism and violent extremism in the northern province of Cabo Delgado; **COMMENDS** the Southern African Development Community (SADC) for the prompt deployment of SADC Mission in Mozambique (SAMIM), within the framework of the African Standby Force (ASF); **ALSO COMMENDS** the Republic of Rwanda for deploying troops to support the Republic of Mozambique based on the existing bilateral agreements and in the spirit of African solutions to African problems; and to this effect, **CALLS ON** AU and Partners to continue to support the efforts of Rwanda in Mozambique; **REAFFIRMS** the unwavering commitment of the AU to mobilize the required technical and financial support to further enhance the capacity of SAMIM and Mozambique; and **APPEALS** to the international community to also support the Government of Mozambique to effectively counter terrorism;
20. **EXPRESSES SERIOUS CONCERN** over the resurgence of military coups d'états in the Continent; and **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the unconstitutional changes of governments in Mali, Guinea and Burkina Faso, ; **DEMANDS** the urgent and unconditional restoration of normal constitutional order in these Member States; **CALLS ON** Member States to uphold constitutionalism and fully respect all AU shared values, normative instruments and legal instruments, particularly AU Constitutive Act and the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (ACDEG); **FULLY SUPPORTS** the efforts being deployed by the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) in addressing the situations in the three Member States;



21. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the attempted coup d'état against the democratically elected Government of Guinea Bissau on 23-24 January 2022; and **REITERATES** AU's zero tolerance on unconstitutional changes of government; **REAFFIRMS** AU solidarity and support for the people and Government of Guinea Bissau and its readiness to continue supporting the efforts of ECOWAS in Guinea Bissau; in this regard, **ENCOURAGES** all concerned in Guinea Bissau to respect national democratic institutions and to settle their differences in a peaceful manner, including through established national legal channels;
22. **ENDORSES** the PSC's call for a comprehensive and objective analysis of the structural root causes and impact of unconstitutional changes of government in the Continent; the review of the African Governance Architecture (AGA) and the Lomé Declaration on unconstitutional changes of government, with a view to factor in contemporary challenges to African peace and security and modalities to address the surge in unconstitutional changes of government in Africa;
23. **NOTES WITH DEEP CONCERN** the growing and expanding threat of terrorism and violent extremism in Africa including the influx of foreign terrorist fighters, private military companies and mercenaries; **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** all acts of terrorism which are unjustified under any circumstances, and sponsors of these heinous crimes; and **STRONGLY WARNS** all perpetrators and supporters of acts of terrorism and violent extemisms that stern measures shall be taken against them; furthermore **URGES** Member States, RECs/RMs, working in close collaboration with the relevant United Nations agencies, to review and further sharpen their counter terrorism tools and approaches, in order to effectively adapt to the contemporary nature of this existential threat; enhance coordination and complementarity of efforts, share intelligence and information, conduct joint capacity building training and operations;
24. **ENCOURAGES** other regions to emulate the Djibouti and Nouakchott Processes and to also establish their platforms for intelligence sharing and fusion; **ACCORDINGLY COMMENDS** the efforts being deployed by the Africa Centre for the Study and Research on Terrorism, AU Mechanism for Police Cooperation (AFRIPOL) and the Committee of Intelligence and Security Services of Africa (CISSA), as well as the Accra Initiative in supporting Member States; **REQUESTS** the Commission to expedite the establishment of a counter-terrorism unit within the African Standby Force; compile of the African database of terrorist groups, entities and individuals, including foreign terrorist fighters; the development and operationalization of the African Arrest Warrant for those accused of terrorist acts; and expedite the finalization of the AU comprehensive strategy for countering terrorism in Africa;
25. **WELCOMES** the initiative taken by the Commission to revise the 1977 OAU Convention for the Elimination of Mercenarism in Africa and **LOOKS** forward to receiving the report and recommendations in this regard together with the draft

comprehensive and integrated continental stabilization strategy for addressing the security threat posed by non-State armed groups (NSAGs);

26. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the work of the Commission in continuing to steadily mainstream the AU Women Peace and Security in partnership with the Office of the Special Envoy on Women Peace and Security and, in this regard, **STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE** of enhanced coordination and complementarity of efforts between the different entities within the Commission whose respective mandates relate to the AU Women Peace and Security agenda and UNSC Resolution 1325;
27. **EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN** over the continued violations being perpetrated against children in situations of conflicts, including killing or maiming, recruiting them as soldiers, sexual violence and general deprivation of liberty, and in this context, **COMMENDS** the Commission for the laudable steps taken, particularly the setup of the Africa Platform on Children Affected by Armed Conflicts (AP-CAAC) as a multi-stakeholder mechanism to foster advocacy and the development of policies and programs to address the plight of children in armed conflict situations, and **REITERATES THE URGENT NEED** for the Chairperson of the Commission to appoint a Special Envoy/Representative for Children Affected by Armed Conflicts;
28. **ENDORSES** the second group of African Youth Ambassadors for Peace (AYAPs) and **ENCOURAGES** them to continue to promote peace, security and stability of Member States and regions in line with relevant AU instruments;
29. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the inextricable link between climate, peace and security; and **REAFFIRMS** the importance of the Commission to contribute towards strengthening the climate resilience and adaptation capacities of Member States, including through capacity building, training and research activities; **REQUESTS** the Commission to expedite the finalization of a climate-related security risk assessment study, in consultation with Member States as well as to expeditiously develop a Common African Position on the nexus between Climate, Peace and Security in preparation for the COP27 to be hosted by Egypt; **ALSO REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Commission to expedite the appointment of a Special Envoy on Climate, Peace and Security;
30. **NOTES** the priority of the Commission to build and enhance the early warning and early response institutional and operational capacities of Member States; and **ENCOURAGES** Member States to utilize the opportunities afforded by the Commission and RECs/RMs to address structural causes of violent conflict through the implementation of the Country Structural Vulnerability and Resilience Assessment/Country Structural Vulnerability and Mitigation Strategies (CSVRA/CSVMS) processes; and in this respect, **REQUESTS** the Commission to establish a Monitoring and Oversight Committee comprising the AUC, RECs/RMs, APRM and Member States to facilitate effective coordination,

implementation, monitoring and evaluation; **ALSO WELCOMES** the I-REC as strategic knowledge exchange platform on early warning and conflict prevention to promote cooperation between the RECs/RMs and AU Organs;

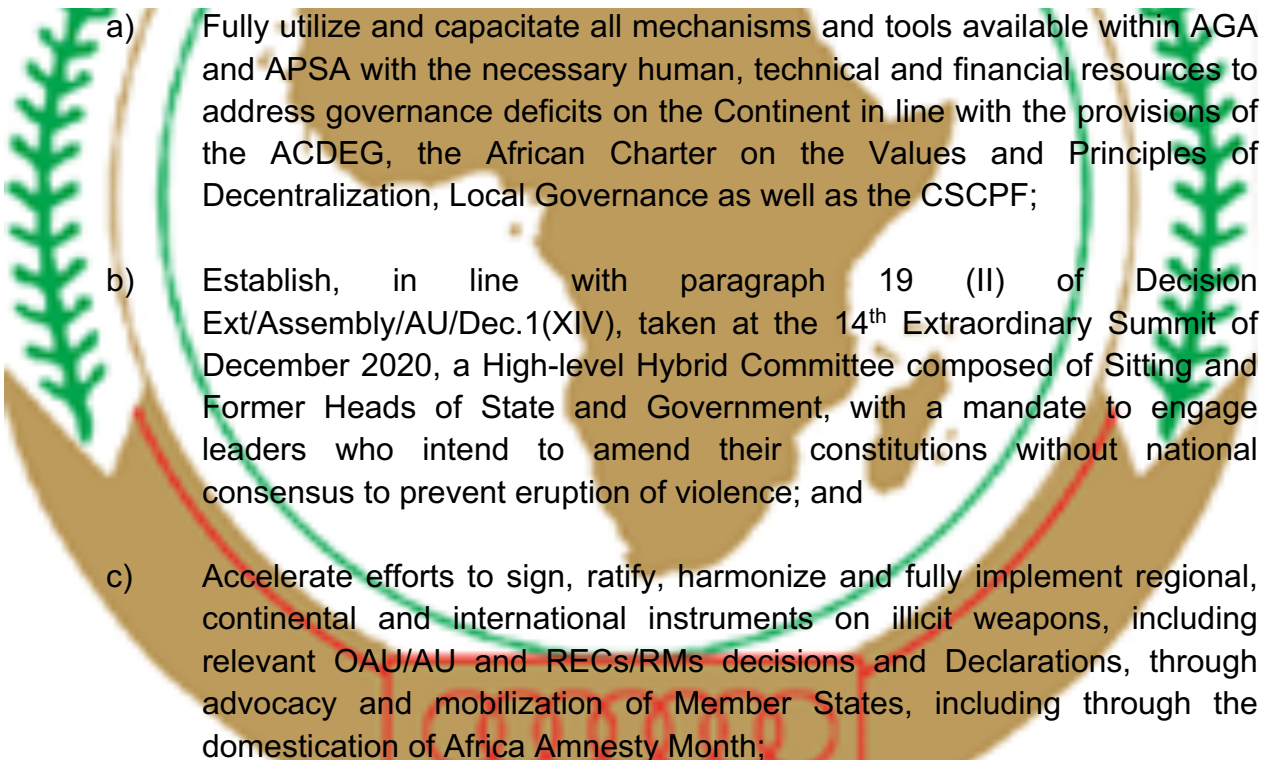
31. **CONGRATULATES** all Member States that have successfully organised peaceful and credible elections during the course of 2021, in line with the AU Principles and Guidelines, as well as the AU Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance, as a significant contribution towards the deepening and consolidation of democracy in Africa; **CONGRATULATES IN PARTICULAR** those Member States which mobilised domestic resources to fund their elections and **ENCOURAGES** other Member States to also consider doing the same with a view to promoting national ownership of their electoral processes; **ALSO ENCOURAGES** Member State to continue to create conducive conditions that encourage and facilitate more participation by women, youth and people living with disabilities, as election candidates; **FURTHER ENCOURAGES** Member States to implement the AU Guidelines on Elections in the Context of the COVID-19 pandemic and other Public Health Emergencies, to create the necessary conducive conditions to ensure safety and security of the voters against COVID-19;
32. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the continued technical support by the AU Border Programme to Member States to peacefully resolve border disputes; **ENCOURAGES** Member States to continue to make full advantage of the AUBP as an effective conflict prevention tool and to contribute towards the mobilization of the required resources in order to enable the Programme to discharge its mandate effectively;
33. **WELCOMES** the modest progress achieved in the operationalization of the African Standby Force (ASF), and the adoption of the AU Doctrine on Peace Support Operations, and **URGES** Member States to expedite the full operationalization of the Continental and Regional Logistics bases; and **COMMENDS** Member States that have pledged strategic lift capabilities for the ASF and **ENCOURAGES** others to also pledge additional capabilities; **ALSO ACKNOWLEDGES** the contributions of peace support/peacekeeping centres of excellence in Africa and **UNDERScores THE IMPORTANCE** of establishing an AU Peace Support Training Centre that will be dedicated to support PSO activities;
34. **RECOGNIZES** the support provided by the AU Commission to AU mediation efforts in the Continent; **ENDORSES** the nominations of the new members of the 5<sup>th</sup> Panel of the Wise to serve for a three-year term; **ALSO ENDORSES** the establishment of WiseYouth, as well as the outcomes of the November 2021 Nairobi High Level Retreat of AU High/Special Representatives and Envoys; **REQUESTS** the Commission to ensure the full operationalization of the PanWise and FemWise-Africa; in collaboration with the RECs/RMs; and **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to develop modalities for the operationalization of

WiseYouth for consideration and adoption by relevant authorities as a critical mechanism for conflict prevention and media targeting African youth;

35. **NOTES** the finalization of the AU Action Plan for the Promotion and Protection of Human and People Rights for Africa (2021-2030) by the Commission, to significantly foster the promotion of a culture of respect for human and peoples' rights, including in epidemic and pandemic contexts, as provided for in the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights.
36. **REAFFIRMS** Commission's commendation for the continued support to Member States emerging from conflicts and those in transition, including the launching of a post-conflict reconstruction and development (**PCRD**) **Awareness Week** in November 2021, to be observed annually throughout the Continent and **ENDORSES** its institutionalization and regularization; **WELCOMES** the formal launching of the AU Centre for PCRD on 23 December 2021 in Cairo, Egypt; and **APPEALS** to Member State to make full use of the Centre; **REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Commission to mobilize all necessary resources to enable the Centre to effectively discharge its mandate, and **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to expeditiously review the 2006 AU PCRD Policy Framework and submit the report for consideration by the next ordinary session of the Assembly;
37. **UNDERScores** the importance of revitalizing the African Solidarity Initiative (ASI) as a platform for harnessing required resources to support recovery and stabilization efforts in Member States emerging from violent conflicts and **ENCOURAGES** Member States, which have not yet done so, to sign and ratify the Inter-African Convention Establishing an African Technical Cooperation Programme.
38. **UNDERLINES THE IMPORTANCE** of successful disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR), as well as security sector reforms (SSR) as critical and integral components for conflict prevention, post-conflict reconstruction and development, as well as peacebuilding efforts in Member States emerging from violent conflicts; and **ENCOURAGES** Member States to allocate adequate resources for DDR and SSR programmes;
39. **TAKES NOTE WITH SATISFACTION** of the progress made with regard to the fully operationalization of the Revitalized AU Peace Fund, and the contributions made by Member States to the Fund, as well as the status of the endowment; **COMMENDS** the efforts of the Chairperson of the AU Commission, in his capacity as Chair of the Executive Management Committee and the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Peace Fund towards the pilot utilization of the

Peace Fund in 2022 through costed and prioritized programmatic activities to address urgent peace and security challenges on the Continent;

40. **WELCOMES** the progress made in the implementation of the AU Master Roadmap of Practical Steps to Silence the Guns in Africa by the Year 2030, including the adoption of the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Mechanism, which spells out modalities, actions, stakeholders, and reporting timeframes to trace the implementation of all aspects of the Master Roadmap; **UNDERLINES THE IMPORTANCE** of stronger political will, visionary leadership and stronger solidarity among AU Member states and their people in order to successfully implement the Master Roadmap and **DIRECTS** the Commission to :

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- a) Fully utilize and capacitate all mechanisms and tools available within AGA and APSA with the necessary human, technical and financial resources to address governance deficits on the Continent in line with the provisions of the ACDEG, the African Charter on the Values and Principles of Decentralization, Local Governance as well as the CSCPF;
- b) Establish, in line with paragraph 19 (II) of Decision Ext/Assembly/AU/Dec.1(XIV), taken at the 14<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Summit of December 2020, a High-level Hybrid Committee composed of Sitting and Former Heads of State and Government, with a mandate to engage leaders who intend to amend their constitutions without national consensus to prevent eruption of violence; and
- c) Accelerate efforts to sign, ratify, harmonize and fully implement regional, continental and international instruments on illicit weapons, including relevant OAU/AU and RECs/RMs decisions and Declarations, through advocacy and mobilization of Member States, including through the domestication of Africa Amnesty Month;

41. **ENDORSES** the Conclusions of the 13<sup>th</sup> Retreat of the PSC on its Working Methods in the Context of AU Reforms, held from 27 to 29 May 2021, in Mombasa, Kenya and the Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism for the AUMR of Practical Steps for Silencing the Guns in Africa by 2030, and **URGES** Member States and the RECs/RMs, as well as all other relevant key stakeholders to effectively use the Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism as a guiding tool for monitoring the implementation of the Master Roadmap and reporting on progress;



42. **FURTHER ENDORSES** the Conclusions of the 8<sup>th</sup> High-Level Seminar on Peace and Security in Africa held from 2 to 4 December 2021, in Oran, Algeria; and **EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE** of ensuring the implementation of these Conclusions in their letter and spirit; **COMMENDS** the efforts being exerted by the African Members of the United Nations Security Council (A3) in effectively articulating, promoting and defending African common positions and interests within the UN Security Council; **PAYS TRIBUTE** to Niger and Tunisia, for their exemplary representation of Africa within the Security Council during their tenure; **CONGRATULATES** Gabon and Ghana on their election into the Security Council for a two year term and **LOOKS FORWARD** to their contribution alongside Kenya, in effectively articulating, promoting and defending African common positions and interests in the UNSC.



**DECISION ON THE PROGRESS REPORT ON THE AFRICAN UNION RESPONSE ON COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN AFRICA, BY H.E. CYRIL MATAMELA RAMAPHOSA, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**The Assembly,**

1. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** of the report of the AU Health Commission on COVID-19, led by the AU COVID-19 Champion, H.E. Cyril Matamela Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa, on the progress made in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. **COMMENDS** H.E. President Cyril Matamela Ramaphosa for his leadership in Africa's response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and **ACKNOWLEDGES** the critical role of the AU Commission and the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) in their effective response to the pandemic.
3. **RECOGNIZES** that disease threats require a multi-agency response through strong continental institutions including the Africa CDC and the Africa Medicines Agency (AMA).
4. **ACKNOWLEDGES** that Africa's socio-economic recovery from the pandemic depends on the continent's ability to turn the current challenges into viable opportunities including through increasing the capacities and capabilities of the health workforce; initiating and expanding local manufacturing enterprises for all commodities required in pandemic response and particularly vaccines; and mobilizing appropriate technical and financial resources for preparedness and response.
5. **ENDORSES** the Progress Report of the AU Health Commission on COVID19 including all its recommendations.
6. **DECIDES** to extend the role of H.E. President Cyril Matamela Ramaphosa as the AU COVID19 Champion.
7. **REQUESTS** the AU COVID19 Champion to present a progress report to the next session of the Mid-Year Coordination meeting as well as the next Assembly.
8. **DIRECTS** the AU Commission and the Africa CDC to continue providing the required support to the AU COVID19 Champion in his role.
9. **ALSO DECIDES** to remain seized on this matter

**DECISION ON MOBILIZING FINANCING FOR AFRICA'S ACCELERATED  
ECONOMIC RECOVERY DEVELOPMENT AND INTEGRATION BY THE AFRICAN  
DEVELOPMENT BANK**

**The Assembly,**

1. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** of the Report of Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, President of the African Development Bank Group on mobilizing financing for Africa's accelerated economic recovery development and integration;
2. **COMMENDS** the African Development Bank efforts in championing continental initiatives to address debt vulnerabilities in Africa as well as efforts to enhance food security through the African Facility for Food and Nutrition Security;
3. **ALSO COMMENDS** the work of the African Development Bank in strengthening the African Health Defence System and calls on all Development Finance Institutions to work with the African Development Bank in financing quality healthcare infrastructure across the Continent;
4. **FURTHER COMMENDS** the partnership between African Development Bank and the Global Center for Adaptation, on the African Adaption Acceleration Program (AAA-P) which aims to mobilize \$25 billion to accelerate the implementation of the African Adaptation Acceleration Initiative (AAI) of the African Union and **FURTHER CALLS FOR** developed countries to deliver on their \$100 billion commitment, and fully finance the AAA-P ahead of the COP 27 in Sharm El-Sheikh in Egypt;
5. **RECOGNISES AND COMMENDS** the efforts of the African Development Bank to establish a Just Energy Transition Facility that will support Africa's energy transition in alignment with the Paris agreement, noting the role of gas as an important transition energy in this process;
6. **CALLS FOR** re-allocation of SDRs from willing advanced economies to Africa, and recommends that a portion of these are channelled through the African Development Bank as a prescribed holder to leverage the resources to provide greater financing to African economies;
7. **ALSO CALLS FOR** a substantial 16<sup>th</sup> replenishment of the African Development Fund to enable it to meet the growing needs of the continent and **FURTHER CALLS FOR** the amendment of the Agreement Establishing the Fund to enable it to seek resources in the financial market for the benefit of fragile African countries and states in transition;
8. **RECOGNIZES** the critical link between security, investment, economic growth and development **AND CALLS FOR** the exploration and evaluation of potential financing, including Security-Indexed Investment Bonds ('SIIBs') as one of the

key instruments for mobilizing resources to address the root causes of insecurity, enhance capacity to protect investments and livelihoods, and rehabilitate communities and infrastructure adversely impacted by insecurity; **AND**

9. **CALLS FOR** the establishment of an African Financing Stability mechanism and **DIRECTS** the African Union Commission and the African Development Bank to work with all relevant stakeholders to accelerate operationalization of the mechanism and its growth.





**DECISION ON THE REPORTS OF 30<sup>TH</sup> AND 31<sup>ST</sup> FORUMS OF THE AFRICAN PEER REVIEW MECHANISM (APRM)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** of the Report of the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Sessions of the African Peer Review Forum of Heads of States and Government held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and 4 February 2022 respectively;
2. **CONGRATULATES** H.E Julius Maada Bio, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, for his election as the new Chairperson of the African Peer Review (APR) Forum of Heads of State and Government, and H.E Abdelmadjid Tebboune, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, for his election as the Incoming Chairperson of the APR Forum.
3. **COMMENDS WITH APPRECIATION** H.E. Cyril Matamela Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa and Outgoing Chairperson of the APR Forum for his sterling leadership of the APRM, including ensuring that the APRM continues to realise its mandate successfully amid COVID-19 pandemic.
4. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.765(XXXIII) in which the Assembly stressed the need for the APRM to be provided with adequate and sufficient human resources and budget allocations so as to execute its mandate without hindrance and enhance its functional autonomy;
5. **SUPPORTS** the decision of the APR Forum to establish the APRM Governance Support Programme which will finance accelerators in APRM Participating States in three (3) areas: (i) Implementation of National Plans of Actions (NPOAs) emanating from the Review processes; (ii) Implementation of the national reform agendas which promote good governance, the rule of law, human rights, democracy, transparent, accountable, capable institutions and transformative leadership; and (iii) undertaking of national governance assessments.
6. **DECIDES** that the APRM Governance Support Programme should be capitalised through outstanding contributions/arrears of APRM Participating States, voluntary contributions by Participating States and mobilisation of funds from domestic and international partners; **REQUESTS** the APRM Continental Secretariat to work in collaboration with the African Union Commission to develop all the necessary the legal instruments for the APRM Governance Support Programme and present them to the relevant AU Policy Organs for consideration and adoption before the operationalisation of the Programme.



7. **ACKNOWLEDGES WITH DEEP APPRECIATION** the adoption of the APRM Continental Secretariat organizational structure by the Executive Council and ultimately by the Assembly; **STRESSES** the need for the APRM to be provided with adequate budgetary allocations to implement the APRM Continental Secretariat organizational structure without any impediments.
8. **COMMENDS** the Chairperson of the African Union Commission H.E Moussa Faki Mahamat and the Chief Executive Officer of the APRM Continental Secretariat, Prof. Edward Maloka for their steadfast and stained efforts ensuring that the APRM organizational structure is approved by the AU Policy Organs and that the APRM realises its mandate;
9. **FURTHER RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.765(XXXIII) in which the Assembly requested the APRM to organise the African Migration Governance Conference in collaboration with the AU Commission and relevant stakeholders focusing on migration governance and sharing of best practices amongst AU Member States; **REQUESTS** the APRM in collaboration with African Union Commission and relevant stakeholders to expedite and finalise all preparations for the holding of the African Migration Governance Conference working closely with the Host Member State; **DECIDES** that the Conference should be held during the first half of 2022 and adequate financial resources should be provided towards the successful hosting of the African Migration Governance Conference by the AU Policy Organs.
10. **WELCOMES WITH APPRECIATION** the peer review Reports of the Republic of Liberia, Republic of Namibia, Federal Republic of Nigeria and Republic of South Africa; **CONGRATULATES** H.E. George Weah, President of the Republic of Liberia; H.E Hage Geingob, President of the Republic of Namibia, H.E Muhammadu Buhari, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and H.E Cyril Matamela Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa, for their commitment to good governance as evidenced in the implementation of the APR process in their respective countries.
11. **ENCOURAGES** the Republic of Liberia, Republic of Namibia, Federal Republic Nigeria and Republic of South Africa to take into account observations of Members States on their country review reports as well as the recommendations contained in their reports for the development and implementation of the National Programme of Action and align the same to the AU Agenda 2063;

12. **ACKNOWLEDGES WITH APPRECIATION** the Progress Report of the Republic of Uganda on the implementation of its Second Country Review Report and the Progress Report of the Republic of Mauritius on the implementation of its First Country Review Report; **COMMENDS** H.E Yoweri Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda and H.E Pravind Jugnauth, Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius for their outstanding leadership and consistent efforts to improving governance in their countries and on the continent;
13. **ALSO ACKNOWLEDGES WITH SATISFACTION** the targeted reviews reports of the Republic of Zambia on Contribution of Tourism to the Economy and Contribution of Mineral Resources to the Economy; Republic of Sierra Leone on Health Governance and Covid-19 Response;
14. **EXPRESSES** gratitude to H.E Hakainde Hichilema, President of the Republic of Zambia, H.E. Julius Maada Bio, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, for their outstanding leadership in promoting good governance for national development.
15. **URGES** the Republic of Zambia and the Republic of Sierra Leone, to consider the recommendations of Member States on their targeted review reports including the recommendations contained in the reports on the development and implementation of their National Programme of Actions as a necessary step towards attaining sustainable and broad-based socio- economic development
16. **EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** to the APR Panel Members for their leadership in the conduct of the country reviews and targeted reviews; **COMMENDS** the APR Panel Members for ensuring that the reviews are undertaken with integrity, competency, independence and professionalism and in a credible manner free of political manipulation based on technically and culturally acceptable standards.
17. **ENCOURAGES** APRM Participating States that have not been peer reviewed to take the necessary measures to ensure that country reviews are undertaken, and their reports are presented to the APR Forum for peer review; **FURTHER URGES the APRM** Participating States that have been peer reviewed to implement their National Plans of Action and recommendations to inform institutional reform at national level and avert highlighted challenges in their peer reviewed reports; **REQUESTS** that the APRM in collaboration with the African Union Commission, other AU Organs and Regional Economic Communities (RECs) undertake Governance Gap Analysis as an assessment tool for APRM support to Participating Member States in political transition; **TAKES NOTE WITH SATISFACTION** the adoption by the APR Forum of the deepening the review proposals aimed at strengthening the APRM processes; **ENDORSES** the proposals and **REQUESTS** the APRM to ensure their implementation;

**CONGRATULATES** the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Republic of Burundi for their accession as a new APRM Participating Member States ; **EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** to H.E Félix Tshisekedi, President of the Democratic Republic of Congo and H.E Évariste Ndayishimiye President of the Republic of Burundi for their courageous decision in joining the APRM, the premier homegrown, African good governance mechanism; **ENCOURAGES** both the Democratic Republic of Congo and Republic of Burundi to undertake their First Country Reviews pursuant to the APRM legal instruments

18. **ENCOURAGES** all Member States of the AU that have not yet joined the APRM to accede to the APRM in line with the First Ten-Year Implementation Plan of Agenda 2063; **REQUESTS** the APRM to continue to follow-up with Member States that have not yet acceded to the APRM in order to expedite the Assembly Decision on Universal Accession by 2023;
19. **WELCOMES WITH APPRECIATION** the appointment by the 30<sup>th</sup> APR Forum of new APR Panel Member, Dr. Abdoulie Janneh from the Republic of the Gambia as a member of the APR Panel of Eminent Persons representing the West Africa Region; **FURTHER WELCOMES WITH SATISFACTION** the appointment as new Panel Members by the 31<sup>st</sup> APR Forum: Mr. Matthew Gowaseb from the Republic of Namibia, representing the Southern Africa Region, Honourable Lydia Wanyoto-Mutende from the Republic of Uganda representing the East Africa Region, Ambassador Ahmed Araitia Ali from the Republic of Djibouti also representing the East Region;
20. **EXPRESSES DEEP APPRECIATION** to the retiring APR Panel Members, Professor Ibrahim Gambari, Professor Fatma Zohra Karadja, Ambassador Omar Mona, Bishop Dinis Singulane and Ambassador Ombeni Yohana Sefue and the late Honourable Hope Kivengere for their exemplary performance during their tenure of office as Members of the APR Panel of Eminent Persons.
21. **CONVEYS ITS SINCERE CONDOLENCES** to the family of the late Honourable Hope Kivengere, Government and the people of the Republic of Uganda, for the untimely passing of Honourable Hope Kivengere, APR Panel Member, on 20 October 2021.
22. **FURTHER WELCOMES WITH APPRECIATION** the appointment by the APR Forum, Dr Ali Abdel Rhamane HAGGAR as Chairperson of the APR Panel of Eminent Persons for the year 2022 and Dr Abdoulie Janneh from the Republic of the Gambia as the Vice-Chairperson of the APR Panel and Incoming Chairperson of the APR Panel for the year 2023.

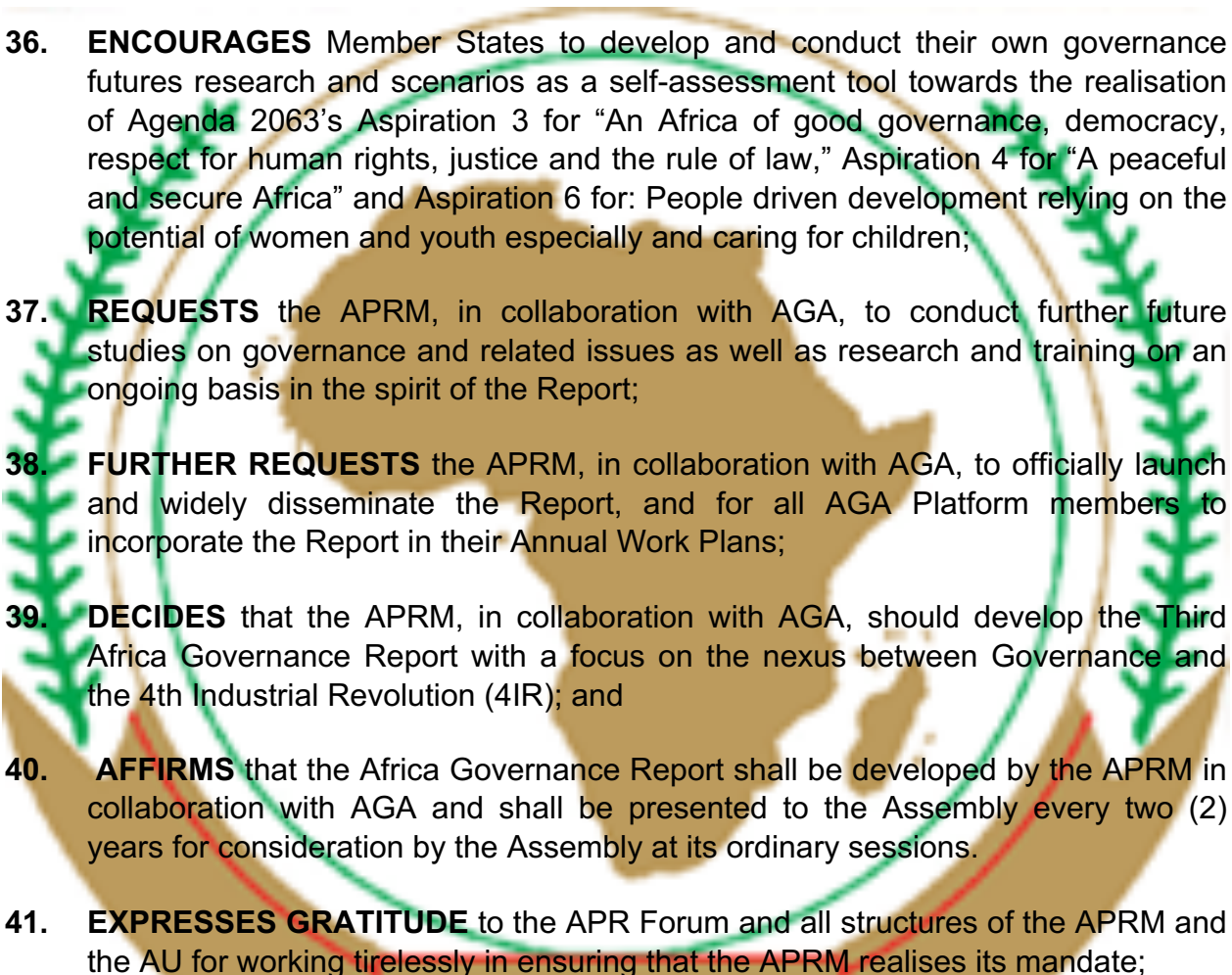


23. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.631(XXVIII) on the revitalisation of the APRM; **TAKES NOTE WITH GREAT SATISFACTION** the APRM Continental Secretariat, Chief Executive Officer, Prof Edward Maloka's Close Out Report on the revitalisation of the APRM (2016-2020); **EXPRESSES GRATITUDE** to the APR Forum and all structures of the APRM and the AU for working tirelessly in ensuring that the APRM is revitalised; **URGES** all structures of the APRM and the AU to safeguard and consolidate all gains achieved so far and ensure that the mechanism remains the premier home-grown, African good governance tool for the realisation of Agenda 2063;
24. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.758(XXXIII), on the adoption of the APRM Statute; **WELCOMES WITH SATISFACTION** decision by the APR Forum to align of the contract of the APRM Continental Secretariat, Chief Executive Officer, Prof Edward Maloka, with the APRM Statute by extending his tenure by one (1) year **CONGRATULATES AND WISHES** him the very best in carrying out his mandate and **ASSURES** him of the continued support.
25. **ENDORSES** the approval by the APR Forum of the APRM Continental Secretariat 2021 Annual Report; **COMMENDS** the APRM for the unprecedented successes realised in 2021; **ENCOURAGES** the APRM to broaden and deepen its efforts in implementing the APRM Strategic Plan (2020-2024) and in supporting the delivery of the AU Agenda 2063;
26. **REITERATES** that the APRM should be provided with sufficient financial and human resource provisions necessary for the delivery of the mandate of the APRM.
27. **FURTHER RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.765(XXXIII) in which the Assembly decided that the APRM should develop, in collaboration with AGA, the African Governance Report and present it to the 34<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Assembly, scheduled to take place in February 2021; **COMMENDS APRM** for developing the Africa Governance Report 2021: Africa's Governance Futures for the Africa We Want, in collaboration with AGA, despite the COVID-19 pandemic challenges and making the report ready for presentation to the Assembly in February, 2021;
28. **FURTHER COMMENDS** H.E. Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa, Outgoing Chairperson of the APR Forum for his excellent presentation of the Africa Governance Report to the Assembly on behalf of the APRM;
29. **ALSO RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.765(XXXIII) in which the Assembly declared 9 March, 2023 as the founding day of the APRM which should be

celebrated by the continent and the AU family; **TAKES NOTE THAT** the APRM will be celebrating 20 years since its establishment in 2003; **DECIDES** that the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of the APRM will be celebrated by the continent and the AU family throughout the year 2023 with year-long activities and events; **APPEALS** to the entire AU family to join the APRM as it commemorates this important anniversary; **REQUESTS** the APRM Secretariat in close collaboration with the African Union Commission to coordinate activities for an inclusive and participatory process of reflection on the last twenty (20) years of the APRM in its effort of promotion of good governance and democracy on the continent;

30. **FURTHER RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.765(XXXIII), in which the Assembly commended the APRM for implementing the expanded mandate that covers all Member States of the AU; **WELCOMES WITH SATISFACTION** cooperation between the APRM and Economic Community for Central African States (ECCAS) in fostering democracy and good governance; **URGES** other Regional Economic Communities to work closely with the APRM in fostering democracy and good governance on the continent;
31. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.720 (XXXII) in which the Assembly decided that the Africa Governance Report shall be developed by the APRM, in collaboration with the Africa Governance Architecture (AGA), and shall be presented to the Assembly every two (2) years for consideration by the Assembly at its ordinary sessions;
32. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** the presentation of the Second Africa Governance Report by H.E Cyril Matamela Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa and Chairperson of the African Peer Review Forum of Heads of States and Government;
33. **WELCOMES** the development of the Africa Governance Report 2021 under the theme, “African Governance Futures Scenarios 2063”, and **COMMENDS** the APRM, AGA, the Joint Task Force and the Institute for Futures Research at the University of Stellenbosch and other participating African Research Institutes and Experts for the commendable work done in developing the African Governance Futures Scenarios 2063;
34. **AFFIRMS** that the Africa Governance Report 2021- “African Governance Futures Scenarios 2063” inspires us to accelerate efforts towards the full realisation of Vision of the African Union (AU) of, “An integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens, representing a dynamic force in the international arena,” as well as the AU Agenda 2063 Aspirations and its Ten Year Implementation Plans (FTYIP).



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35. **URGES** Member States to consider and examine the recommendations contained in the report with a view to enhancing good governance and the sharing of commendable practices at both the national and continental levels;
36. **ENCOURAGES** Member States to develop and conduct their own governance futures research and scenarios as a self-assessment tool towards the realisation of Agenda 2063's Aspiration 3 for "An Africa of good governance, democracy, respect for human rights, justice and the rule of law," Aspiration 4 for "A peaceful and secure Africa" and Aspiration 6 for: People driven development relying on the potential of women and youth especially and caring for children;
37. **REQUESTS** the APRM, in collaboration with AGA, to conduct further future studies on governance and related issues as well as research and training on an ongoing basis in the spirit of the Report;
38. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the APRM, in collaboration with AGA, to officially launch and widely disseminate the Report, and for all AGA Platform members to incorporate the Report in their Annual Work Plans;
39. **DECIDES** that the APRM, in collaboration with AGA, should develop the Third Africa Governance Report with a focus on the nexus between Governance and the 4th Industrial Revolution (4IR); and
40. **AFFIRMS** that the Africa Governance Report shall be developed by the APRM in collaboration with AGA and shall be presented to the Assembly every two (2) years for consideration by the Assembly at its ordinary sessions.
41. **EXPRESSES GRATITUDE** to the APR Forum and all structures of the APRM and the AU for working tirelessly in ensuring that the APRM realises its mandate;

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE AUDA-NEPAD HEADS OF STATE AND  
GOVERNMENT ORIENTATION COMMITTEE (HSGOC)**

**The Assembly,**

42. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** of the report by H.E. Paul KAGAME, President of the Republic of Rwanda, the Chairperson of the Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC) of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD);
43. **ENDORSES** the conclusions and recommendations of the 39<sup>th</sup> NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee;

44. **REITERATES** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.635(XXVIII) and Ext/Assembly/AU/Dec.1(XI) integrating the AUDA-NEPAD as an intrinsic part of the African Union and **CALLS UPON** the African Union Commission and AUDA-NEPAD Secretariat to continue to harmonize their work programs to prevent duplication of roles;
45. **REASSERTS** the essential role played by the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC) in the provision of political leadership and strategic direction to the African Union Development Agency-NEPAD (AUDA-NEPAD) and the NEPAD programme;
46. **TAKES NOTE** of progress that has been made by AUDA-NEPAD which includes preparation of a Regional Health Financing Hub (RHFH) and **CALLS UPON** the AUDA-NEPAD and AUC to facilitate the piloting of the health financing tracker in order to optimise its domestication and identification of final set of indicators; we urge Member States and RECs to proactively support the piloting in order ensure that the tracker is in line with each country's needs;
47. **RECOGNISES** the efforts made by AUDA NEPAD to ensure that PIDA transboundary water projects implementation is accelerated through enhancing mutual accountability amongst partners through a consultative process carried out in the development of the PIDA Water scorecard framework, **APPROVES** the framework for tracking progress in the mobilisation of PIDA water investments, and **DIRECTS** AUDA-NEPAD to continue mobilising and establishing partnerships for PIDA implementation and report back bi-annually on the gaps and progress made in the mobilisation of water investments for PIDA PAP 2 using the PIDA Water scorecard as a reference;
48. **TAKES NOTE** of the progress made by AUDA-NEPAD in developing, exploring and managing flexible fund models to support Member States and in implementing the AUDA-NEPAD mandate of carrying out full range resource mobilisation, and **CALLS UPON** AUDA-NEPAD to expedite processes for establishing the AUDA-NEPAD Development Fund to be operational by the end of 2023 and to report progress to the HSGOC and other AUDA-NEPAD structures;
49. **NOTES WITH APPRECIATION** the Kinshasa Declaration on Rural Transformation and **COMMENDS** the Government of Democratic Republic of Congo and AUDA-NEPAD for the convening and hosting of the Third Africa Rural Development Forum;
50. **COMMENDS** AUDA-NEPAD for the development and implementation of the Guidelines for Territorial Development in Africa and **REQUESTS** AUDA-NEPAD with the support of development partners, to support member states enhance planning and institutional for the implementation of the Kinshasa Declaration on

Rural Transformation. **FURTHER REQUESTS** AUDA-NEPAD in collaboration with WFP, IFAD, FAO and ECA to develop projects and programmes for the operationalization of the Kinshasa Declaration;

51. **WELCOMES** the White Paper on Tourism Security in Africa and **REQUESTS** AUDA-NEPAD and UNWTO to support Member States in its operationalisation;
52. **APPRECIATES** the call for ambitious reforms from member states in the areas of curriculum, education funding, harmonization of certifications, for a nexus which connects Science through Tertiary Education to Policy in order to foster enhanced implementation capacity of state and non-state actors to drive markets and business enterprises, and **REQUESTS** AUDA-NEPAD to work with partners and higher education institutions to link education and development; **ALSO APPRECIATES** the current partnership with Princeton University and the African School of Economics;
53. **TAKES NOTE** of the recommendations of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC) on the recruitment of the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the AUDA-NEPAD Secretariat for a mandate of four (4) years; **WELCOMES AND ENDORSES** the appointment of **Ms. Nardos Bekele Thomas** of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, as the new CEO; and **ENTRUSTS** her to take full and effective charge of the AUDA-NEPAD Secretariat as the legal representative of the Institution;
54. **EXPRESSES** its appreciation to outgoing CEO Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki for his sterling leadership of AUDA-NEPAD;
55. **TAKES NOTE** of the recommendations of the NEPAD HSGOC and **ENDORSES** the extension of the current Bureau of the NEPAD HSGOC for an additional one (1) year.



**DECISION ON ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UNION AND ITS ORGANS INCLUDING THE SPECIFIC THEMATIC ISSUES BY THE HEADS OF STATES, CHAMPIONS**

**The Assembly,**

1. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** of the report of the Union and its Organs including thematic issues by the Heads of State, Champions;
2. **DECIDES** to rationalize the inclusion of the Leaders' reports in the Assembly agenda by retaining only two or three items related to the theme of the year and based on current situation. The remaining reports should be included in the Annual Report of the Union and its Organs.
- (i) **DECISION ON THE REPORT OF HIS MAJESTY LETSIE III, KING OF LESOTHO AND AFRICAN UNION CHAMPION ON NUTRITION AND BIENNIAL REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFRICAN LEADERS FOR NUTRITION (ALN) INITIATIVE**

**The Assembly,**

3. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** of the report of the African Nutrition Champion His Majesty King Letsie III of the Kingdom Lesotho, for the period 2019 to 2020 and the report on activities and progress African Leaders for Nutrition Initiative (2018 -2020) and their recommendations;
4. **RECALLS** African Union (AU) Decision on the appointment of an Africa Nutrition Champion, His Majesty King Letsie III of the Kingdom Lesotho (Assembly/AU/Dec.621(XXVIII) and the extension of the Championship to 2019 ((Assembly/AU/Dec.739(XXXII) and the Decision on the African Leaders for Nutrition (ALN) Initiative that endorsed the African Leaders for Nutrition (ALN) (Assembly/AU/Dec.681 (XXX);
5. **COMMENDS** the work of the Africa Nutrition Champion and the Africa Leaders for Nutrition Initiative in sustaining nutrition advocacy in the effort to ensure member states commit adequate financial resources to nutrition interventions;
6. **NOTING WITH CONCERN** that COVID-19 Pandemic has created major global health and economic shocks, with unprecedented impacts on people's health, nutrition and livelihoods, **URGES** member states to take note of the recommendations of the Position paper entitled "Embedding Nutrition within the COVID-19 Response and Recovery" calling all African Member States to ensure the incorporation and promotion of nutrition smart interventions within COVID-19 response and recovery action plans;

7. **REAFFIRMS** the continued importance of nutrition especially child nutrition as a major pillar in socio-economic transformation of Africa and calls on all member states to continue prioritizing nutrition through the implementation of Malabo Declaration on Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation for Shared Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods and the Africa Regional Nutrition Strategy (2015-2025);
  8. **ENDORSES** to extend for another term (2022-2024) the mandate of His Majesty King Letsie III of the Kingdom of Lesotho as the African Union Nutrition Champion to continue to rally member states towards the implementation of Africa Regional Nutrition Strategy (2015-2025) and the commitment of the Malabo Declaration on Nutrition Security for Inclusive Economic Growth and Sustainable Development in Africa to ending child hunger and bringing down stunting to 10% and underweight to 5% by 2025;
  9. **WELCOMES** the progress made in the implementation of the Africa Leaders for Nutrition (ALN) Initiative, and **URGES** the Africa Leaders for Nutrition to continue to support dialogue with high-level political leaders at global and continental level to support and sustain the momentum gained on increasing nutrition investment;
  10. **CALLS UPON** African Governments to play a leading role in multi-sectorial and multi-stake holder coordination and collaboration, by putting leadership for nutrition at the highest political level and for political leadership to facilitate the mobilization of domestic resources for nutrition, through close engagement with the ministries of finance
- (ii) **DECISION ON THE REPORT OF HIS MAJESTY MOHAMMED VI, KING OF MOROCCO AND AFRICAN UNION CHAMPION ON MIGRATION**

**The Assembly,**

11. **WELCOMES** the Report presented by His Majesty Mohammed VI, King of Morocco and AU Champion on Migration;
12. **CONGRATULATES** His Majesty Mohammed VI, King of Morocco, Champion of the African Union on Migration;
13. **COMMENDS** the work of the AU Champion on Migration and his initiatives to harness migration as a lever for community development in Africa, with the aim of establishing a responsible international partnership that promotes the safe and regular migration of people;
14. **NOTES** with concern the major impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on migration in Africa, which has exacerbated the vulnerability of migrants;

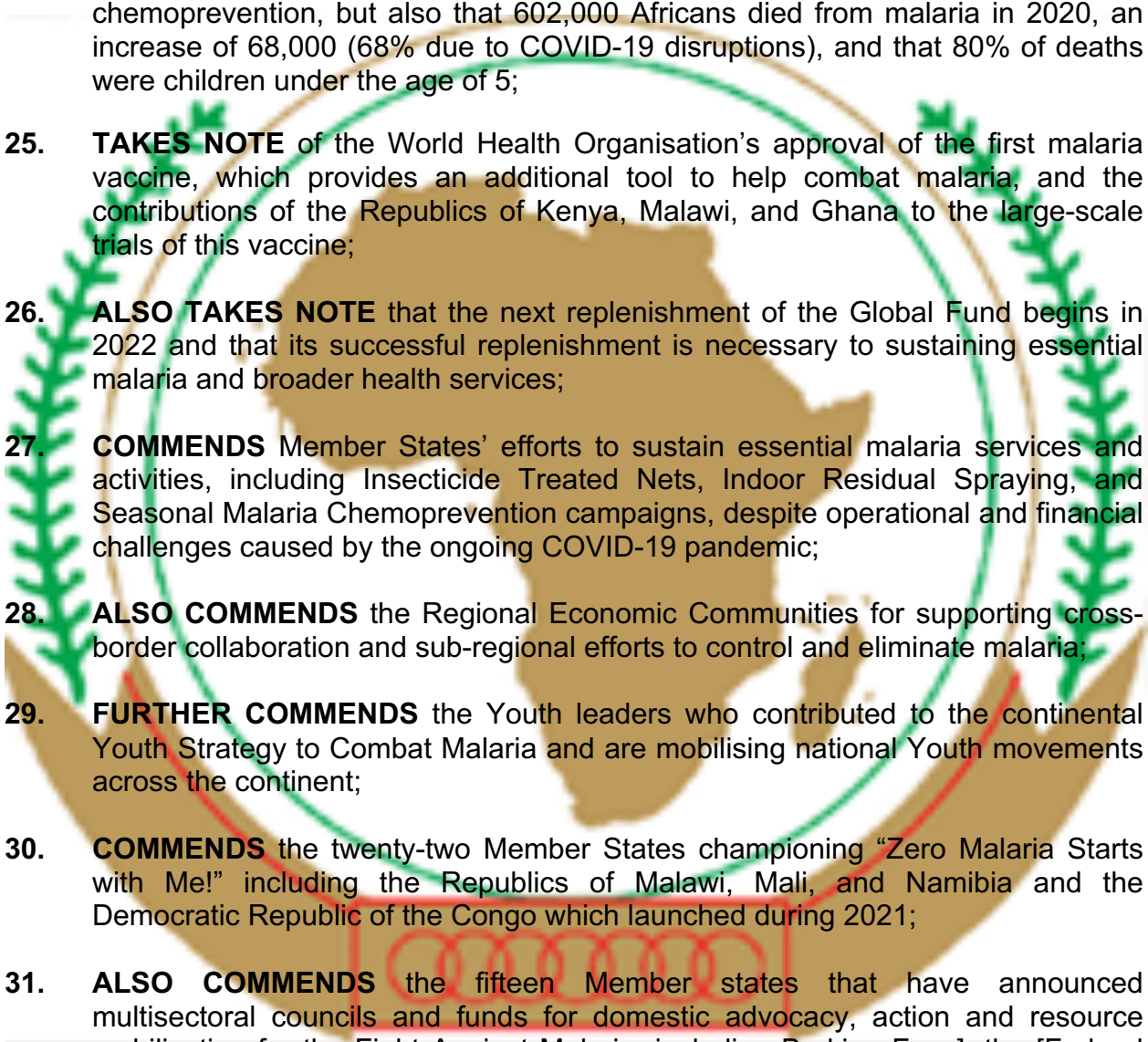


15. **REITERATES** the need to generate better knowledge of the migration issue in Africa, for accurate qualitative and quantitative data on migration in order to inform and promote the harmonisation of efficient migration policies;
16. **EXPRESSES** its satisfaction at the official inauguration, on 18 December 2020, of the African Migration Observatory in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, which is expected to play a key role in the implementation of the recommendations of the African Agenda for Migration, presented at the 30th Ordinary Session of the AU Assembly of Heads of State and Government, on 29 January 2018;
17. **REQUESTS** the AU Commission to expedite the recruitment process of the Observatory staff in accordance with its Decision *Assembly/AU/Dec. 750 (XXXIII)* of 10 February 2020;

(iii) **DECISION ON THE PROGRESS REPORT, OF H.E. HON. UHURU KENYATTA, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA AND CHAMPION OF THE AFRICAN LEADERS MALARIA ALLIANCE (ALMA)**

The Assembly,

18. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** of the 2021 Africa Malaria Progress Report” submitted by H.E. Mr. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya, Chairperson of the African Leaders Malaria Alliance;
19. **COMMENDS** H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta for his vision, leadership and advocacy as Chairperson of the African Leaders Malaria Alliance over the past two years, which has contributed significantly towards maintaining malaria high on Member States’ development agendas despite the challenges of COVID-19;
20. **RECALLS** its 2020 decision on the status of malaria in Africa (Doc. *Assembly/AU/13(XXXIII)*) adopted at the 33rd Ordinary Session of the Assembly, held in February 2020;
21. **ALSO RECALLS** that “sound health and well-being” are essential to achieving our aspiration for a prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development under the Agenda 2063 of the African Union;
22. **FURTHER RECALLS** its commitments to reduce malaria incidence and mortality by 75% in all Member States by 2025, compared with 2015, and to eliminate malaria in all Member States by 2030 as outlined in the Catalytic Framework to End AIDS, TB and Eliminate Malaria in Africa by 2030;
23. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the resolution of the United Nations General Assembly on “Consolidating Gains and Accelerating Efforts to Control and Eliminate Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly Africa, by 2030” (A/RES/75/328) on 13 September 2021;

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24. **FURTHER TAKES NOTE** of the World Health Organisation's World Malaria Report 2021, which notes that 10 million malaria deaths were averted in Africa since 2000 and a record number of children are protected by seasonal malaria chemoprevention, but also that 602,000 Africans died from malaria in 2020, an increase of 68,000 (68% due to COVID-19 disruptions), and that 80% of deaths were children under the age of 5;
  25. **TAKES NOTE** of the World Health Organisation's approval of the first malaria vaccine, which provides an additional tool to help combat malaria, and the contributions of the Republics of Kenya, Malawi, and Ghana to the large-scale trials of this vaccine;
  26. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** that the next replenishment of the Global Fund begins in 2022 and that its successful replenishment is necessary to sustaining essential malaria and broader health services;
  27. **COMMENDS** Member States' efforts to sustain essential malaria services and activities, including Insecticide Treated Nets, Indoor Residual Spraying, and Seasonal Malaria Chemoprevention campaigns, despite operational and financial challenges caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic;
  28. **ALSO COMMENDS** the Regional Economic Communities for supporting cross-border collaboration and sub-regional efforts to control and eliminate malaria;
  29. **FURTHER COMMENDS** the Youth leaders who contributed to the continental Youth Strategy to Combat Malaria and are mobilising national Youth movements across the continent;
  30. **COMMENDS** the twenty-two Member States championing "Zero Malaria Starts with Me!" including the Republics of Malawi, Mali, and Namibia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo which launched during 2021;
  31. **ALSO COMMENDS** the fifteen Member states that have announced multisectoral councils and funds for domestic advocacy, action and resource mobilisation for the Fight Against Malaria, including Burkina Faso], the [Federal Republic of Nigeria], the United Republic of Tanzania, the Kingdom of Eswatini, and the Republics of [Botswana], Cameroon, [Gabon], Kenya, Mozambique, [Namibia], [Rwanda], South Africa, Uganda, and Zambia;
  32. **FURTHER COMMENDS** Burkina Faso, the Kingdom of Eswatini, Republics of Burundi, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Zambia for publishing national scorecards for accountability and action to the ALMA Scorecard Hub, including for malaria; reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health; and Neglected Tropical Diseases;

33. **EXPRESSES CONCERN** that many Member States are not on track to meet the continent's target of eliminating malaria by 2030;
34. **ALSO EXPRESSES CONCERN** that significant financial gaps in national malaria strategic plans and the risk of reduced domestic funding for malaria, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, substantially increases the risk of a sustained resurgence in malaria cases and deaths;
35. **FURTHER EXPRESSES CONCERN** about the increasing prevalence of insecticide resistance and the threat of resistance to essential malaria medicines;
36. **EXPRESSES CONCERN** that disruptions to global supply chains increases the risk of stock-outs of life-saving commodities and a need to accelerate procurement timelines and undertake to implement innovative approaches, such as pooled procurement;
37. **RECOGNISES** that investments in combatting malaria, including for community health workers, disease surveillance, digitalisation and use of data, are a pathfinder for strengthening the overall health sector and pandemic preparedness and response;
38. **REQUESTS** the Commission, the RBM Partnership to End Malaria, and other development partners to sustain technical assistance, advocacy, and financing, including for the replenishment of the Global Fund and the implementation of "Zero Malaria Starts with Me" and "High Burden to High Impact";
39. **CALLS UPON** Member States to:
  - a. Sustain essential malaria and health services during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic;
  - b. Mobilise additional domestic funding for malaria control and elimination, including through the establishment of multisectoral End Malaria Councils and Funds;
  - c. Invest in community health workers, digitalisation, and disease surveillance for malaria as a pathfinder for pandemic preparedness and response;
  - d. Implement "Zero Malaria Starts with Me" campaigns to help sustain malaria high on the national development agenda, engage and empower communities, and mobilise additional resources;
  - e. Improve the quality and sharing of malaria data, including through the dissemination and use of malaria scorecards so that all individuals are aware and empowered to act;
  - f. Participate in the replenishment of Global Fund, including by renewing commitments and engaging partners and the global community;



- g. Continue strengthening cross-border coordination and collaboration through the Regional Economic Communities and related initiatives;
- h. Accelerate the transition to next-generation malaria commodities to mitigate the impact of insecticide and drug resistance;
- i. Increase capacity for local manufacturing of health commodities, including essential malaria commodities;
- j. Mobilise Youth leaders to champion malaria control and elimination and contribute towards universal health coverage.

(iv) **DECISION ON THE REPORT OF H.E. MR. ABDELMADJID TEBBOUNE, PRESIDENT OF THE PEOPLES' DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA AND CHAMPION ON THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM**

The Assembly,

- 40. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** the report prepared by H.E. Abdelmadjid Tebboune, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, in his capacity as Coordinator on the Fight against Terrorism and Violent Extremism, and **COMMENDS** the President for his excellent leadership;
- 41. **ALSO WELCOMES** the progress made in the exercise of his mandate as Coordinator on the Fight against Terrorism and Violent Extremism, and the proposals made in the letter of 31 August 2021, addressed to H.E. Félix Tshisekedi Tshilombo, President of the Democratic Republic of Congo, then Chair of the African Union;
- 42. **REQUESTS** the Commission to finalize the second African Plan to Combat Terrorism, in line with the proposals contained in the Memorandum on the Pillars of Joint AU Action against the Scourge of Terrorism and Violent Extremism (Assembly/AU/17/5XXXII);
- 43. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to operationalize the African Special Fund for Combating Terrorism and to activate the Sub-Committee on Counter-Terrorism under the Peace and Security Council;
- 44. **REAFFIRMS** the need to establish as soon as possible an African list of persons, groups and entities involved in terrorist acts, including foreign terrorist fighters, and to implement the African arrest warrant project;
- 45. **WELCOMES** the contribution and role played by the African Centre for the Study and Research on Terrorism (ACSRT) and the African Police Cooperation Mechanism (AFRIPOL) in the effort to combat terrorism and violent extremism and **ENCOURAGES** Member States to further strengthen their cooperation with these bodies.

(v) **DECISION ON THE REPORT OF H.E. MR. PAUL KAGAME, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA, CHAMPION OF THE AU INSTITUTIONAL REFORM**

46. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** of the progress made on institutional reforms and challenges on the implementation of the outstanding reform priorities and **COMMENDS** H.E. Mr. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda for his leadership;
47. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the progress in the implementation of the 0.2% levy on eligible imports, adopted in July 2016 as an important mechanism for leveraging the capacities of Member States' treasuries to provide adequate and timely financing to the Union;
48. **URGES** Members States to accelerate implementation of the 0.2% levy on eligible imports, adopted in July 2016 with a view to reaching at least 35 Member States fully implementing the levy;
49. **DECIDES** to extend the deadline for submitting the outcome of the remaining reform priorities by one year to February 2023.

(vi) **DECISION ON THE REPORT OF H.E. MR. PAUL KAGAME, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA, AU CHAMPION ON DOMESTIC HEALTH FINANCING**

50. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** of the progress that has been made by AUDA-NEPAD in preparation of a Regional Health Financing Hub (RHFH) design and operational manual which lays out overall operational framework of the RHFH,
51. Mindful of Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.810(XXXIV) of 6–7 February 2021 on domestic health financing (ALM-Investing in health), which requested the Commission to speed up the implementation of Item 6(v) of the February 2019 ALM-Investing in Health Declaration, regarding working with partners to create regional platforms to support Member States to increase domestic health financing, by assigning responsibility for coordinating this mandate to AUDA-NEPAD;
52. Recalling Assembly/AU/Decision. 619 (XXVII), **FURTHER TAKES NOTE** of **progress** made in in the development of the Africa Scorecard on Domestic Financing for Health that will help with financial planning for the health sector and with monitoring performance against AU commitments;
53. **WELCOMES** the support to SADC and EAC regions to secure ministerial endorsements to operationalize the pilot Regional Health Financing Hubs and the plans to develop a Private Sector Engagement Framework and Monitoring and Evaluation Plan;



54. **REQUESTS** the AUDA-NEPAD and AUC to facilitate the piloting of the Health Financing Tracker in order to optimise its domestication and identification of final set of indicators;

55. **URGES** Member States and RECs to proactively support the rollout of the Health Financing Tracker in order ensure that the tracker is in line with country needs and contexts; and **FURTHER URGES** Member States and RECs to participate in the design and implementation activities of the Regional Health Financing Hub (RHFHs).

(vii) **DECISION ON THE REPORT OF H.E. MR. NANA ADDO DANKWA AKUFO-ADDO, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA AND AFRICAN UNION CHAMPION ON THE AU FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

The Assembly,

56. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** the Report of the Champion for the Establishment of the African Union Financial Institutions, and **COMMENDS** H.E Mr. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana for his leadership;

57. **FURTHER DECIDES** on the following:

- a) **Urges the Champion** to work closely with the Presidents whose countries are hosting the African Central Bank (Nigeria), the African Monetary Fund (Cameroun) and the African Investment Bank (Libya) to advocate jointly for signature and ratification of the legal instruments establishing the African Monetary Fund and African Investment Bank; and, in the case of the African Central Bank, advocate jointly for rapid attainment of macroeconomic convergence to lead Africa towards Pan-African economic and monetary union.
- b) **Requests the** African Union Commission to commission a technical study on the African Union Financial Institutions in the current economic and financial context of the Member States to address all the technical issues surrounding the establishment of the AUFIs. The issues to be covered in the technical study should include shareholding structure; optimal initial authorized levels of share capital; capital subscription formula; and, among others, the costs that Member States may incur as a result of setting up these institutions;
- c) **Decides that** the Terms of Reference reflecting the scope and other dimensions of the study must be developed and shared with Member States to validate before the commencement of the study. The study

should also answer to the questions posed by the Champion in his Report to the Assembly;

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- d) **Further Decides that** the Champion and the Chairperson of the African Union Commission reach out to the African private sector, the African Diaspora as well as the African pension, mutual and sovereign wealth funds to invite them to invest in the African Investment Bank in a model of strategic collaboration with African governments that should be mutually agreed upon.
- e) **Calls Upon** all Member States to work with renewed zeal towards generating signature and ratification of the legal instruments of the African Monetary Fund and the African Investment Bank as well as attain consensus of levels of their initial capitalization so that an Extraordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union Heads of State and Government solely dedicated to the establishment of the African Union Financial Institutions is convened before the end of 2024.
- f) **Requests** the African Union Commission to work closely with the Association of African Central Banks to ensure that all the pending activities on the establishment of the African Monetary Institute are carried out before the end of the 2022 and the results of that engagement be part of the Champion's Report to the Assembly in 2023
- g) **Further requests** the African Union Commission to enhance collaboration with the African Securities Exchanges Association (ASEA) with strategic focus strengthening and scaling up the African Exchanges Linkage Project (AELP) toward its transformation as the Pan African Stock Exchange (PASE) and conclusion of the Memorandum of Understanding and also DECIDES that the results of that collaboration be part of the Champion's Report to the Assembly in 2023.
- h) **Further-more requests** the African Union Commission to organize regular meetings chaired by the Ambassador of Ghana, representing the Champion, and with the participation of the Ambassadors host countries the African Central Bank (Nigeria), African Investment Bank (Libya), and African Monetary Fund Cameroon) to review periodically progress on establishing the African Union Financial Institutions and also DECIDES that the results of their work be part of Champion's annual report to the Assembly beginning in 2023.
- i) **Calls Upon** the African Export Import Bank, African Development Bank and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa to provide appropriate technical support to the African Union Commission for the speedy operationalization of the African Union Financial Institutions.

- j) **Adopts the** macroeconomic convergence criteria to allow for the monitoring of our path towards a common African currency and URGES Member States and Regional Economic Communities to apply them scrupulously.
- k) **Requests the** African Union Commission to ensure that the agenda for the forthcoming EU-AU Summit in Brussels, Belgium, scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> February 2022, includes the proposal that SDR allocation rights for Africa should be channeled through the African Development Bank and the Afreximbank, with particular reference to the SDR \$100 billion that European nations committed to Africa at the Paris Summit in May 2021
58. **STRESSES the importance** of flanking measures to facilitate rapid establishment of the African Union Financial Institutions and to this end:
- a) **Calls upon all Member States** to enhance domestic resource mobilization with a view to meeting the target of using 75-90% of domestic resources to implement Agenda 2063 projects and programmes and encourages them to submit status report to the Champion which will be incorporated in his Report to the Assembly in 2023 under the section on flanking measures.
- b) **Requests the** African Union Commission, the African Development Bank and the African Union Development Agency-NEPAD to commission urgently an input action-oriented study focused on positioning African economies to attain and sustain 7-10% annual economic growth rates in the next ten to thirty years in line with the stipulations of the African Union Agenda 2063 and Calls upon the Champion to incorporate the findings and recommendations of that study in his Report to the Assembly in 2023 under the section on flanking measures.
59. **REQUESTS** the Champion to submit the next status report to the Assembly in 2023.
- (viii) **DECISION ON THE REPORT OF H.E. DR. ABIY AHMED, PRIME MINISTER OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA AND CHAMPION ON CAADP BIENNIAL REVIEW**

**The Assembly,**

60. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** of the third Biennial Review Report on the Implementation of the June 2014 Malabo Declaration on Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation for Shared Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods, and the highlights of its findings on Accelerating CAADP Implementation for a Resilient African Food System and **COMMENDS** H.E. Dr. Abiy Ahmed, Prime



Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, champion on CAADP Biennial Review, for his leadership.

61. **RECALLS** the Assembly Decision **Assembly/AU/ /Decl.1(XXIII)** adopting the Declaration on Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation for Shared Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods in Africa and which also calls on the AU Commission and NPCA, in collaboration with partners to conduct, on a biennial basis, beginning from year 2017, Agricultural Review Process, and report on progress to the Assembly at its January 2018 Ordinary Session.
62. **RECOGNISES** the efforts of the African Union Commission and the AUDA-NEPAD in mobilizing key stakeholders and development partners to build partnership with Member States and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to establish a mechanism for monitoring, evaluation and reporting, in a more aligned manner, on the progress made in implementing the commitments of the Malabo Declaration.
63. **COMMENDS** the positive response of Member States in conducting self-assessments, inclusive validation process and providing information for the preparation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> biennial review report to the Assembly of the African Union on the progress made in implementing the commitments for agricultural transformation in Africa; while noting challenges faced by member states in collecting and compiling quality data to report progress on all goals and targets set in the Malabo Declaration.
64. **CONCERNED** about the fragility of African food systems as demonstrated during the COVID-19 pandemic and other shocks such as climate change, desert locust and fall army worm infestation that have resulted in an increase in hunger and malnutrition on the continent;
65. **ALSO COMMENDS** the African Union Commission and AUDA-NEPAD for leading the development of a continental common position presented to the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit;
66. **NOTES** with satisfaction the enormous efforts invested by Member States in implementing the Assembly Declaration [**Assembly/AU/ /Decl.1(XXIII)**] to accelerate achievements made in the Malabo Declaration; while recognizing that, for the insufficient performance shown by some member states in several cases to reach the common set goals, considerable effort and attention are still needed to rally ourselves to CAADP implementation by domesticating the Malabo commitments and outcomes of the UN Food Systems Summit in our National and Regional Agriculture Investment Plans;
67. **UNDERScores** the necessity take further actions in accelerating the implementation of the Africa Agriculture transformation agenda within the CAADP framework by increasing investment finance for agriculture, strengthening

institutional capacity for implementation, improving coordination mechanisms to achieve concrete results and impacts leading to shared prosperity and improved livelihoods for African citizens;

68. **CALLS UPON** all Member States of the African Union Commission, to mobilize adequate technical and financial resources in supporting agricultural data systems, monitoring and evaluation systems and strengthen mutual accountability structures to trigger evidence-based planning for agriculture transformation at all levels;
69. **REQUESTS** the African Union Commission to work closely with Member States, technical and financial development partners, the private sector and civil society to mobilize the required support to strengthen mutual accountability, agricultural data systems and knowledge management, institutionalize the biennial review mechanisms and the Africa Agriculture Transformation Scorecard to ensure peer learning and scaling up of the agriculture transformation agenda embedded in the Malabo Declaration.

(ix) **REPORT OF H.E. MR. JULIUS MAADA BIO, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE AU CHAMPION ON COMMITTEE OF TEN HEADS OF STATES AND GOVERNMENT ON THE REFORM OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL (C10)**

The Assembly,

70. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** of the High-Level meetings of the Committee of Ten Heads of State and Government, including the Ninth Ministerial Meeting held in Kampala, Uganda in January 2022 and high-level outreach with the P-5 and other stakeholders on the Reform of the United Nations Security Council;
71. **ADOPTS** the Twenty Second Report of the Committee of Ten Heads of State and Government on the Reform of the United Nations Security Council, by His Excellency Dr. Julius Maada Bio, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone and Coordinator of the Committee of Ten while **COMMENDING** his leadership;
72. **RECALLS** previous decisions of the Assembly on the reform of the United Nations Security Council;
73. **ACKNOWLEDGES WITH APPRECIATION** the progress made by the Committee of Ten in promoting and canvassing support for the Common African Position as espoused in the Ezulwini Consensus and the 2005 Sirte Declaration on the United Nations Security Council Reform;
74. **WELCOMES** in that regard, the growing acceptance of the legitimacy of the Common African Position on the Reform of the United Nations Security Council;



75. **ENCOURAGES** the Committee to continue holding its high-level and outreach meetings with a view to further intensify efforts aimed at promoting and canvassing the Common African Position on the Reform of the United Nations Security Council;
76. **REAFFIRMS** that the Common African Position as espoused in the Ezulwini Consensus and the Sirte Declaration, shall continue to serve as the only viable option that reflects Africa's legitimate right and aspiration to rectify, inter alia, the historical injustice endured by the Continent; as the only viable option for Africa's full representation at the UN Security Council;
77. **REITERATES** that full representation of Africa in the United Nations Security Council means: i) Not less than two (2) Permanent seats at the United Nations Security Council with all the prerogatives and privileges of permanent membership including the right of veto; ii) Five (5) Non-permanent seats; iii) that the African Union reserves the right to select its representatives for election to the UN Security Council to act in its name and on its behalf;
78. **ALSO REITERATES** that even though Africa is opposed, in principle, to the veto, it is of the view that so long as it exists, and as a matter of common justice, it should be made available to all Permanent Members of the UN Security Council;
79. **FURTHER REITERATES** the firm commitment to preserve Africa's unity and solidarity on all aspects of the United Nations Security Council reform process, including participation within and outside the Inter-governmental Negotiations, and to continue to speak cohesively with one voice in unity of purpose on all aspects of the reform process;
80. In that regard, **REITERATES** that African Union Member States in New York with dual membership, should withdraw such membership from all other interest groups, in order to further consolidate the common African position as contained in the Ezulwini Consensus and the Sirte Declaration;
81. **REITERATES** that given the wide-ranging divergences in views and positions of the respective interest groups vis-à-vis the inter-connectedness of the five key clusters as set out in Decision 62/557, engaging in a text-based negotiation, at this stage, without agreeing on the principles will not only be premature but counter-productive;
82. **REQUESTS** the Committee of Ten Heads of State and Government to continue to intensify its engagement at the highest level with other interest and regional groups and key stakeholders, including the five Permanent members of the UN Security Council with a view to building on progress made in advancing, canvassing and promoting the Common African Position contained in the

Ezulwini consensus and Sirte Declaration on the Reform of United Nations Security Council;

**83. FURTHER REQUESTS** the Committee of Ten Heads of State and Government on the reform of the United Nations Security Council to:

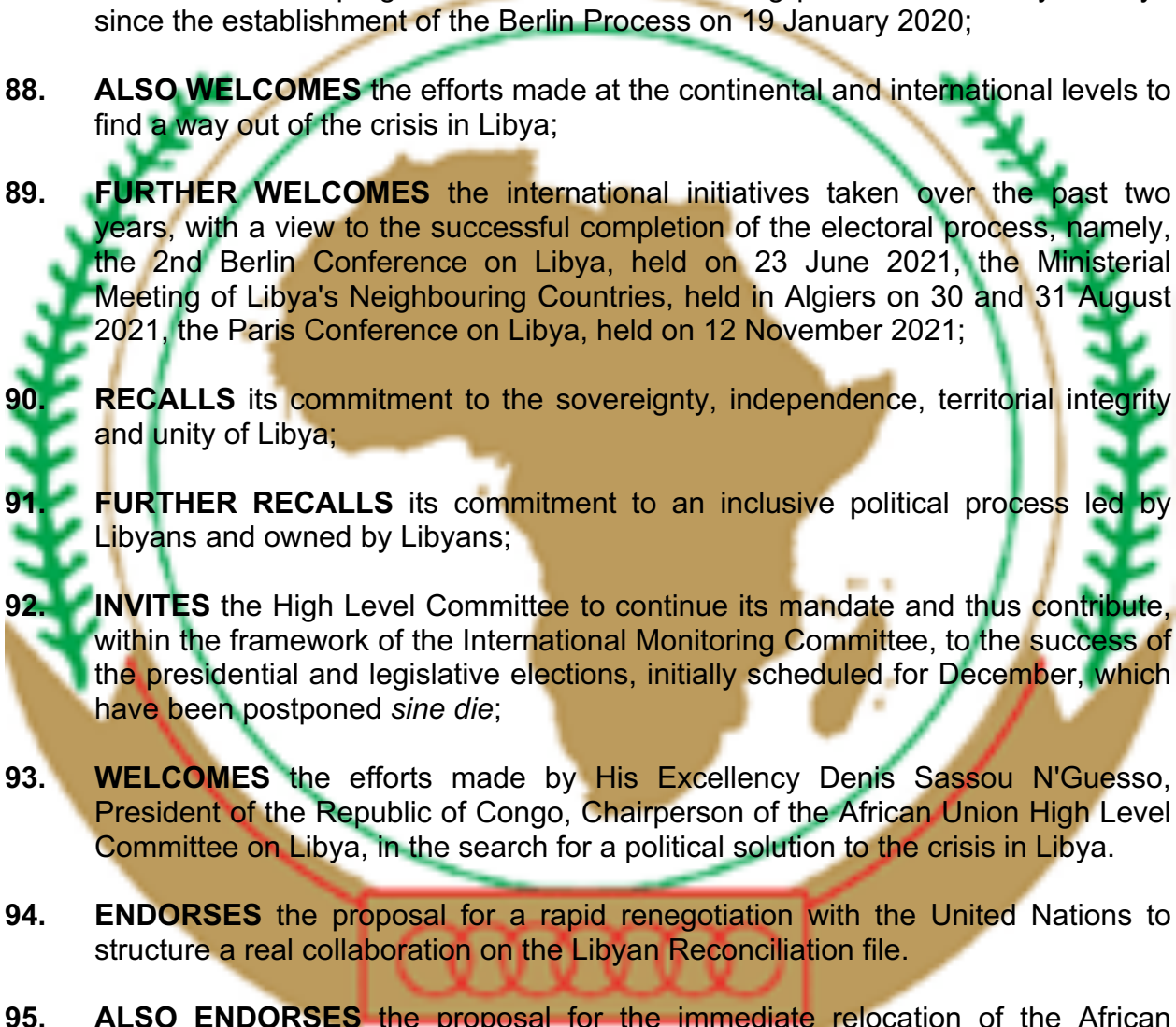
- i) Ensure that all outcome documents emanating from the on-going Inter-governmental Negotiation process relating to the Common African Position fully reflect the Ezulwini Consensus and the Sirte Declaration in all respects,
- ii) Continue to implore other African countries to withdraw their membership from other interest groups to enhance the cohesiveness of the Common African Position and remove the impression of a divided Africa,
- iii) Reiterates the imperative and legitimacy of the Ezulwini Consensus and Sirte Declaration;
- iv) All AU Member States should continue to defend, canvass and promote the Common African Position on all facets of the reform at every opportunity,
- v) Reaffirms Africa's position on the Veto and oppose the creation of a third category of membership of the Security Council, which is not in compliance with the Ezulwini Consensus and the Sirte Declaration,
- vi) All African Union Member States, to reflect in their respective National statements at the opening of the 76th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in September 2021, a concise common language to promote and canvass the Common African Position, and to reiterate the call for a comprehensive Reform of the United Nations Security Council,
- vii) African Union Member States to include the issue of the United Nations Security Council Reform among their foreign policy priorities in their engagements with non-African partners, in particular, the need to correct without further delay, the historical injustice that the African continent continues to endure;

**84. DIRECTS** the Commission to make provision in the Commission's proposed budget for the purpose of funding and facilitating the activities of the Committee of Ten on UN Reforms;

**85. DECIDES** that the Committee of Ten remains seized of its mandate until Africa achieves its objectives on the Reform of the United Nations Security Council, and **REQUESTS** the Committee to present a Report to the 36th Ordinary Session of the Assembly.

(x) **REPORT OF H.E. MR. DENIS SASSOU NGUESSO, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CONGO, AU CHAMPION AND CHAIRPERSON OF THE HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEE ON LIBYA**

**The Assembly**

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86. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** of the report of H.E. Mr. Denis Sassou Nguesso, President of the Republic of Congo and Chairperson of the African Union High Level Committee on Libya;
  87. **WELCOMES** the progress made towards restoring peace and stability in Libya since the establishment of the Berlin Process on 19 January 2020;
  88. **ALSO WELCOMES** the efforts made at the continental and international levels to find a way out of the crisis in Libya;
  89. **FURTHER WELCOMES** the international initiatives taken over the past two years, with a view to the successful completion of the electoral process, namely, the 2nd Berlin Conference on Libya, held on 23 June 2021, the Ministerial Meeting of Libya's Neighbouring Countries, held in Algiers on 30 and 31 August 2021, the Paris Conference on Libya, held on 12 November 2021;
  90. **RECALLS** its commitment to the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and unity of Libya;
  91. **FURTHER RECALLS** its commitment to an inclusive political process led by Libyans and owned by Libyans;
  92. **INVITES** the High Level Committee to continue its mandate and thus contribute, within the framework of the International Monitoring Committee, to the success of the presidential and legislative elections, initially scheduled for December, which have been postponed *sine die*;
  93. **WELCOMES** the efforts made by His Excellency Denis Sassou N'Guesso, President of the Republic of Congo, Chairperson of the African Union High Level Committee on Libya, in the search for a political solution to the crisis in Libya.
  94. **ENDORSES** the proposal for a rapid renegotiation with the United Nations to structure a real collaboration on the Libyan Reconciliation file.
  95. **ALSO ENDORSES** the proposal for the immediate relocation of the African Union Liaison Office, still based in Tunis, to Tripoli.
  96. **FURTHER ENDORSES** the recommendation for a joint visit to Libya by the Chairperson of the High Level Committee and the Chairperson of the African Union Commission before the elections.
  97. **REQUESTS** the Commission to make the necessary contacts for the detailed elaboration of the operationalization plan of the Reconciliation Conference.



(xi) **REPORT OF THE CHAMPION OF THE AFRICAN HEADS OF STATES AND GOVERNMENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE (CAHOSCC)**

The Assembly,

98. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** and **COMMENDS** the Report of the Coordinator of the Committee of the African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC), H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta the President of the Republic of Kenya on the outcomes of the twenty-sixth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP26) the 16th session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 16); and the 3<sup>rd</sup> session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA 3);
99. **EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** to the outgoing CAHOSCC Coordinator, H.E Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa for coordinating the work of CAHOSCC from 2020-2021, and for the outstanding achievements in providing political direction and maintaining the unity of Africa in the pursuit of its interest in the climate change negotiations at COP26;
100. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the utmost commitment of CAHOSCC in the provision of the political oversight and guidance in facilitating Africa to be stronger, unified in the spirit of Pan-Africanism and speaking with one voice in the global climate change negotiations;
101. **TAKES NOTE** with appreciation of the political guidance and preparatory meetings convened by the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) and meetings of the African Group of Negotiators on Climate Change (AGN) in preparation for COP26;
102. **ALSO EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** to Excellencies coordinating the African Climate Commissions and Initiatives: - African Islands Climate Commission; the Congo Basin Climate Commission; the Sahel Climate Commission; the Africa Adaptation Initiative (AAI) African Renewable Energy Initiative (AREI) and Adaptation of African Agriculture Initiative (AAA) for their committed leadership in expediting the operationalization and scaling-up of these initiatives;
103. **FURTHER EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** to the African Group of Negotiators for representing the interests of Africa in the climate change negotiations and **URGES** the Group to continue to represent the interests of Africa and speak with one voice to advance the interest of African countries;
104. **CONGRATULATES** the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the successful outcome of COP26, and **WELCOMES** the Arab Republic of Egypt as the incoming president of COP27;



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105. **ALSO AKNOWLEDGES** with appreciation the on-going preparations by the Arab Republic of Egypt on the operationalization of the Africa Adaptation Initiative Technical Support Unit, with the views of a successful completion of its operationalisation ahead of COP27;
106. **REITERATES** our pledge to fully support the Arab Republic of Egypt in the preparation of the African COP and facilitation of successful outcomes, and **URGES** development partners and the private sector to provide resources to facilitate an ambitious outcome of COP27 that promotes the implementation of climate actions and support sustainable development;
107. **COMMITTS** to the multilateral process of addressing climate change, and the implementation of climate actions under the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement to be guided by the prescribed principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in the light of different national circumstances;
108. **FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES** the importance of science for effective climate action, and the findings of the international scientific bodies, including the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC); and the Africa State of Climate Report which is co-produced by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and African Regional Climate Centres with the support of the AU Commission, that highlighted that the African continent is facing unprecedented pressures owing to various extreme weather events and slow-onset events caused by climate change;
109. **REITERATES** our call to Parties under the UNFCCC to recognize the special needs and special circumstances of Africa in line with relevant previous decisions adopted by the COPs and reports of the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the COP, and **COMMITTS** to continuing to work with Parties and the incoming COP27 presidency to reaching a decision that launches a consideration of the special needs and special circumstances of African countries under the Paris Agreement;
110. **AFFIRMS** our commitment to implement the Paris Agreements with the aim of enhancing the implementation of the Convention, through balanced and ambitious actions on mitigation, adaptation and means of implementation, reflecting equity and the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in the light of national circumstance;
111. **REAFFIRMS** the importance of strengthening mitigation efforts to align with holding the increase in global temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, and **URGES** developed country Parties to revisit and implement their mitigation targets under the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs);

112. **APPLAUDES** all African countries for having submitted ambitious targets under their NDCs and aim to implement their mitigation efforts, with the necessary international support, based on equity, in the context of sustainable development, national circumstances and efforts to eradicate poverty;
113. **WELCOMES** the launch to elaborate the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA) under the Glasgow-Sharm-el-Sheikh work programme at COP26, and **URGES** Parties to work on delivering a substantive milestone outcome at COP27 to contribute to the full and sustained operationalization of the GGA for an adequate adaptation response in the context of Article 2 of the Paris Agreement, including enhancing adaptation action and implementation, adaptation financing and assessment of progress towards achieving the goal in the first and subsequent Global Stocktakes;
114. **EMPHASIZES** the adverse impacts of climate and extreme weather events on people, nature, and infrastructure, particularly in Africa, and **STRESSES** the urgent need to scale up the provision of finance, capacity building and technology for enhancing adaptive capacity and building resilience;
115. **REITERATES** the concern underscored by the Glasgow Climate Pact of COP26 that registered the inadequacy of adaptation financing for responding to the worsening climate change impacts in developing countries, **WELCOMES** the agreement for developed country Parties to at least double their collective provision of climate finance for adaptation to developing country Parties from 2019 levels by 2025, and **URGES** developed country Parties to provide additional climate finance for adaptation before COP27; and to pursue it through international cooperation under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.;
116. **URGES** developed country Parties to provide new, additional and predictable climate finance for adaptation and for those developed country Parties that have made pledges to increase their provision of climate finance to support adaptation in developing country Parties in response to their growing needs, to fulfil their pledges at least prior to COP27;
117. **EXPRESSES** its disappointment regarding the unfulfilled pledges of the USD100 Billion Goal per annum by 2020 from developed to developing countries, whereas the resource needs have increased to address the worsening impacts of climate change; and **URGES** developed countries to deliver on their pledge, including significantly increasing climate finance; and **STRESSES** the importance of delivering the USD 100 billion as soon as possible for building trust and faith in the multilateral process of addressing climate change;
118. **NOTES** with concern the challenges and additional conditionalities faced by African countries in accessing climate finance, including by the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention,

119. **WELCOMES** the launch of deliberations on setting a new collective quantified mobilization goal prior to 2025 from a flow of USD 100 billion per year to take into account the needs and priorities of developing countries; and **STRESSES** that the consideration of the goal takes into account the reports of the UNFCCC that estimate the cumulative needs of developing country Parties to be up to USD 6 trillion until 2030, and **REITERATES** our call to developed country Parties to mobilizing jointly at least USD 1.3 trillion per year by 2030, of which 50% should be for mitigation and 50% for adaptation with a significant percentage provided on a of grant basis;
120. **ALSO WELCOMES** the recognition of the multiple forms and stages of Just Transitions by the Glasgow Climate Pact based on national circumstances and related COP26/CMA decisions, and **EMPHASISES** just transitions include the pathways to low emissions and climate resilient development, in the context of sustainable development and eradication of poverty, and on the basis of scaled-up climate finance for the transitions, including a guiding framework to support the process of making financial flows consistent with low emissions and climate-resilient development, and transfer of technology and capacity building for the creation of new and quality jobs;
121. **RECOGNIZES** the intrinsic relationship of climate change actions, responses, and the impacts on equitable access to sustainable development, and **STRESSES** the importance of ensuring adequate support for Africa sustainable pathways including through consideration of policies and ensuring that just transition financing is incorporated into approaches to align climate action with the goals of the Paris Agreement;
122. **STRESSES** that the measures taken to combat climate change, including unilateral measures, should not constitute discrimination or a restriction on exports from African countries, taking into consideration African trade initiatives and the African continental free trade zone, to enhance trade between African countries;
123. **HIGHLIGHTS** the important role of youth as acknowledged in the Glasgow Pact and invites Egypt as presidency of COP27 to engage with African stakeholders in particular youth representatives; and **CALLS UPON** countries to ensure meaningful youth participation and representation in multilateral fora on climate change and that youth are part of member state delegations to these sessions at the multilateral, national and local levels;
124. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the need for additional support to the various climate Commissions and other African Climate Initiatives and **REQUESTS** the AU Commission to strengthen coordination of all the initiatives at continental level. **RECOGNIZES** the legal existence of the Congo Basin Climate Commission conferred through the signature by its members at the level of Heads of State



and Government, on 29 April 2018, of the Protocol establishing it; **SUPPORTS** the request for accreditation of the Congo Basin Climate Commission, as a sub-regional organization, to the African Union, with all the effects that this implies;

125. **WELCOMES** the African Union Climate Change and Resilient Development Strategy and Action Plan to guide, coordinate and support the Continent's response to Climate Change for the period 2022-2032 and the Integrated African Strategy on Meteorology (Weather and Climate Services) (2021-2030); and hereby **ADOPTS** these strategies and action plans;
126. **TAKES NOTE** of the candidacy of His Excellency Filipe Jacinto Nyusi, President of the Republic of Mozambique, to be appointed to perform the role of Champion of Disaster Risk Management in Africa; and **DECIDES** to appoint His Excellency Filipe Jacinto Nyusi, President of the Republic of Mozambique as a Champion of Disaster Risk Management in Africa,
127. **CONCERNED** by the exacerbated impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic that has **severely** impacted on the health, economy of the continent and increased indebtedness of African countries;
128. **REAFFIRMS** the commitment to continue the efforts to conserve, protect and enhance the resilience of our environment and natural resources as part of our determined efforts in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and increase efforts to build a more sustainable and inclusive recovery including to future crises;
129. **WELCOMES** the African Green Stimulus Programme and the African Union Green Recovery Action Plan which are intended to support the Continent's sustainable development recovery response to the devastating impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and **ADOPTS** these initiatives to contribute towards Africa's green recovery to the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic.
130. **COMMENDS** the work done and commitment of the African Union Commission, AMCEN, the AGN and Development Partners for their contribution in advancing Africa's negotiation positions and Climate Change programmes.

(xii) **REPORT OF H.E. MR. ISSOUFOU MAHAMADOU, FORMER PRESIDENT OF NIGER AND AFRICAN UNION CHAMPION ON THE CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA (AfCFTA)**

**The Assembly,**

131. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** of the Report of H.E. Mr. Issoufou Mahamadou, former President of the Republic of Niger and Champion of the AfCFTA , and its recommendations thereof on the progress achieved since the start of trading under the AfCFTA on 1 January 2021.



132. **WELCOMES AND APPRECIATES** the Report of the Champion to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mid-Year Coordination Meeting which assessed and reviewed the status of implementation of pertaining to Inter-Africa Trade and continental integration and **DIRECTS** the implementation of Decision Ext/Assembly/AU/Dec.1(XII) of July 2019 and submission of an updated reports to the next Mid-Year Coordination Meeting.
133. **ALSO NOTES** of the upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Intra-Africa Trade Fair (IATF), to take place in the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire in 2023 and takes note of the proposed theme of the year for 2023 as “**Acceleration of AfCFTA Implementation**” and **DIRECTS** the AfCFTA Secretariat and AUC to present the Concept Note to the relevant Sub-Committees and Policy Organs for consideration.
134. **DIRECTS** the AfCFTA Secretariat to intensify its collaboration with the African Export–Import Bank and African Developmental Bank as well as implement the AfCFTA Private Sector Engagement Plan.
135. **RECOGNISES** the critical importance of the role of the Assembly in advancing progress in the implementation of the AfCFTA and in the remainder of the AfCFTA negotiations and **APPROVES** the recommendation to convene a meeting dedicated to the AfCFTA.
- (xiii) **REPORT OF H.E. NANA ADDO DANKWA AKUFO- ADDO, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA, AFRICAN UNION CHAMPION ON GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES IN AFRICA,**

**The Assembly,**

136. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** of the 2<sup>nd</sup> report of H.E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo- Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana and AU Champion on Gender and Development issues in Africa;
137. **ADOPTS** the Kinshasa Declaration and Call for Action of the African Union Heads of State on Positive Masculinity in Leadership to End Violence Against Women and Girls.
138. **DECIDES** to institutionalize the Office of the Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security, with allocation of adequate and stable financial and human resources for the acceleration of the implementation of the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Agenda in Africa.

**DECISION OF GRANTING ISRAEL AN OBSERVER STATUS TO THE AFRICAN UNION**  
*(item proposed by Algeria and South Africa)*

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the briefing of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission;
2. **DECIDES** to establish an Ad Hoc Committee at the level of Heads of State and Government to further consult on the matter,
3. **FURTHER DECIDES** that the Ad Hoc Committee shall be composed of the Heads of States and Government of the following Member States
  - People's Democratic Republic of Algeria;
  - Republic of Cameroon;
  - Democratic Republic of Congo;
  - Federal Republic of Nigeria;
  - Republic of Rwanda;
  - Republic of Senegal; and
  - Republic of South Africa.
4. **REQUESTS** the Ad Hoc Committee to report back at the next session of the Assembly and **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Commission to facilitate the work of the Ad Hoc Committee under the overall leadership of the Chairperson of the Union.
5. **DECIDES** to remain seized of the matter.

## DECISIONS ON DRAFT LEGAL INSTRUMENTS

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Recommendations of the Executive Council for the consideration and adoption of the Draft Legal Instruments;
2. **ADOPTS** the following Draft Legal Instruments:
  - a) *Draft Revised AU Financial Rules;*
  - b) *Proposed amendment of Article 22(1) of the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption;*
  - c) *Draft Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Citizens to Social Protection and Social Security;*
  - d) *Proposed amendments to the Statute of the African Union Commission on International Law.*



**DECISION ON THE ELECTION OF THE BUREAU OF  
THE ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION FOR 2022**

**The Assembly,**

**1. ELECTS** the Bureau of the Assembly of the Union for 2022, as follows:

- i) Chairperson: Republic of Senegal;
- ii) 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairperson: (\*\*\*\*\*);
- iii) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairperson: State of Libya;
- iv) 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-Chairperson: Republic of Angola; and
- v) Rapporteur: Democratic Republic of Congo.





**DECISION ON APPOINTMENT OF FIFTEEN (15) MEMBERS OF THE PSC****The Assembly,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Election of Fifteen (15) Members of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union by the Executive Council;
2. **APPOINTS** the following Five (5) Members States of the Peace and Security Council for a term of three (3) years:

NO.	COUNTRY	REGION
1.	Republic of Cameroon	Central
2.	Republic of Djibouti	Eastern
3.	Kingdom of Morocco	Northern
4.	Republic of Namibia	Southern
5.	Federal Republic of Nigeria	Western

3. **APPOINTS** the following members of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union for a term of two (2) years:

NO.	COUNTRY	REGION
1.	Republic of Burundi	Central
2.	Republic of Congo	Central
3.	United Republic of Tanzania	Eastern
4.	Republic of Uganda	Eastern
5.	Republic of Tunisia	Northern
6.	Republic of South Africa	Southern
7.	Republic of Zimbabwe	Southern
8.	Republic of Ghana	Western
9.	Republic of Senegal	Western
10.	Republic of The Gambia	Western

4. **TAKES NOTE** of the concern of the Member States of the North African Region with regard to regional representation in the membership of the Peace and Security Council, and **DIRECTS** the Commission in full consultation with AU Member States to present a comprehensive report to the upcoming Executive Council, with concrete consensual proposals to amend Article 5(1) of the Protocol relating to the establishment of the Peace and Security Council.

**DECISION ON APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE PANEL OF THE WISE****The Assembly,**

1. **RECALLS** Article 11 of the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU), which provided for the establishment of a Panel of the Wise (Panel) to support the efforts of the PSC and the Chairperson of the Commission in conflict prevention and resolution, including mediation;
2. **FURTHER RECALLS** the Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.663(XXIX) adopted at the 29th Ordinary Session held in Addis Ababa in July 2017 that appointed the fourth (4th) Panel for a three-year tenure, which ended in October 2020;
3. **APPRECIATES** the enormous efforts and commitment of the outgoing members: H.E. Hifikepunye Pohamba (Namibia), H.E. Ellen Sirleaf Johnson (Liberia), H.E. Dr. Speciosa Wandira Kazibwe (Uganda), H.E. Amr Mahmoud Abu Zaid Moussa (Egypt), and Ms. Honorine Nzet Biteghe (Gabon) for their contributions to the promotion of peace, security and stability in Africa;
4. **COMMENDS** the overall and regional deans of the African Diplomatic Corps in Addis Ababa for their contributions in facilitating the selection process for the incoming Panel as well as the vigorous efforts by the Commission to facilitate inclusivity and regional ownership through the development of a robust guideline;
5. **DECIDES** in line with Article 11 (2) of the PSC Protocol to appoint the following personalities as members of the 5th Panel of the Wise for a three-year mandate with effect from February 2022:
  - a. **Central Africa region:** H.E. Domitien Ndayeeye, former President of the Republic of Burundi;
  - b. **Eastern Africa region:** Justice (Rtd) Effie Owuor, Republic of Kenya;
  - c. **Northern Africa region:** H.E. Amr Mahmoud Abu Zaid Moussa, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt; and Secretary General of Arab League (*re-appointed*);
  - d. **Western Africa region:** Professor Babacar Kante, former Vice President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Senegal;
6. **DIRECTS** the Chairperson of the Commission to consult with the Southern African region towards nominating a representative from the region and submit to the 41st Ordinary Session of the Executive Council;
7. In line with Rule 4(2) of the Assembly Rules of Procedures on Delegation of authority, **DECIDES TO DELEGATE** to the 41st Ordinary Session of the Executive Council, the authority to appoint a Southern African representative for the 5th Panel of the Wise;

8. **ENCOURAGES** Member States of the Union to extend unflinching support to the incoming members of the Panel to facilitate the implementation of their strategic mandate to the fullest extent possible; and **REQUESTS** the Commission to provide all requisite support to members of the Panel;
9. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to collaborate with the newly appointed Panel to strengthen the operations of PanWise, FemWise-Africa;
10. **TAKES NOTE** of the efforts of the Commission to establish a Network of African Youth on Conflict Prevention and Mediation (WISEYouth), to form a holistic set of mechanisms to promote multi-stakeholder engagement in conflict resolution in the continent.



**DECISION ON DATE AND VENUE OF THE 36TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE  
ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION**

**The Assembly,**

1. **DECIDES** that the dates of the 36<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Assembly, which will be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, shall be the following:
  - i) Forty Fifth (45<sup>th</sup>) Ordinary Session of the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC), from 16 to 27 January 2023;
  - ii) Forty second (42<sup>nd</sup>) Ordinary Session of the Executive Council, 15 to 16 February 2023; and
  - iii) Thirty-Sixth (36<sup>th</sup>) Ordinary Session of the Assembly, 18 and 19 February 2023.
2. **REQUESTS** the Commission to make all the necessary arrangements for the successful hosting of the Thirty-Sixth (36<sup>th</sup>) Ordinary Session of the Assembly and the preparatory meetings of the Executive Council and the PRC according to the aforementioned dates.





## DECISION ON THE DATE AND VENUE OF THE FOURTH (4<sup>TH</sup>) MID-YEAR COORDINATION MEETING

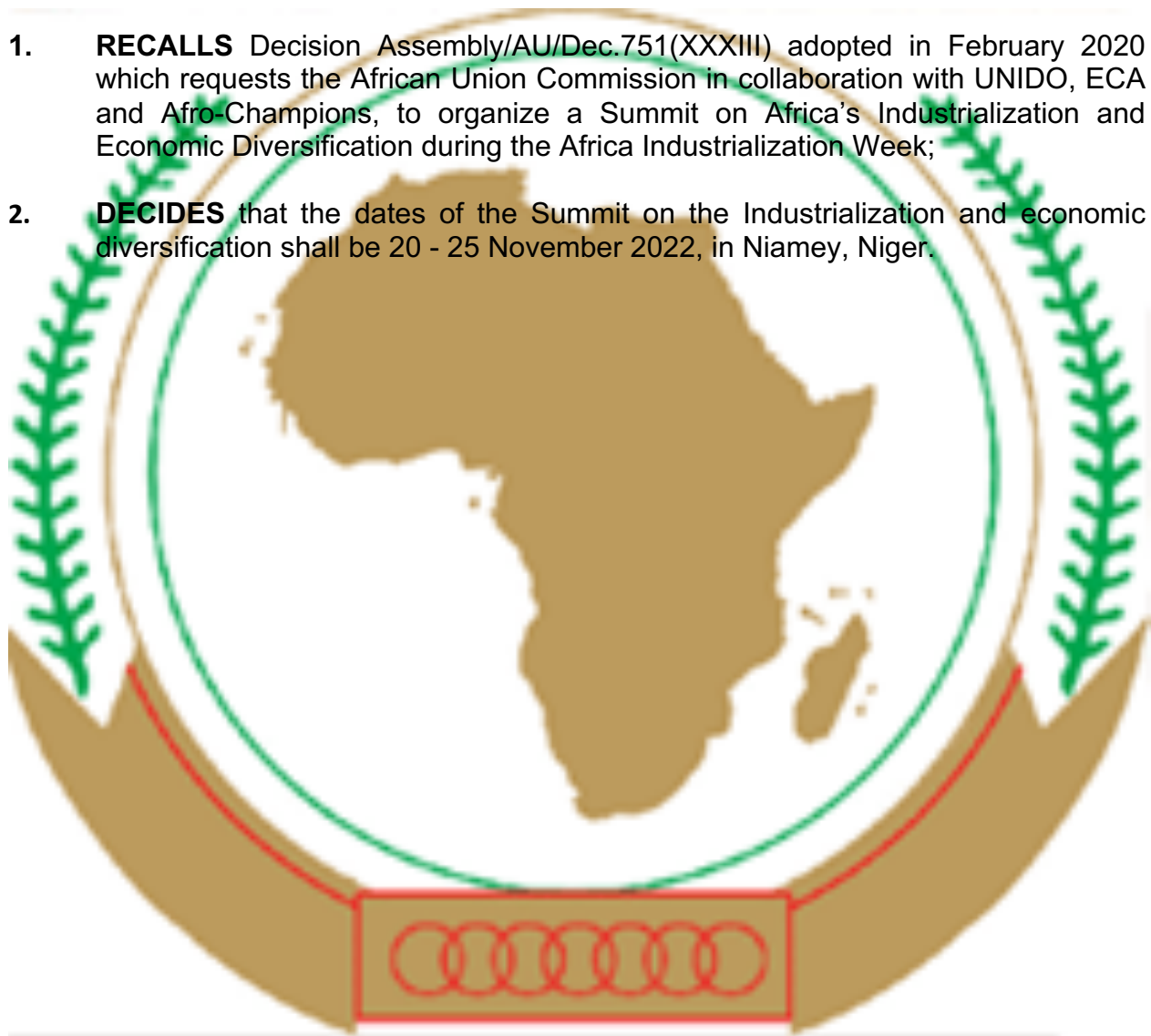
The Assembly,

1. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.558(XXIV) adopted in January 2015 which approved the offer made by the Republic of Zambia to host the June/July 2022 Ordinary Session of the Assembly;
2. **FURTHER RECALLS** Decisions Assembly/AU/Dec.635 (XXVIII) and Assembly/AU/Dec.687 (XXX) adopted in January 2017 and January 2018 respectively, regarding the Mid-Year Coordination Meeting;
3. **DECIDES** that the dates of the 4<sup>th</sup> Mid-Year Coordination Meeting and preceding Executive Council and PRC Sessions, shall be as follows:
  - i) Forty Fourth (44<sup>th</sup>) Ordinary Session of the PRC from 20 June to 08 July 2022 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
  - ii) Forty-First (41<sup>st</sup>) Ordinary Session of the Executive Council from 14 to 15 July 2022, in Lusaka, Zambia;
  - iii) Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Mid-Year Coordination Meeting of the African Union and the RECs on 17 July 2022, in Lusaka, Zambia;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to put in place all the necessary measures in order to organize the Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Mid-Year Coordination Meeting as well the preparatory meetings of the Executive Council and the PRC according to the aforementioned dates.

**DECISION ON THE DATE OF THE SUMMIT ON THE INDUSTRIALIZATION AND  
ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION, NIAMEY, NIGER**

**The Assembly,**

1. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.751(XXXIII) adopted in February 2020 which requests the African Union Commission in collaboration with UNIDO, ECA and Afro-Champions, to organize a Summit on Africa's Industrialization and Economic Diversification during the Africa Industrialization Week;
2. **DECIDES** that the dates of the Summit on the Industrialization and economic diversification shall be 20 - 25 November 2022, in Niamey, Niger.



**DECISION ON THE DATE AND VENUE OF THE AU HUMANITARIAN SUMMIT AND PLEDGING CONFERENCE AND EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT ON TERRORISM****The Assembly,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of Decision EX.CL/Draft/Dec.3(XL) which welcomed the commitment of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea and expressed appreciation for the progress made towards the organization of the AU Humanitarian Summit and Pledging Conference in May 2022, in the city of Malabo;
2. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.753(XXXIII) of February 2020 whereby it was decided to “organize an Extraordinary Summit focusing on the challenges of terrorism and violent extremism, with a view to taking urgent action and measures necessary to support the countries which are facing the severe effects of terrorism”;
3. **DECIDES** to convene the Extraordinary Summit on terrorism and unconstitutional changes of regime in Africa, as proposed by the Republic of Angola, and **WELCOMES** the offer by the Republic of Equatorial Guinea to host the aforementioned summit;
4. **ALSO DECIDES** to convene the Extraordinary AU Humanitarian Summit and Pledging Conference on 25 to 27 May 2022, in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea;
5. **FURTHER DECIDES** to hold the Extraordinary Summit on terrorism and unconstitutional changes of regime in Africa in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, on 28 May 2022.

**DECISION ON THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE OUTCOME OF THE THIRD MID-YEAR COORDINATION MEETING, OCTOBER 2021**

**The Assembly,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Third Mid-Year Coordination Meeting held virtually on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and **ADOPTS** recommendations contained therein;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission on the Status of Integration in Africa and the regional perspectives as presented by the Chairpersons of the RECs and endorse the recommendations contained therein;
3. **REQUESTS** the AUC, RECs/RMs and the AUDA-NEPAD to further collaborate with Member States to agree on the remaining sectors concerning the division of the labour;
4. **CONGRATULATES** Member States that have ratified the Legal Instruments related to the Protocol on Free Movement of Persons and encourages those that have not signed and ratified the Protocol of the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community relating to Free movement of persons, Right of residence and Right of establishment to do so;
5. **CALLS UPON** the AUC, RECs, RMs and AUDA-NEPAD to work in close collaboration with Members States towards domesticating agreements, protocols and treaties, especially those related to Trade and Free Movement;
6. **HIGHLIGHTS** the need to establish a Customs Union in line with the Abuja Treaty establishing the African Economic Community and **CALLS UPON** the AUC to come up with an assessment with Africa's readiness towards the Customs Union;
7. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the AU Champion on COVID-19 Response, H.E Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa, and **COMMENDS** the Champion's efforts in leading the AU's strategic response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and **FURTHER COMMENDS** the efforts of the Chair of the Union, H.E Felix Antoine Tshisekedi, Chairperson of the AU Commission, H.E Moussa Mahamat Faki, the AU Member States, the members of the African Vaccine Acquisition Task Team (AVATT), and the African Union Special Envoys to Mobilize International Support for the Continental Fight Against COVID-19;



8. **CALLS** for equitable, affordable, timely and universal access to vaccines and available financing, and **FURTHER CALLS** upon Member States, Regional Economic Communities and Regional Mechanisms (RMs) to adopt measures to promote resilience against future pandemics including investment in domestic vaccine manufacturing capacity;
9. **ADOPTS** the declaration of the 3<sup>rd</sup> mid-year coordination meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October 2021.



## DECISION ON THE PROGRESS REPORT ON RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY TO ESTABLISH THE AFRICAN MEDICINES AGENCY (AMA TREATY)

The Assembly,

1. **RECALLS** the February 2019 Assembly decision Assembly/AU/Dec.735(XXXII), adopting the Treaty for the establishment of the African Medicines Agency (AMA);
2. **TAKES NOTE** of the progress that has been made in the signing of the Treaty for the Establishment of the African Medicine Agency (AMA) by twenty-eight (28) AU Member States and deposit of instrument of ratification by eighteen (18) Member States;
3. **COMMENDS** the Commission and the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) on the progress made thus far towards the establishment of the African Medicines Agency (AMA);
4. **FURTHER COMMENDS** the support of Mr. Michel Sidibe, AU Special Envoy for AMA, to the Commission and for the high level advocacy efforts towards the signing and ratification of the Treaty for the establishment of the African Medicines Agency (AMA);
5. **ACKNOWLEDGES** with appreciation the World Health Organization for its continued support in the establishment and operationalization of the African Medicines Agency (AMA) both technically and financially; **FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES** with appreciation the support of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS); United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF); the European Commission; the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; the United States Agency for International Development (USAID); the People's Republic of China; the Republic of Korea all other UN Agencies, donors and private sector for both their technical and financial support to the Commission in the establishment and operationalization of the African Medicines Agency (AMA);
6. **ENCOURAGES** member states that have signed on to the Treaty to ratify; and **CALLS ON** other member states to sign and ratify the Treaty to safeguard public health, safety and security by ratifying the AMA Treaty and operationalizing a medicines regulatory agency that will improve access to quality, safe and efficacious medicines and medical products on the continent.
7. **FURTHER TAKES NOTE** of the coming into force of the Treaty for the establishment of the African Medicines Agency (AMA) on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021; and the offer to host the Headquarters of the African Medicines Agency (AMA) by thirteen (13) AU Member States;

8. **REQUESTS** the Commission to provide support to the Conference of State Parties of the AMA for the operationalization of the African Medicines Agency (AMA) at the earliest;
9. **AUTHORIZES** the 41<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in July 2022, to take a decision on behalf of the Assembly on the host of the AMA HQ based on the recommendation of the Conference of State Parties of the AMA.



## DECISION ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA (AfCFTA)

### The Assembly,

1. **RECALLS** Decision Ext/Assembly/AU/Dec.1(XIII) adopted at its 13<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Session held on 5 December 2020 to start trading under the AfCFTA on 1 January 2021, on the basis of legally implementable and reciprocal Schedules of Tariff Concessions, with agreed Rules of Origin, and Customs Documentation and **COMMENDS** the provisional commencement of trading;
2. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Council of Ministers Responsible for Trade held in Accra – Ghana on 28-29 January 2022;
3. **FURTHER TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Council, held in Addis Ababa – Ethiopia on 2 – 3 February 2022, and the recommendations contained therein;
4. **COMMENDS** the role of all State Parties, non-State Parties, Customs Unions, the Council of Ministers Responsible for Trade, other AfCFTA Implementing Institutions, the African Union Commission (AUC), Regional Economic Communities (RECs), African Development Bank (AfDB), the African Export Import Bank (Afreximbank) and the other African Union Cooperating Partners, on the significant progress made towards conclusion of the remainder of all outstanding issues in the negotiations and the start of commercially meaningful trading under the AfCFTA;

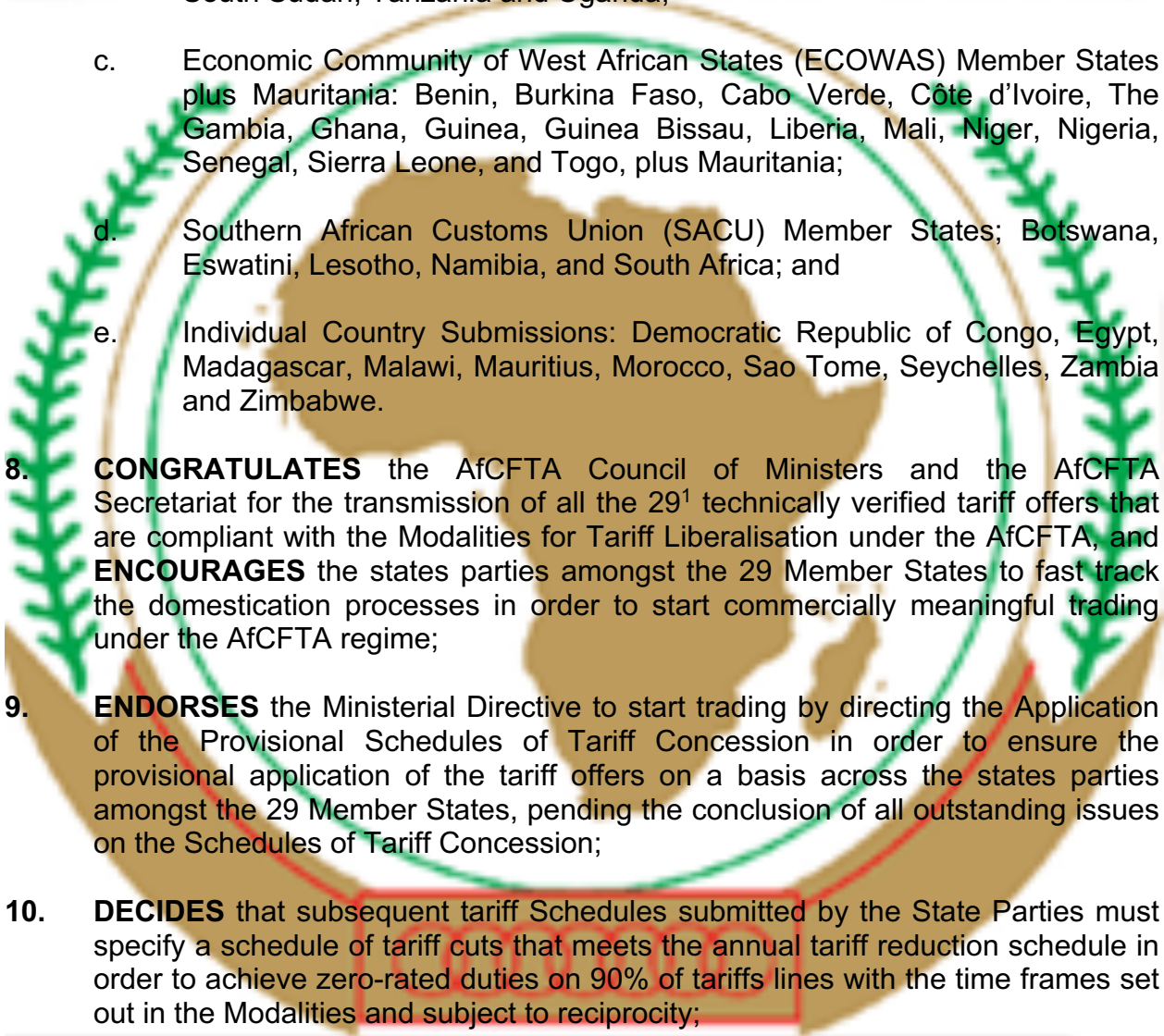
### Signatures and Ratifications

5. **CALLS UPON** the remainder of the non-State Parties, namely: Benin; Botswana; Comoros; Eritrea, Guinea Bissau, Libya; Liberia; Madagascar; Morocco; Mozambique; Somalia; Sudan; and South Sudan, which have not yet ratified the Agreement to do so as soon as possible and qualify as State Parties, in order to increase the size of the market and the volume of trade under the AfCFTA;
6. **ALSO COMMENDS** members of the four (4) Regional Economic Communities (RECs) that have submitted offers collectively as part of Customs Unions, and **URGES** their constituent members that are yet to ratify and deposit their respective instruments of ratification of the Agreement Establishing the AfCFTA to take urgent steps necessary to do so.

### Protocol on Trade in Goods

7. **WELCOMES** the submissions of the 43 tariff offers by:



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- a. Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa (CEMAC) Member States: Cameroon, Chad, the Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, and the Republic of Congo;
  - b. East African Community (EAC) Member States: Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda;
  - c. Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Member States plus Mauritania: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Togo, plus Mauritania;
  - d. Southern African Customs Union (SACU) Member States; Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Namibia, and South Africa; and
  - e. Individual Country Submissions: Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Morocco, Sao Tome, Seychelles, Zambia and Zimbabwe.
8. **CONGRATULATES** the AfCFTA Council of Ministers and the AfCFTA Secretariat for the transmission of all the 29<sup>1</sup> technically verified tariff offers that are compliant with the Modalities for Tariff Liberalisation under the AfCFTA, and **ENCOURAGES** the states parties amongst the 29 Member States to fast track the domestication processes in order to start commercially meaningful trading under the AfCFTA regime;
  9. **ENDORSES** the Ministerial Directive to start trading by directing the Application of the Provisional Schedules of Tariff Concession in order to ensure the provisional application of the tariff offers on a basis across the states parties amongst the 29 Member States, pending the conclusion of all outstanding issues on the Schedules of Tariff Concession;
  10. **DECIDES** that subsequent tariff Schedules submitted by the State Parties must specify a schedule of tariff cuts that meets the annual tariff reduction schedule in order to achieve zero-rated duties on 90% of tariffs lines with the time frames set out in the Modalities and subject to reciprocity;
  11. **ALSO DECIDES** that the AfCFTA dismantling of tariffs should be annual tariff cuts based on the date of start of trading on 1 January 2021, and **DIRECTS** that

<sup>1</sup>CEMAC: Cameroon, Chad, the Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, and the Republic of Congo.

ECOWAS plus Mauritania: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo + Mauritania;

Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Seychelles and Zambia

future submissions and accessions should, reciprocally, apply tariff reductions following the current stage of liberalisation as set in the Modalities;

12. **FURTHER DIRECTS** the AfCFTA Secretariat to facilitate negotiations of the remaining 10% of the tariff lines [Sensitive Products (7%) and Excluded Products (3% not exceeding 10% of the total value of trade)], and **REQUESTS** the AfCFTA Council of Ministers to submit the final Schedules of Tariff Concessions as required by the AfCFTA Agreement by xxx.
13. **DIRECTS** the Council of Ministers, the AfCFTA Secretariat, State Parties and Customs Authorities to annually develop AfCFTA Electronic Tariff book identifying the annual tariff reduction by State Parties;
14. **ALSO DIRECTS** the AfCFTA Secretariat to assist the State Parties in migrating to the HS 2022 and transpose their Schedules of Tariff Concessions to HS 2022 and **REQUEST** the AfCFTA Secretariat to conduct an impact assessment within three (3) months;
15. **URGES** the State Parties to fast track the publication of the trade procedures, documents and put in place necessary trade infrastructure that is needed for effective trading;
16. **COMMENDS** the AfCFTA Secretariat on the progress made on trade facilitation on the Abidjan – Lagos Corridor, and **ENDORSES** corridor approach to trade facilitation interventions towards the implementation of the AfCFTA;
17. **DIRECTS** the AfCFTA Secretariat to continue the capacity building for Customs Officers to implement the AfCFTA Agreement, and ensure its sustainability;
18. **TAKES NOTE** of the progress made in the Rules of Origin negotiations with 87.7% of agreed tariff lines, and **DIRECTS** the AfCFTA Council of Ministers and the AfCFTA Secretariat to facilitate the publication of the agreed Rules of Origin, pending the conclusion of all outstanding issues under negotiations;
19. **ENDORSES** the Provisional Application of Rules of Origin for the remaining outstanding tariff lines, the additional provisions and definition, as adopted by the Council of Ministers pending the adoption of all outstanding issues in the Rules of Origin negotiations, in line with Article 42(3) of Annex 2 of the Protocol on Trade in Goods;
20. **DIRECTS** the Council of Ministers and the AfCFTA Secretariat to adapt the agreed Rules of Origin to HS 2022 nomenclature;
21. **TAKES NOTE** and **COMMENDS** the Government of the Republic of Gabon for successfully hosting the AfCFTA Forum on Special Economic Zones (SEZ) and encourages implementation of Article 23 of the Agreement Establishing the

AfCFTA and **DIRECTS** the AfCFTA Secretariat to provide Guidelines towards finalization of the Regulations on SEZs and the Guidelines on Infant Industries;

### Protocol on Trade in Services

22. **WELCOMES** the submissions of services offers by 46 State and non-State Parties namely: Angola, Algeria, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central Africa Republic, Cape Verde, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Eswatini, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, São Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe;
23. **TAKES NOTE** of the establishment of the Committee on Trade in Services and its five (5) Sub-Committees, namely: Sub-Committee on Specific Commitments; Sub-Committee on Regulatory Frameworks; Sub-Committee on Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications; Sub-Committee on Trade in Services-related Issues; and Sub-Committee on AfCFTA Trade in Services Rules;
24. **COMMENDS** the Council of Ministers on the considerable amount of work and progress undertaken in the negotiations on the five priority sectors and the development of cross-cutting regulatory frameworks, to facilitate the achievements of the objectives under the AfCFTA Agreement and the Protocol on Trade in Services;
25. **COMMENDS** the Council of Ministers on the progress made in the negotiations on the Movement of Natural Persons (Mode 4) under Trade in Services and **DIRECTS** the Council of Ministers to facilitate the movement of business people in the Continent in line with the modalities to be adopted through the due process;
26. **TAKES NOTE** of the great deal of outstanding work still to be undertaken in the conclusion of the negotiations in the five priority sectors and the development of regulatory frameworks, therefore **ENDORSES** the decision to extend the deadline for completion of the trade in services negotiations in the 5 priority sectors to June 2022, including legal scrubbing; and
27. **DIRECTS** the Council of Ministers to fast track the completion of all outstanding issues in the 5 priority services sectors as it relates to the development of Regulatory Frameworks;

### Permanent Structure of the AfCFTA Secretariat

28. **TAKES NOTE** of the recommendation of Decision EX.CL/Dec.1126(XXXIX) of the Executive Council of October 2021 on the Phase II Structure (265 positions)



of the AfCFTA Secretariat for a 4-year phased period, merit-based and transparent approach for recruitment of the positions in the structure, which should be open to all African Union Member States;

29. **WELCOMES** the transfer of the coordination Unit of the AfCFTA from the Commission to the AfCFTA Secretariat and **DIRECTS** the staff to undertake staff skills and competency audit to determine whether they meet the requirements of the AfCFTA approved structure;
30. **ALSO WELCOMES** the appointments to the 4 Director positions under the Phase I Structure, and **COMMENDS** the AfCFTA Council of Ministers for ensuring merit, gender and geographic balance.

### Dispute Settlement Mechanism

31. **REITERATES** the role of the Dispute Settlement Mechanism of the AfCFTA as a central element for providing certainty and predictability in the resolution of disputes on the rights and obligations of State Parties and in clarifying the provisions of the Agreement Establishing the AfCFTA;
32. **NOTES** the progress made by the Dispute Settlement Body in operationalising the Protocol on Rules and Procedures on the Settlement of Disputes, including the establishment of a permanent Roster of Panellists and the Appellate Body as a standing tribunal of final instance; and
33. **DIRECTS** the AfCFTA Secretariat to ensure that the appropriate budget provision is made available to enable the Dispute Settlement Mechanism to remain transparent, accountable, fair, predictable and independent in resolving disputes consistently with the provisions of the Agreement Establishing the AfCFTA.

### Phase II Negotiations

34. **COMMENDS** the Council of Ministers for the establishment of the Committees, namely, Investment, Competition Policy, Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), Digital Trade, and Women and Youth in Trade and the relevant guidelines for negotiating as emanating from the principles of negotiations and relevant Rules of Procedures;
35. **WELCOMES** the progress made in the Committee on Investment towards developing the Protocol on Investment that promotes, facilitates and protects intra-African investment and creates a harmonized and coordinated investment regime in the continent **AND EMPHASIZES** the need for the Committee on IPR to build upon on-going work within the continent;



36. **FURTHER WELCOMES** the progress made in the Committee on Competition Policy regarding the sequencing of work and capacity building needs, including the development of Guidelines for development of the Protocol on Competition Policy, and **DIRECTS** the Council of Ministers, the AfCFTA Secretariat, the Commissioners of Competition Authorities in the various State Parties and other stakeholders to identify interventions, including the AfCFTA Framework for implementing the Competition Policy;
37. **RECALLS** its earlier commitments to broaden inclusiveness in the operation of the AfCFTA through interventions that support women, young Africans, small and medium sized Enterprises as well as integrating small informal traders by implementing simplified trade regime, and **DECIDES** to include the Protocol on Women and Youth in Trade in the scope of the AfCFTA Agreement;
38. **DIRECTS** the Council of Ministers, the AfCFTA Secretariat and other relevant stakeholders to fast track the conclusion of all Protocols on Phase II issues by September 2022.

#### **Collaboration with Strategic Partners**

39. **APPRECIATES** the financial and technical support provided by the African Development Bank, Afreximbank and other partners in the implementation of the AfCFTA and the remainder of the AfCFTA negotiations;
40. **WELCOMES** the AfCFTA Strategy for Private Sector Engagement Plan and **DIRECTS** the AfCFTA Secretary-General to intensify collaboration between the AfCFTA Secretariat and the private sector.

#### **AfCFTA Implementation Tools**

##### **(i) AfCFTA Adjustment Fund**

41. **COMMENDS** the AfCFTA Council of Ministers, the AfCFTA Secretariat and Afreximbank for the progress made in the establishment of the AfCFTA Adjustment Fund to address near-term disruptions as tariff revenues are reduced, industrial sectors are disordered, businesses and supply chains are re-organised to comply with the AfCFTA Agreement;
42. **DIRECTS** the AfCFTA Secretariat and the Afreximbank to undertake all steps, including various private sector fund structures for the full operationalization of the AfCFTA Adjustment Fund and avail the facility to State Parties.

##### **(ii) Pan-African Payments and Settlement System (PAPSS)**

43. **COMMENDS** the Government of the Republic of Ghana for successfully hosting the commercial launch of the Pan-African Payments and Settlement System

(PAPSS) leading to the operational phase of PAPSS, piloting and execution of transactions in the West African Monetary Zone (WAMZ), and **DIRECTS** the AfCFTA Secretariat and the Afreximbank in consultation with Member States and Governors of the Central Banks to deploy the System to cover the entire continent and finalize the regulatory frameworks;

**(iii) AfCFTA Automotive Fund**

44. **COMMENDS** the AfCFTA Council of Ministers, the AfCFTA Secretariat and Afreximbank for mobilising a facility of US\$ 1 billion for the development of the automotive sector, to support industrialisation in Africa.

**(iv) 2<sup>nd</sup> Inter-Africa Trade Fair (IATF)**

45. **COMMENDS** the Republic of South Africa for hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Inter-Africa Trade Fair (IATF) hosted in, South Africa, from 15 to 21 November 2021 under the theme “*Bridging Bridges for a Successful AfCFTA*” **And WELCOMES** the offer of the Republic of Cote d’Ivoire to host IATF 2023.

**Trade and Industrial Development Advisory Council**

46. **COMMENDS** the AfCFTA Council of Ministers for the establishment of the AfCFTA Trade and Industrial Development Advisory Council in line with the Article 3(g) of the Agreement Establishing the AfCFTA and **DIRECTS** the AfCFTA Secretariat to work in collaboration with the African Union Commission towards its implementation.

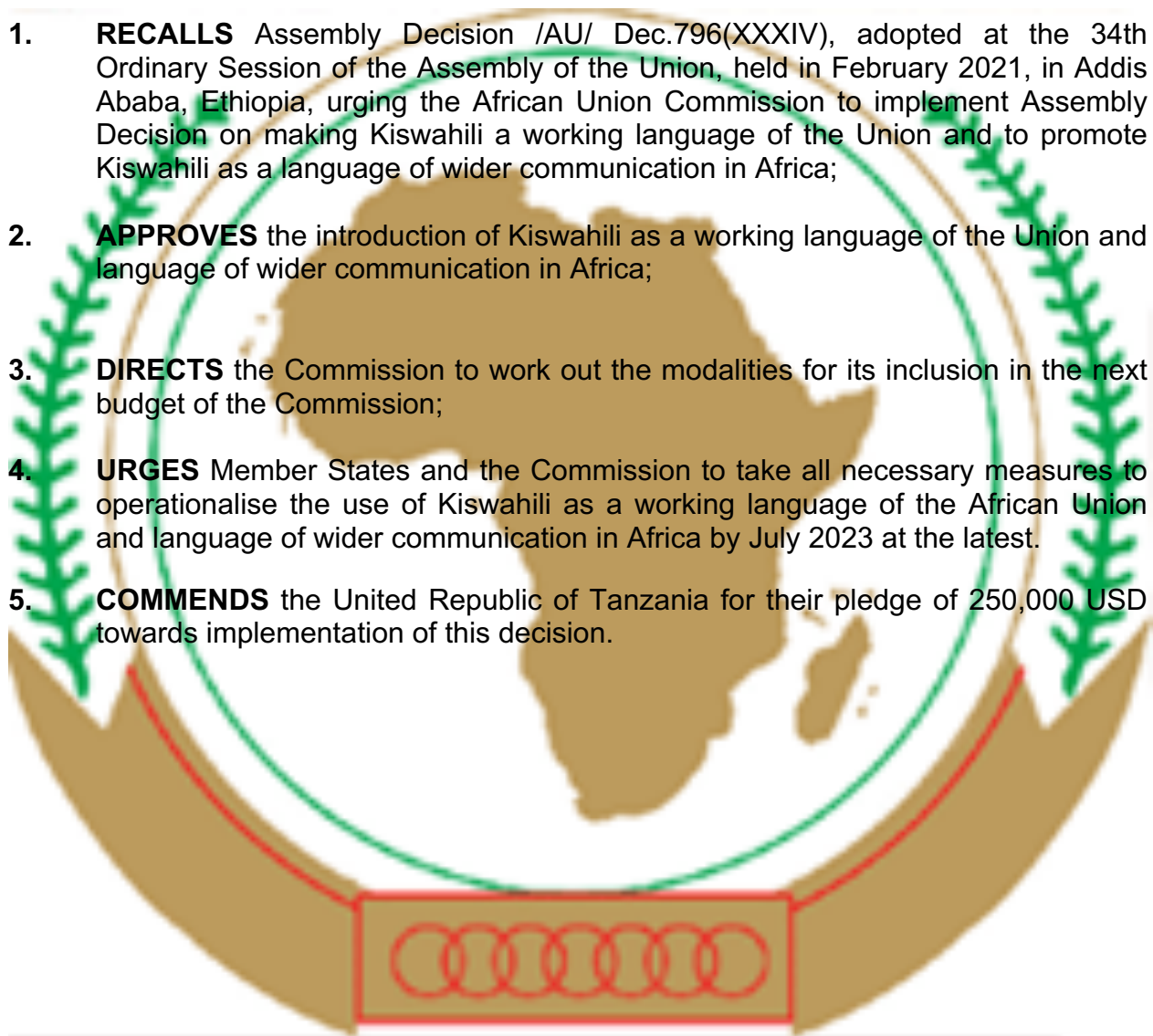
**Extraordinary Meeting**

47. **RECOGNISING** the critical importance of the role of the Assembly in advancing progress in the implementation of the AfCFTA and in the remainder of the AfCFTA negotiations, **APPROVES** the recommendations of the Council of Ministers Responsible for Trade to convene an Extraordinary meeting, dedicated to the AfCFTA;

## DECISION ON THE USE OF KISWAHILI AS AN AU WORKING LANGUAGE OF THE AFRICAN UNION

### The Assembly,

1. **RECALLS** Assembly Decision /AU/ Dec.796(XXXIV), adopted at the 34th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union, held in February 2021, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, urging the African Union Commission to implement Assembly Decision on making Kiswahili a working language of the Union and to promote Kiswahili as a language of wider communication in Africa;
2. **APPROVES** the introduction of Kiswahili as a working language of the Union and language of wider communication in Africa;
3. **DIRECTS** the Commission to work out the modalities for its inclusion in the next budget of the Commission;
4. **URGES** Member States and the Commission to take all necessary measures to operationalise the use of Kiswahili as a working language of the African Union and language of wider communication in Africa by July 2023 at the latest.
5. **COMMENDS** the United Republic of Tanzania for their pledge of 250,000 USD towards implementation of this decision.





**DECISION ON FAST TRACKING CAADP-MALABO COMMITMENTS FOR ACCELERATING AGRICULTURE TRANSFORMATION IN AFRICA THROUGH BIENNIAL REVIEW MECHANISM AND AFRICA AGRICULTURAL TRANSFORMATION SCORECARD (AATS)**

The Assembly,

1. **RECALLS** the Assembly Decision **Assembly/AU/ /Decl.1(XXIII)** adopting the Declaration on Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation for Shared Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods in Africa and which also calls on the AU Commission and NPCA, in collaboration with partners to conduct, on a biennial basis, beginning from year 2017, Agricultural Review Process, and report on progress to the Assembly at its January 2018 Ordinary Session;
2. **TAKES NOTE** of the third Biennial Review Report on the Implementation of the June 2014 Malabo Declaration on Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation for Shared Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods, and the highlights of its findings on Accelerating CAADP Implementation for a Resilient African Food System
3. **RECOGNISES** the efforts of the African Union Commission and the AUDA-NEPAD in mobilizing key stakeholders and development partners to build partnership with Member States and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to establish a mechanism for monitoring, evaluation and reporting, in a more aligned manner, on the progress made in implementing the commitments of the Malabo Declaration.
4. **COMMENDS** the positive response of Member States in conducting self-assessments, inclusive validation process and providing information for the preparation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> biennial review report to the Assembly of the African Union on the progress made in implementing the commitments for agricultural transformation in Africa; while noting challenges faced by member states in collecting and compiling quality data to report progress on all goals and targets set in the Malabo Declaration.
5. **EXPRESSES CONCERNS** about the fragility of African food systems as demonstrated during the COVID-19 pandemic and other shocks such as climate change, desert locust and fall army worm infestation that have resulted in an increase in hunger and malnutrition on the continent;
6. **COMMENDS** the African Union Commission and AUDA-NEPAD for leading the development of a continental common position presented to the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit
7. **NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the enormous efforts invested by Member States in implementing the Assembly Declaration [**Assembly/AU/ /Decl.1(XXIII)**] to accelerate achievements made in the Malabo Declaration;



while recognizing that, for the insufficient performance shown by some member states in several cases to reach the common set goals, considerable effort and attention are still needed to rally ourselves to CAADP implementation by domesticating the Malabo commitments and outcomes of the UN Food Systems Summit in our National and Regional Agriculture Investment Plans.

8. **UNDERScores** the necessity to take further actions in accelerating the implementation of the Africa Agriculture transformation agenda within the CAADP framework by increasing investment finance for agriculture, strengthening institutional capacity for implementation, improving coordination mechanisms to achieve concrete results and impacts leading to shared prosperity and improved livelihoods for African citizens
9. **CALLS UPON** all Member States of the African Union Commission, to mobilize adequate technical and financial resources in supporting agricultural data systems, monitoring and evaluation systems and strengthen mutual accountability structures to trigger evidence-based planning for agriculture transformation at all levels.
10. **REQUESTS** the African Union Commission to work closely with Member States, technical and financial development partners, the private sector and civil society to mobilize the required support to strengthen mutual accountability, agricultural data systems and knowledge management, institutionalize the biennial review mechanisms and the Africa Agriculture Transformation Scorecard to ensure peer learning and scaling up of the agriculture transformation agenda embedded in the Malabo Declaration.

**DECISION ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> WORLD WATER  
FORUM FROM 21 TO 26 MARCH 2022, IN DAKAR, SENEGAL**

**The Assembly,**

1. **APPRECIATES** that Africa is endowed with vast water resources including lakes, rivers, swamps and underground aquifers; water is important for social, economic and environmental development; **RECOGNIZES** water is key for livelihoods and sustainable development of our countries and continent;
2. **RECALLS** the Sharm El-Sheikh Commitments for accelerating the achievement of Water and Sanitation Goals in Africa (Assembly/AU/ Decl.1 (XI)), adopted by the Assembly of the African Union at the Eleventh Ordinary Session held from 30 June – 1 July 2008 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt;
3. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the 4<sup>th</sup> session of the Specialized Technical on Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Environment held virtually from 13 – 16 December 2021 and in particular containing the Report of the Preparation for the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum;
4. **URGES** Member States to support the Republic of Senegal on the planned 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum by actively participating in it;
5. **ALSO URGES** the AUC, UN Agencies, Development Partners, the Civil Society Group and the Private Sector to mobilize and support the participation of the AU Member States at the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum;

## DECISION ON THE OPERATIONALIZATION OF AFRICA CDC

The Assembly,

1. **RECALLS** Assembly Decision/AU/Dec.554 (XXIV) adopted at the 24th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union in January 2015 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, whereby the Assembly of the Union decided on the establishment of the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC).
2. **TAKES NOTE** of the Executive Council Decisions EX.CL/Dec.1106(XXXVII) and EX.CL/Dec.1110(XXXVIII) which respectively **REQUESTED** and **INSTRUCTED** the African Union Commission to: *“prepare a report, including a road map and Framework of Operations, outlining the financial, legal and structural implications to fully operationalize the Africa CDC in line with its Statute, for submission to the Council through the AU Policy Organs”*.
3. **REAFFIRMS** its commitment and determination to strengthen the functioning, capacity and capability of Africa CDC, at both the secretariat and regional coordinating center levels, for better preparedness and response to health emergencies and disease threats including the COVID-19 pandemic.
4. **RECOGNIZES** that disease outbreaks are a serious health, security, economic, and development threat to Africa.
5. **REITERATES** that the Africa CDC urgently requires additional expertise and capacity to provide optimal support as envisaged in its mandate and in response to the increasing expectations and requests from AU Member States.
6. **DECIDES** to upgrade the current *AU COVID-19 Response Fund* into the *Africa Epidemics Fund* to mobilize resources for preparedness and response to disease threats on the continent **AND DIRECTS** the Commission to develop a framework of governance and management of the Africa Epidemics Fund in accordance with the AU FRR with the Africa CDC as Secretariat.
7. **TAKES NOTE** of Decision EX.CL/Dec.1146(XL) of February 2022 and **DECIDES** to delegate its authority to the Executive Council to consider during its next Session, the endorsement of amendments to the Africa CDC Statute in line with its financial, structural and legal implications and taking into account the following recommendations:
  - (i) that, the Africa CDC shall be an autonomous Body of the Union which is charged with the responsibility of prevention and Control of Diseases in Africa
  - (ii) a new governance structure that allows for strategic leadership and ownership by Member States at the highest level of Heads of State and

- (iii) Government, or their duly nominated/delegated representative.
  - (iii) the Africa CDC Secretariat to be headed by a Director General at a proper grade
  - (iv) Put in place modalities for full implementation of the Africa CDC Statute
8. **DIRECTS** the Commission to report on the implementation of this decision through the relevant AU Policy Organs.





**DECISION ON DECOLONIZATION OF MAURITIUS****The Assembly,**

1. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.812(XXXIV), adopted at the 34<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in February 2021 regarding the decolonization of Mauritius;
2. **ALSO RECALLS** the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) of 25 February 2019 on the legal consequences of the separation of the Chagos Archipelago from Mauritius in 1965, which has authoritatively determined that:
  - (a) the Chagos Archipelago is, and has always formed, an integral part of the territory of Mauritius;
  - (b) the process of decolonization of Mauritius was not lawfully completed upon its accession to independence in 1968 in view of the excision of the Chagos Archipelago from Mauritius;
  - (c) the United Kingdom's continued administration of the Chagos Archipelago constitutes a wrongful act entailing the international responsibility of that State and is an unlawful act of a continuing character which arose as a result of the separation of the Chagos Archipelago from Mauritius;
  - (d) the United Kingdom is under an obligation to bring to an end its administration of the Chagos Archipelago as rapidly as possible;
  - (e) all Member States are under an obligation to cooperate with the United Nations in order to complete the decolonization of Mauritius;
3. **FURTHER RECALLS** UN General Assembly Resolution 73/295 of 22 May 2019 which *inter alia*, affirmed, in accordance with the Advisory Opinion of the ICJ, that the Chagos Archipelago forms an integral part of Mauritius, as well as the Judgment of the Special Chamber of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) of 28 January 2021 which confirmed that Mauritius has sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago;
4. **WELCOMES** the resolution adopted by the Universal Postal Union (UPU) on 24 August 2021 for the implementation of UN General Assembly Resolution 73/295 and which, *inter alia*, provides that the UPU formally acknowledges that, for the purposes of its activities, the Chagos Archipelago forms an integral part of the territory of Mauritius and that the International Bureau of the UPU should cease the registration, distribution and forwarding of all postage stamps issued by the so-called "British Indian Ocean Territory";
5. **EXPRESSES** its deep concern at the continued illegal occupation of the Chagos Archipelago by the United Kingdom in disregard of the Advisory Opinion of the ICJ, UN General Assembly Resolutions 73/295 and 26/25 (XXV), and the Judgment of the Special Chamber of ITLOS;

6. **REITERATES ITS CALLS TO** the United Kingdom to immediately withdraw its colonial administration from the Chagos Archipelago;
7. **CALLS UPON** Member States to support all efforts in (and in relations with) all international, regional and intergovernmental organizations, including the United Nations and its specialized agencies (including the International Civil Aviation Organization and the International Telecommunication Union), the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission, the North Indian Ocean Hydrographic Commission and the European Union, through initiatives, decisions, resolutions and other actions, aimed at enabling Mauritius to assert its sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago pursuant to the Advisory Opinion of the ICJ, UN General Assembly Resolution 73/295 and the Judgment of the Special Chamber of ITLOS;
8. **ALSO CALLS UPON** Member States to ensure that no action is taken in respect of any matter concerning the Chagos Archipelago or which is in any manner related thereto, by any international, regional and intergovernmental organizations of which they are members, including the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, without the consent of Mauritius;
9. **REQUESTS** the Commission to take all necessary steps towards the completion of the decolonization of Mauritius;
10. **AUTHORIZES** the PRC to adopt the necessary budget for the implementation of this Decision, and **DECIDES** to remain actively seized of the matter.

**DECISION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF H.E. FELIX TSHISEKEDI, PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO, AS AFRICAN UNION CHAMPION FOR THE POSITIVE MASCULINITY PROGRAMME**

**The Assembly**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Declaration of the Men's Conference on Positive Masculinity for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) in Africa, held in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, on 25 November 2021, on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, and **STRESSES** African Union's special attention to the issue of gender promotion through the Constitutive Act of the AU, Agenda 2063: "The Africa We Want", the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality (2009), the AU Strategy for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GEWE);
2. **EXPRESSES** deep appreciation to His Excellency Felix Tshisekedi, President of the Democratic Republic of Congo and Chairperson of the African Union for 2021-2022, His Excellency Moussa Faki Mahamat, and Her Excellency Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, former President of the Republic of Liberia and Patroness of the African Women Leaders Network, for organizing the first Men's Conference on Positive Masculinity; **ALSO CONGRATULATES** His Excellency Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa, former Chairperson of the African Union and appointed AU Champion for COVID-19 response, His Excellency Nana Akufo Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana and AU Champion for Gender and Development in Africa, and His Excellency Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal, for their significant contribution to the organization of the Conference and their support to the Positive Masculinity Programme in Africa;
3. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the significant progress made by the African Union in the elimination of violence against women and girls, prevention and empowerment of survivors of violence as key elements of peace building.
4. **RECOGNIZES** the urgent need for continued commitment of the AU and its Member States in collaboration with partners to pool support for Africa's efforts in promoting positive masculinity and addressing gender inequalities, **AND DECIDES** to appoint H. E. Felix Tshisekedi, President of the Democratic Republic of Congo and outgoing Chairperson of the African Union, as the Champion of the African Union in the Positive Masculinity Programme, for having demonstrated dedication and diligence in accompanying and supporting efforts to promote gender equality and to relentlessly combat sexual gender-based violence.
5. **URGES** Member States to continue to take all necessary measures to address the COVID-19 pandemic and all its effects that may violate the elimination of violence against women and girls in Africa.



**DECISION ON THE SCALE OF ASSESSMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

The Assembly,

1. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.734(XXXII) adopted in February 2019 at the 32nd Ordinary Session of the Assembly held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on the scale of assessment for the regular budget and the Peace Fund for the period 2020-2022.
2. **TAKES NOTE** that 2022 is the last year for application of the current scale of assessment.
3. **ALSO NOTES** of the Executive Council Decision on the report of the Joint Sitting of the Ministerial Committee on Scale of Assessment and Contributions and Committee of Fifteen Ministers of Finance (F15) and the recommendation to extend the application of the current scale of assessment 2020-2022 by one year up to 2023;
4. **DECIDES** to extend the application of the current scale of assessment 2020-2022 by one year up to 2023 and **REQUESTS** the Commission with the support of F15 to develop the new scale of assessment to be applied for the period 2024-2026 and, following the due process, present it to the Assembly for adoption in February 2023.
5. **DECIDES** exceptionally and given the well-known long-standing complex situation in Libya that upon full payment by the State of Libya of 50% of their arrears, the Commission shall write-off the 50% of the contributions to the regular budget due to the organisation.



**Assembly/AU/ Decl.1-2(XXXV)**



## DECLARATION ON THE SITUATION IN PALESTINE AND THE MIDDLE EAST

**The Assembly,**

**Taking note** of the report on the situation in the Middle East and the State of Palestine, and affirm all decisions and resolutions of the Organization of African Unity/African Union on the situation in Palestine in order to achieve lasting peace and security in the Middle East.

**Reaffirming** our full support for the Palestinian people, represented by the Palestine Liberation Organization under the leadership of President Mahmoud Abbas, in their legitimate struggle against the Israeli colonial occupation, in order to restore their legitimate inalienable rights, foremost of which is the right to self-determination, independence, return of refugees, and the embodiment of sovereign and independent State of Palestine with East Jerusalem as its capital, living peacefully side by side with the State of Israel;

**Expressing** once again our commitment to support a peaceful and just solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict in accordance with the principles of international law and all relevant United Nations resolutions calling for the embodiment of the independent and sovereign State of Palestine on the borders of June 4, 1967, with East Jerusalem its capital, through ending the long standing Israeli occupation (that has been there for long), implementing the principle of the two-state solution, finding a just solution to the issue of Palestinian refugees, and guaranteeing their right to return and compensation by means of implementing United Nations Resolution number 194;

**Renewing** our call to launch a feasible and credible political track to end the Israeli occupation and dismantle the colonial and apartheid regime in the land of the State of Palestine, with East Jerusalem as its capital, reach a just, comprehensive and lasting peace in the Middle East, through an international multilateral mechanism within a specific time frame according to the international consensus and the vision of President Mahmoud Abbas, and on the basis of international law, United Nations resolutions, and the terms of reference of the peace process, to find a just solution to all permanent status issues, and to take advantage of the opportunity to achieve peace;

**Reaffirming** the status of the just cause of Palestine, and the firmness of our position in supporting this cause and its decisions in international forums that are based on common values that oppose colonialism, oppression and apartheid, as well as on values of freedom, justice and humanitarian principles, affirming the historically solid African solidarity with the Palestinian people in their legitimate pursuit of independence, freedom and justice, and confronting any attempts to circumvent the status of the Palestinian cause in Africa;

**Watching with great concern** the escalation of settlements in the Palestinian territories occupied in 1967, especially in East Jerusalem, and the confiscation of Palestinian lands and properties, within the framework of the Israeli policy aimed at achieving a

demographic advantage for the Israeli population over the Palestinians in the city; Which would eliminate any chance of achieving peace according to the principle of the two-state solution.

**Renewing** our call to all countries to preserve and adhere to the existing legal and historical status (Status Quo) of the city of Jerusalem, and its status as the capital of the State of Palestine, and subsequently respect international law and relevant United Nations resolutions in this regard, and to refrain from any action or decision that would prejudice the legal status and historical importance of the city, particularly to refrain from moving Embassies from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem;

**Reaffirming** that all Israeli settlements established in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem and in the occupied Syrian Golan Heights; and all colonial policies in the territory of the State of Palestine, are illegal and form a grave violation of international humanitarian law and relevant United Nations resolutions, a major obstacle to peace and to the two-state solution, and a challenge to the international community calls to stop all settlement activities, in addition to confiscation of land and property, house demolitions, forced displacement of civilians, racist and discriminatory policies, enforcement of the permit system, building the apartheid wall, and the imposition of collective punishment measures.

**Hereby declares as follows:**

- 1. REAFFIRMS** that our solidarity with the Palestinian people is based on the values of freedom, justice, human principles, anti-colonialism and apartheid, which Africa constantly defends in international forums and under all circumstances. It is a solidarity with all those who seek to guarantee the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, foremost of which is the right to self-determination, independence for the State of Palestine, with East Jerusalem as its capital, and the right of return for Palestinian refugees.
- 2. ALSO REAFFIRMS** the need to make persistent efforts to achieve a just, durable and comprehensive solution based on ending the occupation and accomplishment of the two-state solution, in accordance with relevant resolutions and declarations of the African Union and the United Nations;
- 3. EXPRESSES** the commitment of African countries to follow what guarantees the transcendence of the values and principles upon which the Union was established, the most important of which is to support liberation movements and the right of peoples to self-determination, in any dealings with Israel, the occupying power, and to refrain from any measure that would prejudice the principles of solidarity with the Palestinian cause and the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, and block any attempts to circumvent the status of the Palestinian cause in Africa;
- 4. STRESSES** the need to resolve the issue of Palestine and achieve a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East through ending the Israeli occupation of



the Palestinian land since 1967, including East Jerusalem on the basis of the two-state solution, international law, and all relevant international legitimacy resolutions, and to work with active international parties within an international multilateral mechanism to launch a credible peace process in accordance with the agreed international terms of reference, and within a specific time frame;

5. **WELCOMES AND SUPPORTS** Palestinian President, His Excellency Mahmoud Abbas' vision, peace initiative and his repeated calls in this respect, including in his important address before the United Nations General Assembly on September 24, 2021, and his call to launch peaceful negotiations under multilateral auspices and through the International Quartet, based on the terms of reference of international legitimacy and the Arab Peace Initiative, leading to a just and comprehensive solution to the Palestinian issue, and embodiment of the independent state of Palestine on the borders of June 4, 1967, with East Jerusalem its capital within a specified time limit and further call upon Israel, the occupying power, not to miss this opportunity to achieve peace;
6. **CALLS UPON** the Member States and the international community to respect in their policy the requirements of international law and relevant United Nations and the African Union resolutions, to work to end the Israeli occupation and confront its violations and colonial practices that undermine the foundations of the international system that is based on law, and not to recognize the illegal situation that Israel has established in the Palestinian and Arab territories occupied since 1967 including East Jerusalem, perpetuating colonialism and apartheid, and not to provide any support or assistance to its continuation, and to take all due legal measures, including not dealing with any Israeli government whose agenda includes annexation, impose economic and political sanctions, and boycott the Israeli colonial system and illegal settlements and ban their products;
7. **RENEWS ITS CALL** on Member States to end all forms of direct and indirect interaction and business with the Israeli colonial settlement regime and illegal apartheid in the territory of the State of Palestine occupied in 1967, including East Jerusalem, and to take all measures to stop this interaction as stipulated in resolutions of the international legitimacy, particularly Resolution 2334 (2016), especially paragraph 5, and the decisions of the African Union in this regard that were based on the rich experience and contribution of the African Union that led to the boycott and dismantling of the apartheid regime in South Africa;
8. **CALLS ON** the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to update on an annual basis the database of businesses in the Israeli settlements established on the Palestinian territories, and request Member States to take all possible measures, including legal follow-up, to prevent any individual, institution or company from operating or conducting business directly or indirectly with the settlements regime and other colonial activities as they all pose a violation of United Nations resolutions and international law;



9. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the policy of colonial settlement, and reaffirm that settlement in the Palestinian land occupied in 1967, especially in the city of Jerusalem, and all systematic and wide-ranging measures and policies of the illegal occupation authority to change the current situation and demographic composition, are illegal and in violation of international law, and would eliminate any chance of achieving peace based on the principle of the two-state solution. It is a war crime according to the Fourth Geneva Convention and the Rome Statute;
10. **CONDEMNS** the policies and practices of the Israeli occupation government aimed at Judaizing the city of Jerusalem and isolating it from its Palestinian surroundings, and call on the international community to compel Israel to stop all its hostile acts and violations against Islamic and Christian holy sites, and its policies to change the historical and legal status quo in the Holy City, and everything it does against Al Haram Al Sharif/ Al Aqsa Mosque, where incursions by the colonialists should be stopped. Besides, further call on the international community to force Israel to safeguard the freedom of worship for Christians and Muslims. In this context, stress the importance of the decisions of the African Union and the United Nations, including relevant UNESCO resolutions, and also affirm that East Jerusalem is an integral part of the Palestinian land occupied in 1967, as well as note the need to make joint efforts to ensure its return to Palestinian sovereignty as the capital of the State of Palestine;
11. **REJECTS AND CONDEMNS** any racist decisions or laws, including those taken by Israel against the Palestinian people, their rights and property, and those that prejudice the legal status of the city of Jerusalem and its demographic composition, in violation of international law and resolutions of international legitimacy, including Security Council resolutions 476 and 478 of 1980 and UN General Assembly Resolution No. (A/RES/ES-10/19) of 2017, and **ALSO REJECTS AND CONDEMNS** the recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, or the transfer or establishment of diplomatic missions there. **ALSO STRESSES** the need to respect and preserve the status quo of the city of Jerusalem, and stress that any colonial measures and decisions taken by Israel, the occupying power in the city of Jerusalem, including the imposition of its laws, jurisdiction and administration, are illegal, null and void and have no legitimacy;
12. **CONDEMNS** the policy of forced displacement and ethnic cleansing measures, especially those targeting the Palestinian people in the city of East Jerusalem and its neighborhoods, such as in Sheikh Jarrah and Silwan neighborhoods and others, and the Jordan Valley in the occupied West Bank, in addition to the demolition of homes, confiscation of property, and the policy of racial discrimination, that are all aimed at creating demographic superiority to the colonizers at the expense of the Palestinian people, the original owners of the land;
13. **EXPRESSES** its condemnation of this racist occupation regime, and call on the international community to dismantle and ban the Israeli system of colonialism

and apartheid that constitutes a crime of apartheid and requires legal accountability in accordance with the International Convention for the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid of November dated 30, 1973;

14. **WELCOMES** the decision of the International Committee for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, issued on April 30, 2021, which affirms the admissibility and legality of the complaint submitted by the State of Palestine against Israel, the illegal occupying power, and call on Member States to support the State of Palestine in this direction.
15. **ALSO WELCOMES** the decision of the Human Rights Council to form a continuing independent international investigation committee, in implementation of the Council's decision in its 30<sup>th</sup> special session to investigate inside the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, as well in Israel, all alleged violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law that preceded 13 April 2021 and happened since this date;
16. **REAFFIRMS** our solid support for the efforts of the State of Palestine to mobilize international support for the realization on the ground of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, especially the right to self-determination and independence for the State of Palestine on the June 4, 1967 lines, with East Jerusalem its capital, and the right of return for Palestinian refugees in accordance with the United Nations Resolution 194 of 1948. Further call on the Security Council to accept the full membership of the State of Palestine in the United Nations, and we call on the countries that have not yet recognized the State of Palestine to do, in order to support peace chances in the region;
17. **CONDEMNS** the continuation of Israel, the occupying power, its policy of field execution, administrative and arbitrary detention, mistreatment and medical neglect of Palestinian prisoners, which are war crimes that require accountability in accordance with international humanitarian law. Also demand once again the Israeli occupation authorities to release Palestinian prisoners, foremost of whom children, women, the elderly and the sick, while ensuring their safety, and to end individual and collective oppressive practices against the Palestinian people. In addition, condemn the ongoing violations and crimes carried out by Israel and its subordinates, the settlers and their violence as well as the occupation forces and their courts that are biased against the human rights of the Palestinian people. Besides, condemn the use of excessive force, killing and deliberate targeting, and warn against the Israeli adoption of unfair racist laws against the rights of the Palestinian people, with the aim of colonizing them and plunder their land and sources of livelihood;
18. **CONDEMNS AND REJECTS** the continuous barbaric Israeli aggression on the Gaza Strip, which targeted the Strip recently in May 2021, and resulted in death of hundreds and wounding of thousands of civilian victims, including women, children and the elderly, destroying homes and properties of civilians and

displacement of thousands, and targeting educational and media institutions. Further reiterate our rejection of the Israeli blockade imposed on the Gaza Strip, which has resulted in a deterioration of the humanitarian situation and has become a harbinger of a humanitarian disaster that requires urgent relief;

19. **EXPRESSES**, once again, its deep concern about the deterioration of the economic and humanitarian conditions in the Gaza Strip as a result of the Israeli siege and repeated military aggression, and hold the Israeli occupation fully responsible for the situation in the Strip. We consider the crisis in the Gaza Strip a crisis of occupation that must be dealt with by ending the occupation itself, and enabling geographical and political unity in the Palestinian territories between the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Also call on the active forces in the international community to work to end this unjust Israeli siege;
20. **CALLS ON** the international community to abide by the United Nations mandate given to the UNRWA as stipulated in the resolution of its establishment, and to secure resources, contributions and financial safety net that are necessary for its budget and activities in an adequate and sustainable manner, enabling it to continue its role towards the Palestinian refugees who have been displaced from their homes, as well as their descendants until they are able to exercise their individual and collective right, in accordance with General Assembly Resolution 194 of 1948, including their right to return and compensation;
21. **RECALLS** for providing the necessary international protection for the land and people of the State of Palestine, in preparation for ending the occupation and preserving the chance for the two-state solution, pursuant to United Nations Security Council Resolutions (605) of 1987, (672) and (673) of 1990, and (904) of 1994, and in line with the Geneva Conventions and their applicability to the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, and General Assembly resolutions, including those taken in its emergency extraordinary session in July 2018.; We express our readiness to contribute and support the work of any international mission to provide protection to the Palestinian people;
22. **REITERATES** that a just, comprehensive and lasting peace in the Middle East requires the complete Israeli withdrawal from all Palestinian and Arab territories occupied since June 4, 1967, including the Syrian Golan Heights and the territories still occupied in southern Lebanon, and the embodiment of the independence and sovereignty of the State of Palestine on the June 4, 1967 borders, with East Jerusalem its capital, and the return of Palestinian refugees to their homes.



## DECLARATION ON SCALING-UP FOOD FORTIFICATION AND BIOFORTIFICATION IN AFRICA

**The Assembly,**

**Recalling** its previous decisions of the twenty-third Assembly of June 2014 under the Malabo Declaration on Accelerated Africa Agriculture Growth and Transformation for Shared Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods, in which we made a bold commitment toward supporting interventions leading to ending Hunger in Africa by 2025 realized through, among others, eliminating child undernourishment;

**Challenged** by the high prevalence of stunting and micronutrient deficiencies on the continent, with its debilitating effects on health, productivity, educational and economic outcomes;

**Concerned** with the prevailing gaps and challenges in increasing access to nutritious diets in Africa, in terms of inadequate investment in nutrition in general, and fortified and biofortified foods in particular, along the agricultural value chains;

**Appalled** by overwhelming evidence indicating that a substantial number of African children, pregnant and lactating mothers and economically vulnerable populations, do not meet the recommended daily requirement of micronutrients through consumption of macro- and micronutrient-rich diets;

**Cognizant** of the recommendations and resolutions of global conferences for combating micronutrient deficiency through investing in sustainable food systems, food fortification and biofortification, with special reference to the second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2);

**Encouraged** by the realisation that opportunities abound for women smallholder farmers and youth, who constitute the majority of food producers, to invest in food system-based approaches, including breeding, processing, distribution and marketing of biofortified foods;

**Further Encouraged** by the substantial amount of research evidence that conventional biofortified crops and fortified foods could create impact in both controlling micronutrient deficiency and increasing economic opportunities for the vulnerable and the resource poor, especially in rural and urban communities;

**Noting** the cardinal role of food fortification and biofortification in enriching and **galvanising** public-private partnerships, as it offers a wide spectrum of returns;



**Also noting** that food system-based approaches, including conventional food fortification and biofortification projects, feed firmly into the new efforts for implementing social protection through productive safety nets;

**Appreciating** that a broad range of actors are now more united and resolute with regard to scaling up programmes and projects that have succeeded on the continent and have potential to improve food and nutrition security;

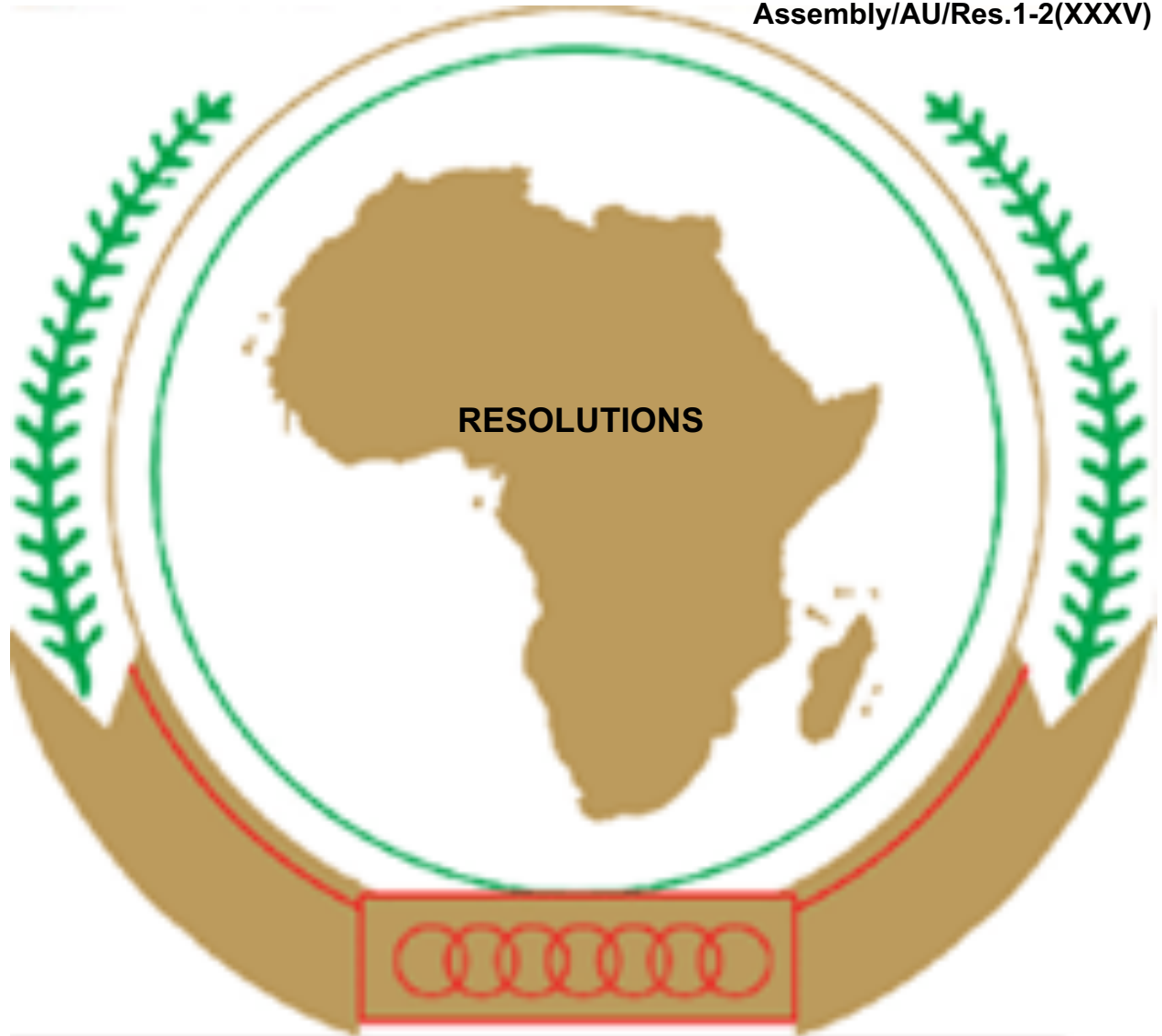
1. **DECLARES** its resolve to promote nutrition-sensitive agriculture by ensuring that agriculture investment plans aim at making diversified nutrient-rich foods sustainably available, accessible and affordable in local markets;
2. **PLEDGES** to support development and implementation of nation-wide food system-based approaches, including supportive policies and programs to promote industrial food fortification, biofortified food crops, based on innovative crop breeding technologies, or scale up the same in pursuit of the Ending Hunger in Africa by 2025 Goal and the second Sustainable Development Goal;
3. **FURTHER PLEDGES** to commit and enable the environment for scaling up nutrition-sensitive agricultural interventions, including industrial food fortification and research-based biofortification, and to this end **UNDERTAKES** to:
  - a) Support and promote innovative projects and businesses that invest in production, processing, packaging and distribution of nutrient-rich foods;
  - b) Encourage public procurement of produce from farmers producing biofortified foods with a view of incentivising them, as well as industrially fortified staple foods and condiments;
  - c) Encourage farmer input support programs to incorporate biofortified seeds and training activities in order to bear larger impact;
  - d) Promote the inclusion of biofortification and fortification, by way of knowledge management and promotion in relevant health programs, including ante-and post-natal counselling and infant and young child feeding programs; and
  - e) Strengthen systems for inter-sectoral collaboration among institutions and for co-operation with non-state actors (farmer organizations, civil society, academia, and private sector) for implementation of this agenda;

4. **ENCOURAGES** and **SUPPORTS**, within our resource limits, research into conventionally biofortified foods and industrially fortified foods in order to enhance knowledge dissemination and adaptation and to increase consumption of these foods;
5. **REQUESTS** the AUC, FAO, WFP, HarvestPlus and other partners supporting implementation of sustainable food system approaches, that include industrial food fortification and biofortification projects, to support the initiative within their areas of influence and to work together and to support a community of practice that engages with policy makers in Member States; and
6. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the AUC to follow-up and report on the status of implementation of this Declaration in the next and subsequent Conference of Ministers of Agriculture and of relevant ministries.

**Done at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, this 06<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022**



**Assembly/AU/Res.1-2(XXXV)**



## RESOLUTION ON THE IMPACT OF SANCTIONS AND UNILATERAL COERCIVE MEASURES ON AFRICAN UNION MEMBER STATES

**The Assembly,**

**Recalling** the purposes and principles of the Constitutive Act, *inter alia*, affirming the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of the African Union Member States, as well as the commitment to promote sustainable development at the economic, social and cultural levels, for an integrated and prosperous continent;

**Reaffirming** the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, which states, *inter alia*, that no State may use or encourage the use of unilateral economic, political or any other type of measures to coerce another State in order to obtain from it the subordination of the exercise of its sovereign rights;

**Stressing** that unilateral coercive measures and legislation are contrary to international law, international humanitarian law, the United Nations Charter and the norms and principles governing peaceful relations among States;

**Welcoming** the adoption by the 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the UN General Assembly of the resolution calling on States not to recognise unilateral coercive economic measures, and not to recognize or apply such measures or legislation imposed by any State across territorial boundaries, which were contrary to recognized principles of international law;

**Cognisant** of the Human Rights Council Resolution 27/21 and Corr. 1 stressing that unilateral coercive measures and legislation are contrary to international law, international humanitarian law, the Charter and the norms and principles governing peaceful relations among States and highlighting that as long-term, these measures may result in social problems and raising humanitarian concerns in the States targeted;

**Acknowledging** that the socio-economic sanctions are one of the main obstacles impeding implementation of the African Union Agenda 2063 and the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

**Expressing its grave concern** at the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the right to development, international relations, trade, investment, cooperation, and peace and stability;

**Alarmed** by the disproportionate and indiscriminate human costs of unilateral sanctions and their negative effects on the civilian population, in particular women and children, of targeted States;

**Deeply concerned at the** negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on post conflict reconstruction and peace building, as well as on African Union 2022 Theme of



the Year: “Building Resilience in Nutrition and Food Security on the African Continent: Strengthen Agriculture, Accelerate the Human Capital, Social and Economic Development”,

1. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the continued unilateral application and enforcement by certain countries of such measures as tools of pressure, including political and economic pressure, against any country, particularly against African Union Member States, with a view to preventing these countries from exercising their right to self-determination;
2. **URGES** all States to refrain from imposing unilateral coercive measures, and **URGES** concerned States to remove such measures, as they are contrary to the African Union Constitutive Act, United Nations Charter and norm and principles governing peaceful relations among States at all levels, and prevent the full realization of economic and social development of nations while also affecting the full realization of human rights;
3. **STRONGLY OBJECTS** to the extraterritorial nature of those measures which, in addition, threaten the sovereignty of States, and in this context calls upon all States neither to recognize these measures nor to apply them, and to take measures as appropriate, to counteract the extraterritorial application or effects of unilateral coercive measures;
4. **ALSO URGES** the Government of the United States of America to lift the long-standing sanctions imposed on the Government and People of Zimbabwe, to facilitate the socio-economic recovery of the country. Call upon the Government of the Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to lift all sanctions imposed on Zimbabwe that it inherited when it withdrew from the European Union on 31 January 2020 and all the additional sanctions that it adopted on its own. We acknowledge the steps taken, inter alia, political dialogue and high-level engagements between Zimbabwe and the European Union towards the removal of sanctions. We further urge that the European Union takes the requisite actions to ensure that all remaining sanctions are terminated;
5. **CALLS UPON** the United States of America to lift all unilateral coercive sanctions imposed on the Government, its Leadership and People of South Sudan, which are counterproductive, to efforts promoting post conflict reconstruction and peace building, and that due consideration be made by the United Nations to lift the Arms Embargo imposed on that country;
6. **FURTHER URGES** the European Union and the United States of America to lift the unilateral coercive sanctions imposed on the State of Eritrea;

7. **MANDATES** the Panel of the Wise, once again, to lobby the Capitals of those countries that have imposed illegal economic and other sanctions against African Union Member States, for their immediate and unconditional removal;
8. **REAFFIRMS** its solidarity with the People of Zimbabwe, South Sudan and Eritrea in exercising their sovereign right to determine their own destiny



**RESOLUTION ON THE LIFTING OF THE ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL AND  
FINANCIAL BLOCKADE IMPOSED ON THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA BY THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA**

**The Assembly,**

1. **EXPRESSES** serious concern about the continuous and illegal economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed on the Cuban government and people;
2. **REAFFIRMS** its full support to the resolution of the UNGA “Necessity to end the economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed by the United States of America against Cuba”;
3. **REGRETS** the regression in the bilateral relations between Cuba and the United States and once again, calls upon the Government of the United States of America to lift the long standing and unjustifiable economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed on the Cuban people;
4. **ALSO REGRETS** the measures implemented by the Government of the United States since November 9<sup>th</sup> 2017, which strengthen the blockade and expresses deep concern over the widening of the extraterritorial nature of the blockade, including the full implementation of Chapter III of the Helms-Burton Act (based on paragraph 293 of the G77 ministerial Declaration of 2021, which maintains the same language agreed in 2020);
5. **ACKNOWLEDGES** that the negative impact of the blockade is aggravated and even crueler in the current context, when Cuba is combatting the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic;
6. **ALSO ACKNOWLEDGES** that the blockade is the main obstacle for Cuba’s implementation of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and shares this concern due to the importance that the African Union attaches to the achievement of the objectives on the said agenda;
7. **ALSO REAFFIRMS** its solidarity with the people of Cuba.





**MOTION OF APPRECIATION TO HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT H.E. FÉLIX-ANTOINE TSHISEKEDI, PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO AND OUTGOING CHAIRPERSON OF THE AFRICAN UNION**

**The Assembly ,**

**Taking note** of the end of the mandate of his Excellency President Tshisekedi as a Chairperson of the African Union, and **Acknowledging** the commendable and extraordinary efforts he invested during his chairmanship of the African Union (AU) in the year 2021, which contributed to advancing the Union and in addressing Africa's needs, as well as positioning Africa at its rightful place in the world,

**Bearing in mind** the achievements he made during his tenure, demonstrating great dedication, vision and commitment in the defence of the principles and objectives of the Union, as well as this rooted commitment to the ideals of pan-Africanism and South-South solidarity,

**Noting** in particular his dynamic and efficient stewardship of the Union during the global COVID-19 pandemic:

- 1. EXPRESSES** its profound gratitude to His Excellency President Félix-Antoine Tshisekedi, President of the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Outgoing Chairperson of our Assembly, for his vibrant, visionary and sterling leadership of the Union during his term of office;
- 2. COMMENDS** His Excellency President Félix-Antoine Tshisekedi, for the numerous achievements the African Union was able to make during his mandate, including leading the virtually conducted (Third) Mid-Year Coordination Meeting between the AU, RECs and RMs;
- 3. REITERATES** its appreciation to His Excellency, President Félix-Antoine Tshisekedi for his significant contribution towards the Continent's political, economic and social integration and stability process.