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**DECISION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFRICAN CHARTER ON
STATISTICS AND THE STRATEGY FOR THE HARMONIZATION
OF STATISTICS IN AFRICA (SHASA)
Doc. EX.CL/806(XXIV)**

The Assembly,

1. **COMMENDS** countries which have signed and ratified the African Charter on Statistics, and **CALLS ON** those which have not done so to sign and ratify it as expeditiously as possible;
2. **RESOLVES** to allocate adequate resources for the production and use of statistics in line with the principles of the African Charter on Statistics;
3. **RECALLS** Assembly/AU/Dec.424(XIX) of July 2012 on the creation of an African Statistical Training Centre, including the strategy for alignment of training initiatives to SHaSA;
4. **APPROVES** the offer of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire to host the Training Centre that will be based in Yamoussoukro (Institut Polytechnique Felix Houphouet Boigny) and **EXPRESSES** gratitude to Cote d'Ivoire for its commitments to provide adequate facilities and equipments for its inception ;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission, ECA, AfDB and ACBF in collaboration with the Ivorian Government to take the necessary measures for the effective establishment and hosting of the Centre.



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE 7TH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE, SAFETY AND
SECURITY OF THE AFRICAN UNION
Doc. Assembly/AU/4(XXII)**

The Assembly,

1. **RECALLS** its decision [Assembly/AU/Dec.489(XXI)] on the establishment of the African Capacity for Immediate Response to Crises (ACIRC);
2. **WELCOMES** the follow-up steps taken by the Commission, notably the establishment of a Panel of Independent experts to assess the Status of the operationalization of the African Standby Force and its Rapid Deployment Capability (RDC), as well as the development of proposals for the operationalization of ACIRC;
3. **ENDORSES** the Declaration of the 7th ordinary meeting of the Specialized Technical Committee on Defence, Safety and Security (STCDSS) of the African Union (AU) held in Addis Ababa on 14 January 2014, and its preparatory meetings of Chiefs of Defence Staff and Heads of Safety and Security, as well as of Experts, from 10 to 11 and on 12 January 2014;
4. **REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Commission to submit a comprehensive report on the implementation of this Declaration at the next ordinary session in June 2014.



**DECISION ON ENHANCING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN AFRICA
Doc. Assembly/AU/8(XXII)**

The Assembly,

1. **RECALLS** the Decision of the 21st Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in May 2013 on the need to strengthen African leadership in the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification process;
2. **CONGRATULATES** the Government of the Republic of Namibia for the successful hosting of the Eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties to UNCCD in September 2013, and on her assumption of the Presidency of the Convention for the next two years;
3. **COMMENDS** the Commission and partners for the efforts in enhancing Africa's visibility in COP.11/UNCCD in Windhoek, Namibia and **ENDORSES** the Namib Declaration adopted at that Conference;
4. **RENEWS** our commitment to the Namib Declaration to enhance the implementation of the UNCCD in Africa in order to address land degradation, desertification, biodiversity loss and effects of drought, and to promote sustainable development on the Continent;
5. **ENDORSES** the establishment of an African Working Group on Desertification and Sustainable Land Management, to be convened by the Commission;
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission to review the African Coordination Mechanism in place in order to strengthen it and to improve Africa's engagement in the UNCCD processes;
7. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to support RECs and Members States in collaboration with Partners to review the Regional Action Programme to combat desertification in Africa and to align it to the UNCCD Ten Year Strategy.
8. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to rationalize and strengthen its specialized units, in particular the Semi-Arid Food Grains Research and Development (SAFGRAD) and the Climate Change and Desertification Unit (CCDU), for an effective and vigorous provision of the necessary platform for guidance, experience sharing and coordination among the existing African Centres of Excellence on Desertification.

**DECISION ON THE PROGRESS REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS ON
THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT
Doc. Assembly/AU/13(XXII)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Progress Report of the Commission on the implementation of the Assembly Decisions on the International Criminal Court (ICC) and **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained therein;
2. **REITERATES** the unflinching commitment of the African Union and its Member States to combating impunity and promoting democracy, the rule of law and good governance throughout the entire continent, in conformity with the Constitutive Act of the African Union;
3. **COMMENDS** Member States which are parties to the Rome Statute of ICC for the unity of action demonstrated at the last Assembly of States Parties in the Hague in November 2013;
4. **THANKS** the Member State of the United Nations Security Council that supported the request of Kenya and the African Union to defer the proceedings initiated by the ICC against the President and Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya in accordance with Article 16 of the Rome Statute of ICC;
5. **ALSO THANKS** members of the Contact Group and the African Group in New York for their action in support of the African request;
6. **EXPRESSES** its deep disappointment that the request by Kenya supported by AU, to the United Nations (UN) Security Council to defer the proceedings initiated against the President and Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya in accordance with Article 16 of the Rome Statute of ICC on deferral of cases by the UN Security Council, has not yielded the positive result expected;
7. **ALSO EXPRESSES** its deep disappointment that the request by the African Union to the UN Security Council to defer the proceedings initiated against the President of the Republic of The Sudan in accordance with Article 16 of the Rome Statute of ICC on deferral of cases by the UN Security Council, has not been acted upon to date;
8. **STRESSES** the need for the UN Security Council to reserve a timely and appropriate response to requests made by the AU on deferral in accordance with Article 16 of the Rome Statute under Chapter VII of the UN Charter so as to avoid the sense of lack of consideration of a whole continent;
9. **DECIDES** that the African Union and its Member States, in particular the African States Parties to the Rome Statute, reserve the right to take any further decisions or measures that may be necessary in order to preserve and

safeguard peace, security and stability, as well as the dignity, sovereignty and integrity of the continent;

10. **TAKES NOTE** of the outcome of the 12th Session of the Assembly of States Parties (ASP) of the Rome Statute to the ICC and **WELCOMES** the inclusion on its agenda of a Special Segment on “ Indictment of Sitting Heads of State and Government and its Consequences on Peace and Stability and Reconciliation” and the amendments to Rule 134 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the ICC;
11. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the Decision of the 12th ASP inviting its Working Group on amendments to continue its consideration of amendments to the Rome Statute submitted prior to the Review Conference and those submitted following the decision by the Extraordinary Summit of the African Union held on 12 October 2013 and **CALLS UPON** all African States Parties to support the proposed amendment to Articles 16 and 27 of the Rome Statute ;
12. **DECIDES that:**
 - (i) African States Parties should comply with African Union Decisions on ICC and continue to speak with one voice to ensure that the African proposals for amendments to Articles 16 and 27 of the Rome Statute of the ICC are considered by the ASP working Group on amendments as well as by the forthcoming sessions of the Assembly of States Parties (ASP) to the Rome Statute;
 - (ii) There is an imperative need for all Member States to ensure that they adhere and articulate commonly agreed positions in line with their obligations under the Constitutive Act of the African Union;
 - (iii) The Group of African States Parties in New York and the African Members of the Bureau of ASP should follow-up on the implementation of various Decisions of the Assembly on ICC, in collaboration with the Commission and ensure that the African proposals and concerns are properly considered/addressed by the ASP and report to the Assembly through the Commission on actions taken regularly;
13. **RECALLS** its decision aimed at extending the jurisdiction of the African Court of Justice and Human Rights to hear international crimes in the Continent and **REQUESTS** the Commission in collaboration with all stakeholders to speed up the process with a view to reporting thereon to the Assembly in June 2014;
14. **REQUESTS** the Commission to present a report on new developments in the issue, which is important to Africa, at its 24th Ordinary Session in January 2015.

**DECISION ON PROGRESS ON MATERNAL NEW BORN AND
CHILD HEALTH (MNCH).
Doc. Assembly/AU/15(XXII)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the 2013 Annual Report on the Status of Maternal, New Born and Child Health (MNCH) in Africa and the Report of the International Conference on Maternal, Newborn and Child Health in Africa held in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 1 to 3 August 2013, together with the recommendations and Action Plan contained therein;
2. **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained in the 2013 Annual Report on the Status of Maternal, Newborn and Child Health in Africa and the Action Plan Towards Ending Preventable Maternal, Newborn and Child Mortality;
3. **COMMITTS** to the effective implementation of the recommendations and Action Plan at National level;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission in collaboration with UN system and other Development Partners to facilitate the implementation of the recommendations and the Action Plan;
5. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to include the report on the implementation of the Action Plan in its Annual Report on the Status of Maternal Newborn and Child Health in Africa
6. **ENDORSES** the recommendation of the Chairperson of the Commission on the establishment of an annual award to recognize significant contributions or action of individuals, organisations and governments in Africa towards ending preventable maternal, newborn and child mortality as well as enhancing their survival and well-being;
7. **DECIDES** that the annual award be named “Mama Afrika Award” in honour of Miriam Makeba and **REQUESTS** the Commission to coordinate the process of investiture.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE PRC SUB-COMMITTEE
ON MULTILATERAL COOPERATION WITH RESPECT TO
AFRICA'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS**

The Assembly;

ON TICAD V SUMMIT

1. **EXPRESSES** profound gratitude and appreciation to the People and Government of Japan for successfully hosting the TICAD V Summit, held in Yokohama, Japan, from 1 to 3 June 2013;
2. **ENDORSES** the Yokohama Declaration and the TICAD V Action Plan adopted by the TICAD V Summit and **REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with the Co-organizers and other stakeholders, to ensure full implementation of the Acton Plan;
3. **WELCOMES** the offer made by the Republic of Cameroon to host the TICAD Ministerial Meeting in May 2014 and **REQUESTS** the Commission in collaboration with the PRC and the Host Country to make all the necessary preparations for the successful convening of the meeting
4. **ALSO WELCOMES** the adoption of the principle of Rotation in hosting the TICAD V follow up mechanisms, including the Summit, and **REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Commission to undertake consultations with Member States of the African Union with a view to identifying the host for TICAD VI Summit to be held in Africa in 2018;

ON THE 3RD AFRICA-ARAB SUMMIT

5. **EXPRESSES PROFOUND GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION** to His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Amir of the State of Kuwait and the People and Government of the State of Kuwait for the warm reception and hospitality accorded to the respective delegations to the 3rd Africa-Arab Summit, held in Kuwait City, Kuwait, from 19 to 20 November 2013;
6. **ALSO EXPRESSES PROFOUND GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION** to His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Amir of the State of Kuwait for his generous initiative, announced during the Summit, to grant concessionary loans to African countries to the tune of one (1) Billion US Dollars, in the coming five years, through the Kuwaiti Fund for Arab Economic Development and also to finance investment and its insurance in Africa, with emphasis on infrastructure, to the tune of one (1) Billion US Dollars, through cooperation and coordination with the World Bank and other International Institutions;
7. **WELCOMES** the establishment of an Annual Prize of one (1) Million US Dollar, to be allocated by the State of Kuwait, in memory of the late Dr. Abdurahman Al-Sumet, for development research in Africa, under the auspices of the Kuwait Scientific Development Institutions;

8. **ENDORSES** the Kuwait Declaration and the Eight Resolutions adopted by the 3rd Africa-Arab Summit and **REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with the PRC, the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States, the State of Kuwait and other stakeholders, to take practical steps to translate the outcomes of the Summit into concrete actions;
9. **WELCOMES AND ENDORSES** the offer made by the Republic of Equatorial Guinea to host the 4th Africa-Arab Summit in 2016 and **REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Commission to undertake consultations with Equatorial Guinea with a view to identifying the exact dates of the 4th Africa-Arab Summit;



**DECISION ON THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE 2050 AFRICA'S INTEGRATED MARITIME STRATEGY
(2050 AIM STRATEGY)**

Doc. Assembly/AU/16(XXII) Add.1

The Assembly,

1. **REITERATES** the geostrategic importance of seas and oceans in the socio-economic development of Africa;
2. **RECALLS** the Declaration of the Fiftieth (50th) Anniversary of the OAU/AU in which the Heads of State and Government expressed their commitment to preserve, protect and use oceanic spaces and resources to the benefit the African continent and its populations with a view to achieving sustainable food security;
3. **ALSO RECALLS** the decision Assembly/AU/Dec.252 (XIII) adopted by the Thirteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union held in July 2009 in Sirte (Libya) and in which the Assembly expressed serious concern at the growing insecurity in the African maritime space, and welcomed the initiatives taken by the Commission to develop a comprehensive and coherent strategy to handle the challenges and opportunities related to the maritime area of Africa;
4. **FURTHER RECALLS** the decision of the Fifteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly held in July 2010 in Kampala (Uganda) [Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.294 (XV)] by which the Assembly reaffirmed its support for efforts to this effect by the Commission, including the development of an Integrated Maritime Management Strategy for the continent;
5. **FINALLY RECALLS** the Communiqué of the 387th Session of the Ministerial meeting of the AU Peace and Security Council which held on 29th July 2013 in Addis Ababa, by which the Council endorsed the Solemn Declaration on Maritime Safety and Security proclaimed at the Yaounde (Cameroon) Summit of 24 to 25 June 2013 by Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) and the Gulf of Guinea Commission (GGC) and dubbed the Blue/Ocean Economy, in the 2050 AIM Strategy and conceived therein as the "new frontier of African Renaissance";
6. **ENDORSES** the Addis Ababa Declaration adopted on 6 December 2012 at the Second Conference of African Ministers in charge of Maritime-related Affairs, in which the Ministers adopted the 2050 AIM Strategy and its Plan of Action
7. **RECOGNIZES** that Africa's oceans and seas are essential to the sustainable development of the Continent and that they occupy a critical position within the Post-2015 Development Agenda and the formulation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) ;

8. **ALSO DECIDES** to adopt the 2050 AIM Strategic Plan of Action;
9. **FURTHER DECIDES** to retain the 2015-2025 decade as the "Decade of African Seas and Oceans", and the date of 25 July as the African Day of Seas and Oceans;
10. **UNDERSCORES** that the 2050 AIM Strategy requires, at Member State level, inter-agency collaboration to address the challenges and opportunities in the African maritime domain and enhance transborder and sub-regional cooperation;
11. **ALSO STRESSES** the need to build strategic partnerships that support initiatives inherent in the implementation of the 2050 AIM Strategy;
12. **REQUESTS** the Commission to facilitate the establishment of the Strategic Special Task Force to prepare the technical details in view of the early implementation of the strategy AIM 2050 Combined Maritime Exclusive Zone in conformity with International Maritime Conventions and Laws;
13. **UNDERSCORES** the importance of reinforcing the capacity of Member States to manage their Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ) as an important building block towards implementing the Combined Maritime Exclusive Zone;
14. **CALLS ON** Member States that have not yet done so to become parties to all relevant international instruments including the Revised Charter on Maritime Transport;
15. **INVITES** Regional Economic Communities and regional mechanisms to develop and adopt a regional strategy against piracy, armed robbery and other illegal activities committed at sea, consistent with the 2050 AIM Strategy;
16. **REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Union and the Chairperson of the Commission to undertake consultations with Regional Economic Communities/Mechanisms to spur adherence and garner the widest possible support for the implementation of the 2050 AIM Strategy;
17. **URGES** the Secretary General of the United Nations, the Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization, the International Seabed Authority and the Chairperson of the AU Commission to support efforts to mobilize the necessary resources for the implementation of this Decision;
18. **REQUESTS** the Commission, within the framework of implementation, to carry out an evaluation of the structural and financial implications of the Strategy and report thereon to the next session of the Assembly in June 2014.

DECISION
ON THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE PAN-AFRICAN E-NETWORK
Assembly/AU/16(XXII)Add.2

The Assembly,

1. **NOTES AND WELCOMES** the proposal submitted by the Republic of Senegal on the extension of the Pan-African E-Network Project under the Africa-India partnership;
2. **RECALLS** the Cooperation Framework adopted by the First Summit of the India-Africa Forum held on 8 and 9 April 2008 in New Delhi, in which Africa and India, recognized that information technologies are among the new factors of economic growth and as such, are increasingly considered as essential elements in the development of socio-economic activities in Africa and India;
3. **TAKES INTO ACCOUNT** the framework for enhanced Africa-India cooperation, adopted by the Second Summit of the India-Africa Forum, held on 25 May 2011, in which both Parties undertook to draw lessons from the implementation and effectiveness of the Pan-African online Network Project to bridge the digital divide and exploit the socio-economic benefits of ICT for their common objectives;
4. **RECOGNIZES** the important contribution of the Pan-African online Network Project in the attainment of the development goals of African countries;
5. **WELCOMES** the outstanding achievements in the implementation of this project during these five (05) years, which has enabled more than 10,000 students to receive higher and Post Graduate studies and more than 5,000 Doctors from Africa to receive Continuous Medical Training(CMT) for the improvement of their skills in the highly specialized disciplines;
6. **THANKS** the Indian Government for the establishment of this project with 48 countries connected to the network;
7. **REQUESTS** the Commission to deploy all efforts to ensure the continuity of operation of the network (PAeN) after the end of the assistance of India in collaboration with the host country of the Hub Station network (Senegal), India and the countries participating to the network;
8. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to prepare and submit to Member States at the January 2015 Assembly Session an action plan for the sustainability of the services of the network. The resources required in this regard should be made available to the Commission which, among other things, could discuss with the Indian Government the provision of possible assistance to attain this objective. Member States should secure necessary resources for the Commission to achieve this objective.

DECISION ON THE ORGANIZATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENTS OF THE AFRICAN UNION TO ASSESS THE PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2004 OUAGADOUGOU DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION ON EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
Doc. Assembly/AU/16(XXII)Add. 3

The Assembly,

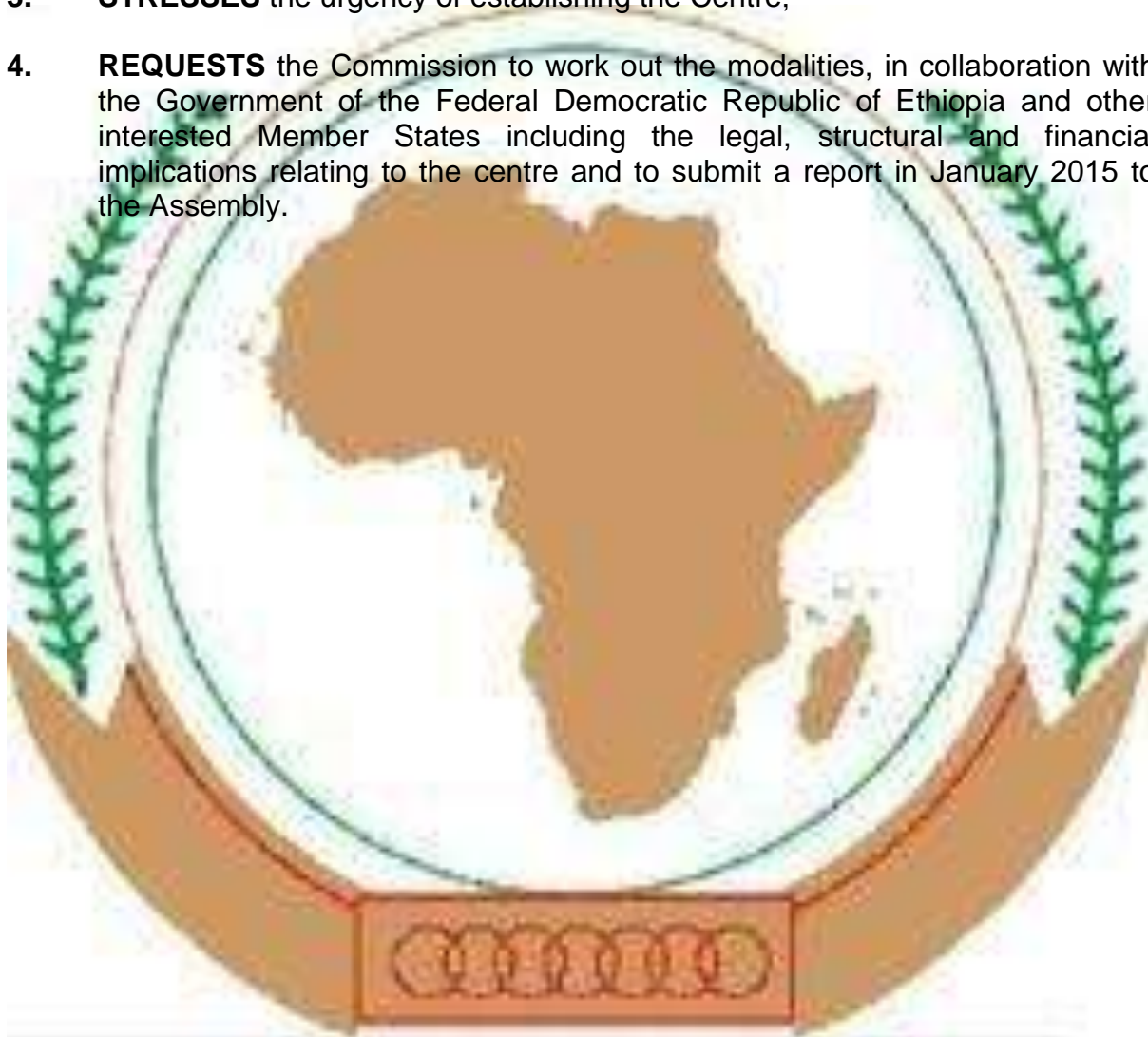
1. **NOTES AND WELCOMES** the proposal presented by Burkina Faso on the organization of an Extraordinary Summit of Heads of State and Governments to assess the progress in the implementation of the 2004 Ouagadougou Declaration and Plan of Action, ten (10) years after its adoption;
2. **RECALLS** the commitments made by the Heads of State and Governments at the Extraordinary Summit on Employment and Poverty Alleviation in Africa held on 8 and 9 September 2004 in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso);
3. **REAFFIRMS** the importance of the Action Plan adopted at this Extraordinary Summit which should serve as an instrument of implementation of various commitments made by the Heads of State and Governments in the 2004 Ouagadougou Declaration;
4. **RECOGNIZES** that such an assessment, after ten (10) years of implementation of the Declaration and Plan of Action, is needed to reverse the current trend of poverty, unemployment and underemployment;
5. **ENDORSES** the organization of an Extraordinary Summit of Heads of State and Governments on the assessment of progress made in the implementation of the 2004 Ouagadougou Declaration and Plan of Action;
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission, Regional Economic Communities and technical and financial partners, including the International Labour Office (ILO), to support Burkina Faso in organizing this summit;
7. **INVITES** Member States to actively participate in the Extraordinary Summit of Heads of State and Governments on the assessment of progress in the implementation of the 2004 Ouagadougou Declaration and Plan of Action to be organized by the African Union in September 2014;
8. **REQUESTS** the Commission to conduct consultations with the Government of Burkina Faso and the Chairperson of the African Union to determine the exact dates of the Summit and to inform Member States. The Extraordinary Session will be held in conformity with Article 5.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

**DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AFRICAN CENTRE FOR
DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (ACDCP)**

Doc. Assembly/AU/16(XXII)Add.4

The Assembly,

1. **RECALLS** the Abuja Declaration of 16 July 2013;
2. **TAKES NOTE** of the proposal of Ethiopia to host the Centre in Addis Ababa;
3. **STRESSES** the urgency of establishing the Centre;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to work out the modalities, in collaboration with the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and other interested Member States including the legal, structural and financial implications relating to the centre and to submit a report in January 2015 to the Assembly.



**DECISION ON THE ADOPTION OF THE ENCYCLOPAEDIA
AFRICANA PROJECT (EAP)
Assembly/AU/16(XXII)Add.5**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the proposal by the Republic of Ghana for the adoption of the Encyclopaedia Africana Project (EAP) by the African Union;
2. **COMMENDS** the Republic of Ghana for its commitment towards the sustenance of the Encyclopaedia Africana Project (EAP) in spite of the numerous challenges;
3. **REQUESTS** the Republic of Ghana (Secretariat for the Encyclopaedia Africana Project) to avail itself to work with the African Union Commission and to facilitate consultations with the aim of reviving awareness of all Member States concerning the on-going Project;
4. **CALLS UPON** the Commission in consultation with the secretariat of the Encyclopaedia Africana to submit at the next Summit proposals for sustainable financing of the project, including strategies for making it financially self-reliant;
5. **REQUESTS** the Secretariat of the Encyclopaedia Africana Project to ensure that its publications are made available in all AU working languages;
6. **FINALLY REQUESTS** the African Union Commission to facilitate the formation of National Cooperating Committees in each Member State to be financed by each Member State to enlist the assistance of scholars in various Universities and Research Centres to contribute to the Encyclopaedia.



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL ON ITS
ACTIVITIES AND THE STATE OF
PEACE AND SECURITY IN AFRICA
Doc. Assembly/AU/4(XXII)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Peace and Security Council on its Activities and the State of Peace and Security in Africa;
2. **UNDERScores** the need for renewed effort to tackle the challenges to peace and security that have continued to confront Africa. To this end, the Assembly **RECALLS** the crucial need for expeditious and comprehensive operationalization of all the components of the African Peace and Security Architecture, as well as the need for more effective action, both operational and structural, in the realm of conflict prevention;
3. **EXPRESSES SATISFACTION** at the continued progress in the consolidation of peace and reconciliation in The Comoros, in Liberia and in Côte d'Ivoire;
4. **WELCOMES** the conclusion of the process of transition and restoration of constitutional order in Madagascar sequel to the two rounds of presidential elections conducted on 25 October and 20 December 2013, respectively, the legislative elections coupled with the presidential election run-off and Madagascar's resumption of participation in AU activities. The Assembly **COMMENDS** the Malagasy players for the results obtained and **INVITES** them to persevere in their effort at promoting reconciliation, and at deepening democracy and socio-economic recovery. The Assembly **COMMENDS** the Southern African Development Community (SADC), the African Union and the Indian Ocean Commission for their support to the crisis exit process;
5. **ALSO WELCOMES** the conduct of legislative elections in Guinea on 26 September 2013, thus marking the end of the electoral process initiated as part of the country's transition, and **URGES** all the concerned players to work together to consolidate the substantial gains so far achieved. The Assembly **FURTHER WELCOMES** the positive developments in the situation in Tunisia and the commitment of the various Tunisian stakeholders to foster consensus and dialogue with a view to bringing the on-going transition to a successful conclusion. The Assembly **URGES** Guinea Bissau stakeholders to spare no effort to abide by the calendar established for the conduct of elections in March 2014, which is expected to mark the restoration of constitutional order in the country, **REITERATES** its support for the action taken by the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), **COMMENDS** the latter for the on-going process, and **RENEWES** its appeal to the United Nations, the AU, ECOWAS, the EU and the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries (CPLP) to continue to coordinate their efforts to support the transition process in Guinea Bissau;
6. **TAKES NOTE** of the effort exerted by the Libyan transition authorities to address the multi-faceted challenges facing their country, **REAFFIRMS** its

support for the Libyan Government and **STRESSES** the need for increased African and international mobilization in support of Libya. The Assembly **TAKES NOTE** of the events in Egypt, **RECALLS** the relevant decisions of the PSC on the situation, and **EXPRESSES** its solidarity with the Egyptian people and the wish for speedy success of the efforts invested to re-establish constitutional order in the country. The Assembly **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the acts of terrorism perpetrated in the country;

7. **WELCOMES** the positive developments in Mali, particularly the conduct of two rounds of presidential election on 28 July and 11 August 2013, respectively, **EXPRESSES** its unalloyed support for the efforts invested by the authorities of Mali to fully re-establish State authority and foster reconciliation, **ENCOURAGES** them to move on resolutely towards the opening of inclusive talks within the framework of the Ouagadougou Agreement of 18 June 2013, and **URGES** the international community to continue to support the peace consolidation process in Mali. The Assembly **UNDERSCORES** the need for sustained collective action to tackle the multiform challenges confronting the Sahelo-Saharan region, **NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the regional and international initiatives undertaken in this regard and **ENCOURAGES** the Commission, particularly through the African Union Mission in Mali and the Sahel (MISAHEL) and the on-going strategy by MISAHEL to pool these initiatives and move forward the actions set in motion in this regard. The Assembly **WELCOMES** the continued efforts at implementing and deepening the Nouakchott Process on the enhancement of security cooperation and the operationalization of the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA) in the Sahelo-Saharan region;
8. **EXPRESSES SATISFACTION** at the positive developments in the situation in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) following the end of the M23 rebellion and the signing in Nairobi on 12 December 2013, of Declarations by the DRC Government and the M23, endorsed by a joint communiqué signed by the incumbent chairs of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) and SADC. The Assembly **WELCOMES** the advances made in the implementation of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for DRC and the region signed in Addis Ababa on 24 February 2013 and **URGES** the signatory States to respect their commitments under the terms of the Agreement;
9. **UNDERSCORES** that despite the agreement between the Government of the DRC and M23, the continued presence of armed groups however remains a serious threat to peace and lasting stability in the Great Lakes Region – of great concern is the group associated with the 1994 genocide against Tutsis in Rwanda, the FDLR. The Assembly **NOTES** that, despite multiple decisions by successive International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) and multiple United Nations Security Council Resolutions, the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda (FDLR) remains active and, consequently, **STRESSES** the need for urgent action to eliminate FDLR, as well as other armed groups in the DRC, in order to bring lasting stability to the Great Lakes Region.

10. **NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the continued progress in the relations between The Sudan and South Sudan, and this, within the framework of the Cooperation Agreements signed between the two countries in Addis Ababa, in September 2012, **REITERATES** its support for the High-Level Implementation Panel and **ENCOURAGES** the latter to pursue the implementation of all aspects of its mandate as defined by the PSC, including at its summit level meeting held in New York on 23 September 2013;
11. **WELCOMES** the progress that has continued to be recorded in Somalia, and **NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the measures taken pursuant to the 10 October 2013 PSC communiqué on the AU/United Nations Joint Strategic Review of the AU Mission in Somalia (AMISOM), the benchmarking exercise and on resolution 2124 (2013) of 10 November 2013, to strengthen AMISOM, mobilize additional support for the Somali national security forces towards successful conclusion of restoration of Somali State authority in areas still under the control of Al-Shabaab and create the conditions for the conduct of the elections scheduled for 2016. The Assembly **URGES** Somali players to persevere in the path of reconciliation and continue to promote an inclusive process;
12. **ONCE AGAIN UNDERSCORES** the need for more sustained effort to overcome the difficulties facing the peace process between Eritrea and Ethiopia, and to normalize the relations between Djibouti and Eritrea. The Assembly **REQUESTS** the Commission to continue to work towards effective implementation of its previous decisions on the two aforementioned situations, including promotion of a global and holistic approach to the challenges to peace and security in the Horn of Africa;
13. **RECALLS** Decision EX.CL/Dec.773(XXIII) on the Situation in Western Sahara adopted by the 23rd Ordinary Session of the Executive Council held in Addis Ababa from 19 to 23 May 2013, and **TAKES NOTE** that the report which the Commission was to present to the current Executive Council session in accordance with that Decision, will be finally submitted in July 2014. In the meantime, the Assembly **REQUESTS** the Commission to pursue the efforts set in motion to follow up on Decision EX.CL/Dec.773(XXIII);
14. **NOTES WITH CONCERN** the eruption on 15 December 2013 of violent conflict in South Sudan and the grave consequences inherent in this situation for both the country itself and the region at large. The Assembly **URGES** the concerned players to scrupulously and urgently implement and respect the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement they concluded on 23 January 2014 under the auspices of the Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD). The Assembly **CALLS UPON** the parties to engage, on the basis of the progress already accomplished, in inclusive dialogue to find a lasting solution to the root causes of the crisis. The Assembly **EXPRESSES** its unalloyed support for the mediation conducted by IGAD, **URGES** members of the international community to continue to back these efforts, **APPEALS** for mobilization of increased humanitarian assistance to the effected populations, and **EXPRESSES** its support for the role played by the United Nations Mission to

South Sudan (UNMISS) and **WELCOMES** the ceasefire agreement in South Sudan and the partial release of detainees;

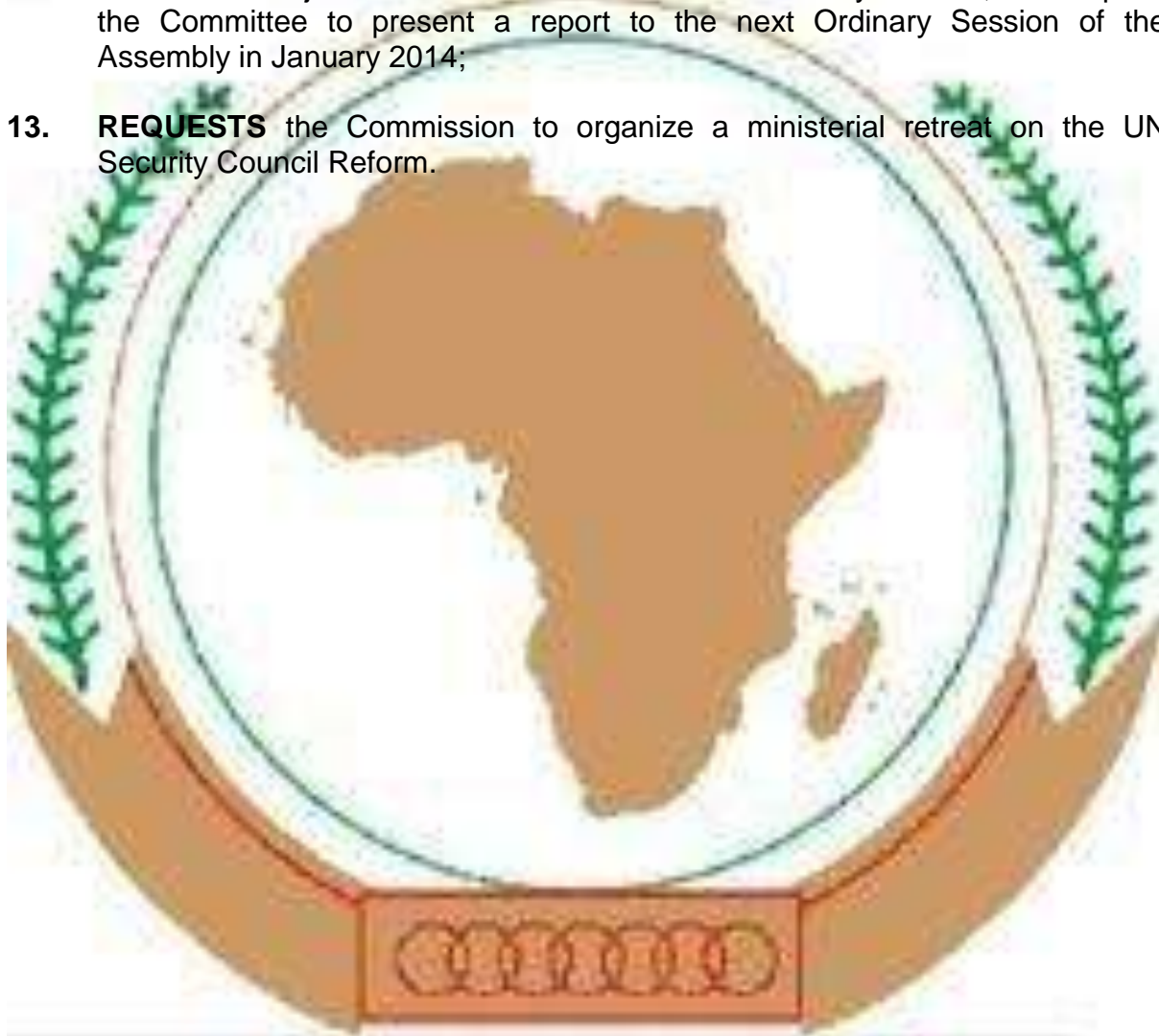
15. **EXPRESSES** its deep concern at the situation in the Central African Republic and **REAFFIRMS** Africa's determination to spare no effort to re-establish security in that country and facilitate successful conclusion of the transition. The Assembly **COMMENDS** the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) for its decisive action in support of CAR, **WELCOMES** the deployment of the African-led International Support Mission to the Central African Republic (AFISM-CAR) and the efforts it is deploying on the ground with the support of *Opération Sangaris*, and **REQUESTS** the mobilization of all the resources required by the Mission for effective implementation of its mandate. To this end, the Assembly **EXPRESSES** gratitude to the concerned partners for the support already accorded to (AFISM-CAR) and **UNDERSCORES** imperative need for close coordination to ensure that their contributions help in strengthening (AFISM-CAR) and in the effective implementation of its mandate. The Assembly **URGES** Central African Republic players to demonstrate commitment and sense of responsibility so as to facilitate the successful conclusion of the on-going transition;
16. **WELCOMES** the advances made in the implementation of the Regional Cooperation Initiative for the Elimination of the Lord's Resistance Army (RCI-LRA), and **ENCOURAGES** the Member States of this Initiative to accord AU all the cooperation required to ensure the success of the efforts invested;
17. **DECIDES** to declare "2014-2024 AS THE MADIBA NELSON MANDELA DECADE OF RECONCILIATION IN AFRICA" and in this regard, **CALLS ON** the Commission to take appropriate measures to promote reconciliation as a means of securing peace, stability and development in Africa; as well as to also take appropriate steps in collaboration with Member States to promote the lessons learnt from his indelible legacy in the areas of truth, reconciliation and peace building.

**DECISION ON THE THIRTEENTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF TEN ON UN
SECURITY COUNCIL REFORM
Doc. Assembly/AU/7(XXII)**

The Assembly,

1. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.485 (XXI) **and TAKES NOTE** of the Thirteenth Report of His Excellency Dr. Ernest Bai Koroma, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone and Coordinator of the Committee of Ten Heads of State and Government on the reform of the United Nations (UN) Security Council;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the recent developments in the intergovernmental negotiations on the Security Council reform;
3. **REAFFIRMS** its strong commitment to the **Ezulwini Consensus** and **Sirte Declaration** containing the African common position on the reform of the UN Security Council; and **COMMENDS** the Committee of Ten Heads of State and Government for implementing the aspect of holding high-level meetings;
4. **UNDERSCORES** the overriding need to ensure that the interest of Africa continues to be maintained and safeguarded at all times in the ongoing intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council reform;
5. **WELCOMES** the efforts of the African Permanent Representatives to the UN in promoting, canvassing and defending the continent's interest in the UN Security Council Reform process;
6. **REITERATES** its request that the African Permanent Representatives of the Committee of Ten to the UN in participating in the ongoing intergovernmental negotiations on the UN Security Council reform, continue to liaise with other African Permanent Representatives to the United Nations;
7. **ENCOURAGES** the African Permanent Representatives of the Committee of Ten to the UN to continue intensifying efforts towards building alliances in support of the African Common position with diverse interest groups engaged in the intergovernmental negotiations and to seek any further guidance if necessary, in furtherance of its mandate;
8. **REQUESTS** the Committee of Ten to continue with its high-level meetings outside the margins of the AU Summit to discuss issues relating to the reform of the Security Council with a view to further building on the gains made so far;
9. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Committee of Ten in continuing to intensify efforts in advocating, canvassing and in promoting the African common position, to endeavour to reach out at the highest political levels for the purpose of garnering and galvanizing the necessary political will in support of the African Common position;

10. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to continue providing all necessary support as well as facilitating the activities of the African Permanent Representatives of the Committee of Ten to the UN in the intergovernmental negotiations on UN Security Council reform and related consultations thereon;
11. **REITERATES ITS CALL** for Africa to continue to speak with one voice and cohesively on all issues relating to the UN Security Council reform and related matters;
12. **DECIDES** that the Committee of Ten remains seized of this matter until Africa achieves its objectives on the reform of the UN Security Council, and request the Committee to present a report to the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly in January 2014;
13. **REQUESTS** the Commission to organize a ministerial retreat on the UN Security Council Reform.



**DECISION ON THE COMMON AFRICAN POSITION ON THE
POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA
Doc. Assembly/AU/9(XXII)**

The Assembly,

1. **RECALLS** the decision of the May 2013 Assembly that requested establishment of a High Level Committee (HLC) of Heads of State and Government to sensitize and coordinate the activities of African Leaders and members of the High Level Panel, and build regional and inter-continental alliances on the Common African Position on the post 2015 Development Agenda;
2. **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the Chair of the HLC Her Excellency Mrs. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, the President of the Republic of Liberia;
3. **COMMENDS** members of the HLC for their commitment and leadership toward the finalization of the Common African Position on the Post 2015 Development Agenda;
4. **COMMENDS ALSO** the coordinating role of the African Union Commission, and the technical support of the African Development Bank (AfDB), the Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Regional Bureau for Africa, and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA);
5. **ADOPTS** the Common African Position Document on the Post 2015 Development Agenda which are based on the aspirations expressed by a wide spectrum of the African stakeholders during a series of consultations including the Africa regional consultations meeting on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
6. **REQUESTS** the HLC to meet before the end of February 2014 in Ndjamena, Chad, to streamline the Document, including the pillar on Peace and Security, and formulate a strategy for advocacy, negotiation and forging alliances;
7. **STRESSES** that the Common African Position Document on the Post 2015 Development Agenda is in line with 2063 Africa Vision and should include specific goals to be attained within this framework making use of the technical work already initiated by the Commission, in collaboration with strategic partners;
8. **REQUESTS ALSO** Member States to speak with one voice during the discussions at the UN General Assembly aimed at defining the Post-2015 Development Agenda;
9. **CALLS UPON** the HLC, supported by the Commission in collaboration with Member States, to ensure that the priority areas identified in the Common African Position are integrated into the ongoing post-2015 sustainable

development intergovernmental deliberations, including the work of the Open Working Group on SDGs, the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development, Financing and the final Global Post-2015 Development Agenda;

10. **REQUESTS** the Commission to mobilize funds under the budget year 2014 to finance the implementation of the activities regarding the Post 2015 Development Agenda.



DECISION ON AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT GOALS
Doc. Assembly/AU/9(XXII)

The Assembly,

1. **RECALLS** its Solemn Declaration on the 50th Anniversary of the OAU/AU and in particular its pledge to articulate the ideals and goals of the continent on a fifty year AU agenda;
2. **REITERATES** its commitment to African Transformation and the importance of existing continental frameworks encompassing the political, economic and social aspirations of the continent;
3. **RECOGNISES** the need for tracking and monitoring of progress on continental frameworks especially within the ambit of agenda 2063;
4. **REALISES** that the Post 2015 Development Agenda will be a global framework that is not Africa specific;
5. **ENDORSES** the articulation of the African Development Goals consistent with the existing continental frameworks and to serve as milestones for tracking and monitoring progress towards Agenda 2063;
6. **MANDATES** the Commission, ECA and AfDB to work on the articulation of the African Development Goals in the context of Agenda 20163 and consistent with its stated objectives.



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE HIGH LEVEL AFRICAN TRADE COMMITTEE
ON TRADE ISSUES
Doc. Assembly/AU/10(XXII)**

The Assembly,

1. **RECALLS** the Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.394 (XVIII) on boosting Intra-African Trade/Continental Free Trade Area taken on 30 January 2012 at its Eighteenth Session;
2. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the High Level African Trade Committee held on 29 January 2014 and endorses its recommendations;
3. **REITERATES** that boosting intra-African trade, industrial development and economic integration are the most viable means for African countries to achieve structural transformation, sustainable development that yields jobs for all citizens, particularly women and youth, hence the need to prioritise the implementation of the Boosting Intra-Africa Trade and the Continental Free Trade Area (BIAT/CFTA) decisions at the national, regional and continental levels;
4. **URGES** Member States and Regional Economic Communities to consider carefully the impact of the negotiations of bilateral and multilateral trade agreements on the African integration agenda, as potential trade deals pursued individually by countries and RECs, if not harmonised properly, will fatally compromise the African trade integration process and undermine the vision and scope of the Abuja Treaty;
5. **ALSO URGES** Member States to ensure that the negotiations of multilateral and bilateral agreements do not further constrain the policy space and flexibilities that they need for effective intra African trade, industrialization, regional integration, value addition and employment creation;
6. **MANDATES** the Ministers of Trade to hold an extraordinary session to consider and adopt a work plan, negotiating modalities and principles towards the effective launch of the CFTA negotiations in 2015 as well as to consider reports on Africa's response and implications of the Bali Agreement and Africa's assessment studies on AGOA, to be presented through the High Level Committee on Trade, to the next Summit meeting in June 2014;
7. **CALLS FOR** the inclusion of Economic Partnership Agreements on the Agenda of the Joint Africa-EU Summit in April 2014 to provide for High-Level Dialogue to break the current impasse on EPAs. In addition, **DIRECTS** the PRC to meet and discuss EPAs before the EU-Africa Summit and submit the related report to Ministers.

8. **CALLS UPON** Member States to speak with a single voice in order to be heard in the global arena on common AU trade positions. In this regard, Member States should allocate the necessary financial resources to the AUC for the implementation of the above decisions.



DECISION ON THE BIENNIAL JOINT AU/WHO CONFERENCE OF THE AFRICAN UNION MINISTERS OF HEALTH

The Assembly

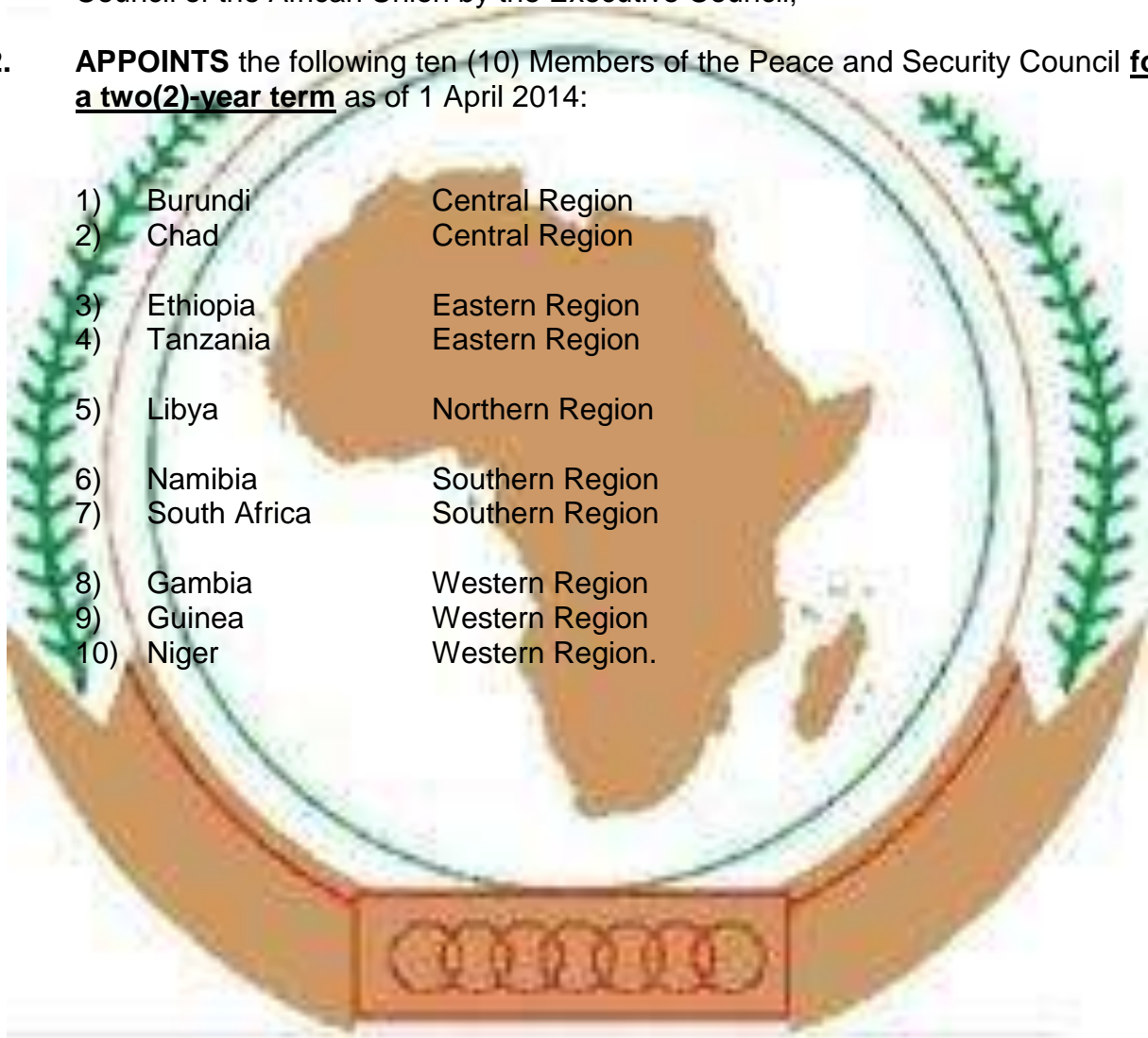
1. **TAKES NOTE** of the recommendations of the Executive Council on the report of the 6th session of the conference of the African Union Ministers of Health;
2. **ENDORSES** the holding of biennial Joint AU/WHO Conference of African Ministers of Health;
3. **CALLS UPON** Member States, RECs, Regional Health Organizations and other stakeholders to utilize the biennial meetings strengthen coordination and create synergies;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to work out modalities of holding the biennial conference of African Union Ministers of Health.



**DECISION ON THE ELECTION OF TEN MEMBERS OF THE
PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE AFRICAN UNION
Doc. EX.CL/822(XXIV)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the election of the ten (10) Members of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union by the Executive Council;
2. **APPOINTS** the following ten (10) Members of the Peace and Security Council **for a two(2)-year term** as of 1 April 2014:



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| 1) | Burundi | Central Region |
| 2) | Chad | Central Region |
| 3) | Ethiopia | Eastern Region |
| 4) | Tanzania | Eastern Region |
| 5) | Libya | Northern Region |
| 6) | Namibia | Southern Region |
| 7) | South Africa | Southern Region |
| 8) | Gambia | Western Region |
| 9) | Guinea | Western Region |
| 10) | Niger | Western Region. |

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

Doc. Assembly/AU/6(XXII)

The Assembly,

1. **NOTES WITH APPRECIATION** the report by the Chairperson of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC), H.E. Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal.
2. **ENDORSES** the conclusions of the Thirtieth Session of the HSGOC.
3. **REITERATES** the overriding importance for NEPAD to speed up the actualization of Africa's development objectives in the context of Agenda 2063 as the African Union long-term strategy by focusing on industrialization, youth employment, improved natural resource governance and the reduction of inequalities.
4. **WELCOMES AND ADOPTS** the NEPAD Planning and Coordination Agency (NPCA) Strategic Plan: 2014-2017 which is inspired by the AU Agenda 2063 and based on the Commission's Strategic Plan for similar period. **CALLS UPON** Member States, Regional Economic Communities, African regional and global partner institutions to support the Agency in the implementation of the Plan.
5. **FURTHER ENDORSES** the NPCA programmatic activities and initiatives undertaken in 2013 **NOTING IN PARTICULAR** the measures taken to fulfill the core mandate of facilitating and coordinating key programmes with particular reference to Agriculture, Food Security and Nutrition and Infrastructure. **COMMENDS** the implementation work of the NPCA which has energized regional and continental programme delivery.
6. **RECALLS** the Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.488(XXI) based on the conclusions of 29th HSGOC on Domestic Resource Mobilization (DRM) for NEPAD programmes/projects and **NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the finalization of the Study Report. **URGES** the NPCA and UNECA in conjunction with UNDP, AfDB and UNCTAD to engage Member States and stakeholders on the dissemination of the proposed Study conclusions and findings through relevant Ministries of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, private sector organizations and the investment community.
7. **HIGHLY COMMENDS** the impressive update on the progress towards implementing the Presidential Infrastructure Champion Initiative (PICI) presented by H.E. Jacob Zuma, President of the Republic of South Africa and Chairperson of the HSGOC PICI High-Level Sub Committee including the status of the North-South Corridor with additional briefings by H.E. Goodluck Jonathan, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on the Trans-Sahara Gas Pipeline; H.E. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda on the East Africa Community

Regional ICT project and H.E. Abdelmalek Sellal, Prime Minister of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria on the Trans-Sahara Optic Fiber project.

8. **ENDORSES** the key outcomes of the Transform Africa Summit hosted by H.E. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda in October 2013 which adopted the SMART Africa Manifesto highlighting the need to place ICT at the centre of national socio-economic development agenda and SMART Africa Alliance as implementation framework.
9. **EXTENDS APPRECIATION** to the PICI Chair and the Champion Heads of State and Government for their continued political commitment and strategic support, **UNDERSCORING** that PICI serves as the nucleus of the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA).
10. **ACCORDINGLY REQUESTS** the NPCA to intensify consultations with the footprint Member States, RECs, African Development Bank and UNECA to advance the full implementation of approved PICI projects towards providing in-depth diagnostic of the remaining financing gaps, policy, legal and regulatory obstacles to stimulate project development and bankability.
11. **RECALLS** the proposal of the Government of the Republic of Senegal to host a High-Level Summit on Financing NEPAD programmes in the form of the Dakar Financing Summit (DFS) for Africa's Infrastructure to take forward the DRM agenda and **REGRETFULLY NOTES** that the Summit could not take place in December 2013 as scheduled. **AGREES** that the HSGOC Chairperson would further consult with African Leaders on a new period for the Financing Summit.
12. **REINFORCES** the critical need for financial investments and leveraging public-private partnerships as direct input for infrastructure development and **ACKNOWLEDGES** the role of African regional and global development finance institutions (DFIs) to mobilize domestic financial resources. **IN PARTICULAR WELCOMES** the Africa50 Investment Vehicle by AfDB as an African-owned and led initiative to mobilize adequate funds for infrastructure development.
13. **APPRECIATES** the launch of 2014 as the Year of Agriculture and Food Security to mark the 10th Anniversary of the adoption of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture and Development Programme (CAADP)" with focus on "Transforming Africa's Agriculture for Shared Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods, through Harnessing Opportunities for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development.
14. **WELCOMES** the publication on "Agriculture in Africa - Transformation and Outlook for the next 20 years" by the NPCA at the request of the Chairperson of AU Commission.
15. **REQUESTS** Member States, the Commission and NPCA along with stakeholders and development partners to scale up their collaboration towards sustaining of the CAADP momentum by focusing on agro-industry and entrepreneurship, access to

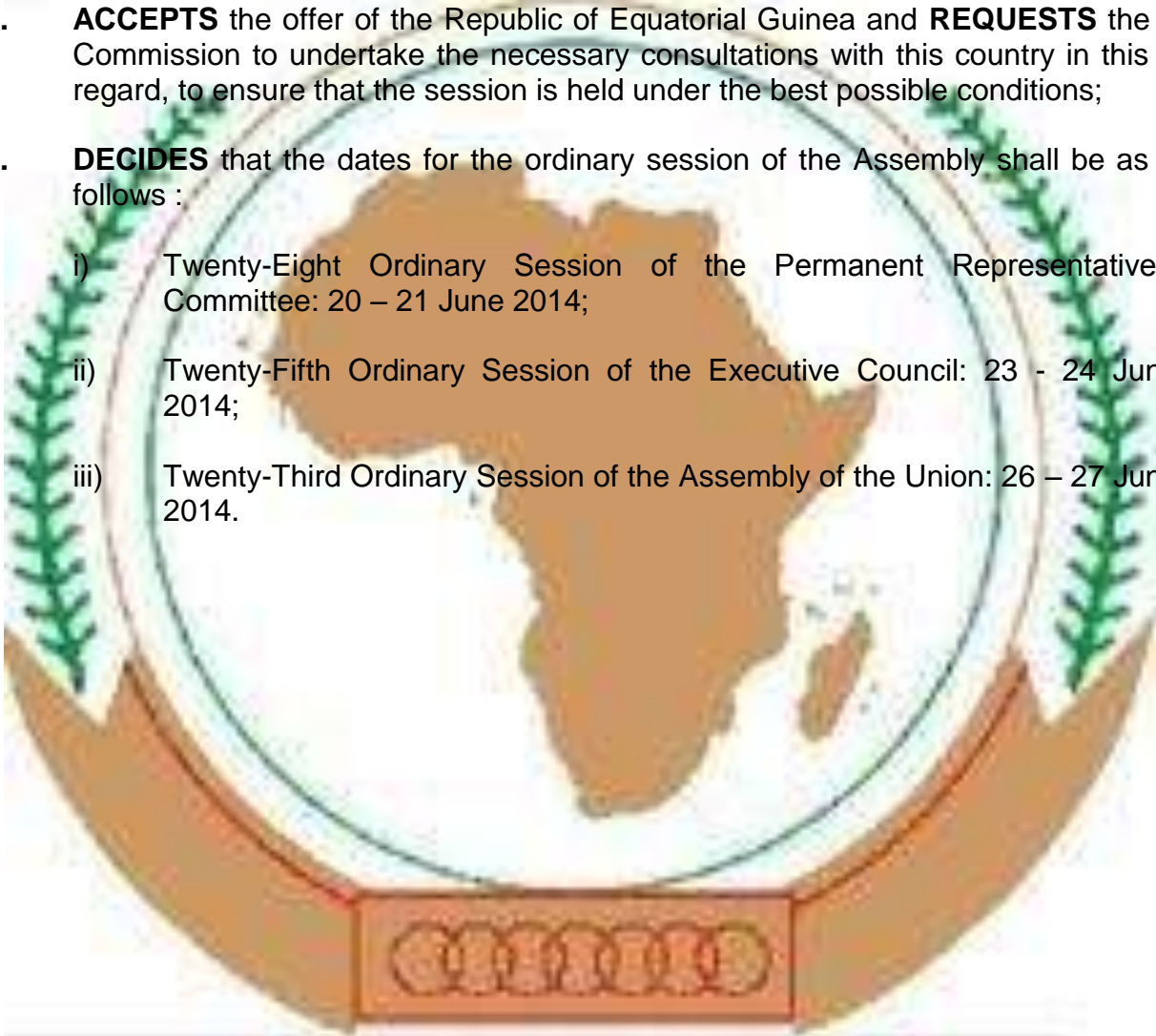
land for small-holder farmers, women and youth, linkages between job creation, food security and nutrition, as well as lesson learning on CAADP accomplishments.

16. **REAFFIRMS** the immense and continued contributions of NEPAD to forging mutually-beneficial partnerships under the auspices of the African Union by advocating Africa's common positions and interests in global development processes especially the G8, G20 and BRICS. **IN THIS REGARD EXAMINES** the impact of current Africa's partnership engagements particularly the Africa Partnership Forum (APF) established by the 2003 Evian G8 Summit in France to catalyze support for Africa's development through NEPAD with G8-OECD partners.
17. **EXPRESSES CONCERN** at the recent operational modalities of the APF particularly in the past two (2) years, **NOTING** that the evaluation of the APF after 10 years of existence as reflected in the Dakar Reform Proposals did not deliver the desired results. **AGREES** that an umbrella formation bringing together various strands of existing and new African partnership mechanisms should be established driven by the continent's common goals.
18. **THEREFORE DIRECTS** the NPCA to work with the African Co-Chairs of the APF and NEPAD Steering Committee in engaging potential strategic partner countries to determine their interest and willingness to join a new partnership mechanism with Africa.
19. **URGES** the realistic assessment of the impact of a new partnership structure by ascertaining the expected accruing benefits and value addition to Africa to avoid the proliferation of partnership platforms. **CALLS FOR** the global review process of Africa's partnerships to be completed as soon as possible.
20. Concurrent with this, **ASSERTS** that Africa should pursue the continuation of the G8-Africa Partnership Outreach in its original conception along with the proposed creation of a G20-Africa Outreach through the Development Working Group (DWG) that will be based on the continent's priorities and the changing global paradigm.
21. **INSTRUCTS NPCA** to develop the technical capacity to monitor the implementation of partnership commitments given the challenge of dependence on development partners to track the effective delivery of commitments to Africa.

DECISION ON THE DATE AND VENUE OF THE 23RD ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION

The Assembly,

1. **WELCOMES** the offer of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea to host the Twenty-Third Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, in June 2014;
2. **ACCEPTS** the offer of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea and **REQUESTS** the Commission to undertake the necessary consultations with this country in this regard, to ensure that the session is held under the best possible conditions;
3. **DECIDES** that the dates for the ordinary session of the Assembly shall be as follows :
 - i) Twenty-Eight Ordinary Session of the Permanent Representatives' Committee: 20 – 21 June 2014;
 - ii) Twenty-Fifth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council: 23 - 24 June 2014;
 - iii) Twenty-Third Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union: 26 – 27 June 2014.



**DECISION ON THE NAMING OF THE LARGE CONFERENCE HALL OF THE
AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE COMPLEX**

The Assembly,

1. **WELCOMES** the proposal by the Peoples' Democratic Republic of Algeria to name the Large Conference Hall of the African Union Conference Complex "The Nelson Mandela Conference Hall";
2. **DECIDES** to name the Large Conference Hall of the AU Conference Complex the "Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Conference Hall" in honour and memory of Nelson Mandela;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to take all necessary measures to implement this decision.



**DECISION ON THE PROGRESS REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE AFRICAN UNION AGENDA 2063
Doc. Assembly/AU/3(XXII)**

The Assembly,

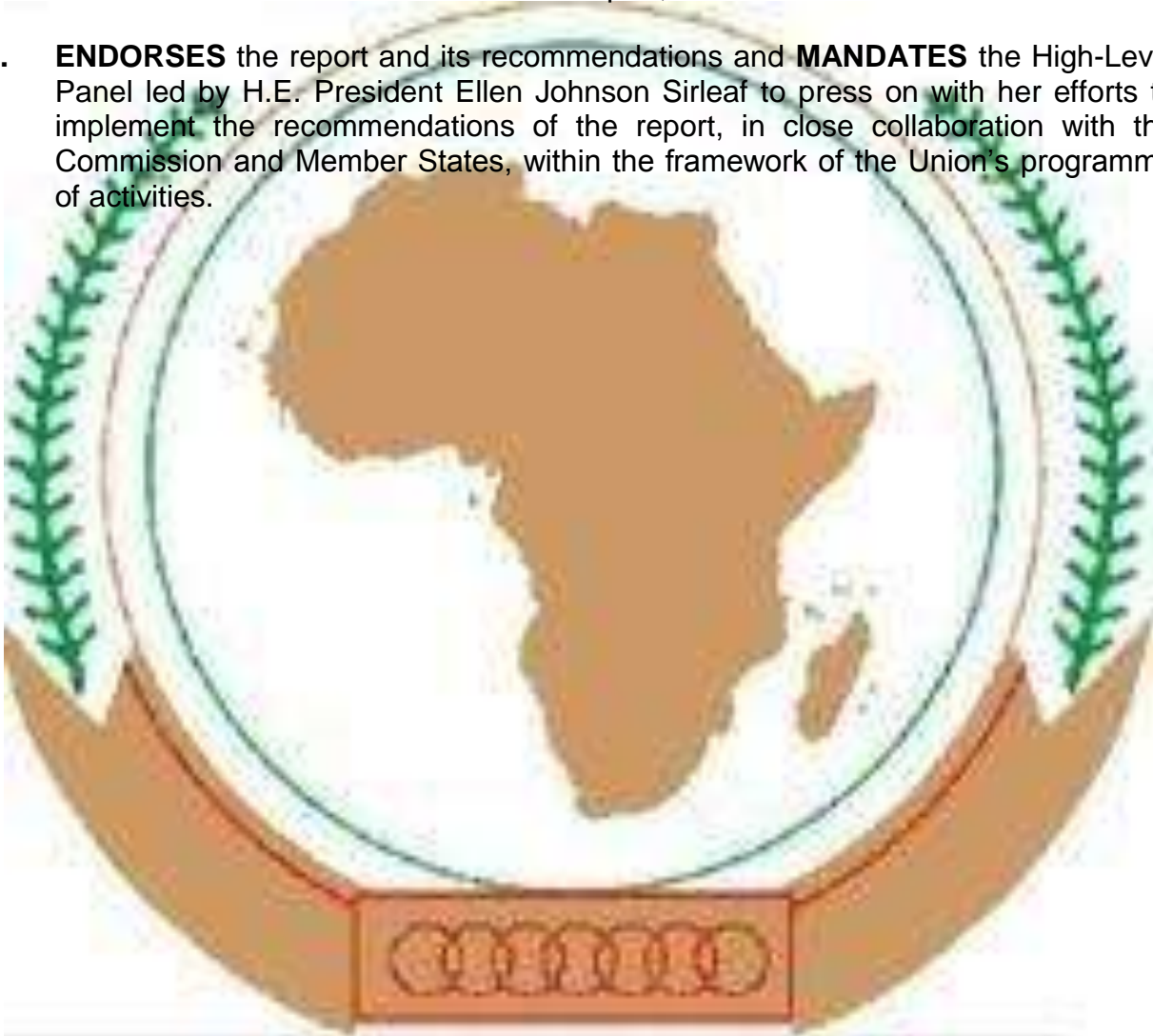
1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report presented by the Chairperson of the Commission on the development of Agenda 2063 and the rich comments and observations made by Member States on the Report;
2. **RECOGNIZES** the progress achieved in the development of Agenda 2063 Framework Document and **THANKS** all those who have contributed to this strategic reflection crucial for the future of the Continent;
3. **ENCOURAGES** the Commission to pursue its efforts in enlisting the inputs of all Africans and the Diaspora, and **ENGAGES** Member States to submit their written inputs before the end of April 2014, to enable the Assembly to adopt the Agenda 2063 at its next session in June 2014;
4. **UNDERSCORES** the need to incorporate in Agenda 2063, strategies for optimal management of the immense resources of the oceans and seas bordering Africa, based on the 2050 Africa's Integrated Maritime Strategy (2050 AIM Strategy).



**DECISION ON THE LAUNCH OF THE FINAL REPORT
OF THE HIGH-LEVEL PANEL ON FRAGILE STATES
Doc. Assembly/AU/5(XXII)**

The Assembly,

1. **COMMENDS** H.E. President Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia and Dr. Donald Kaberuka, President of the AfDB for the excellent report;
2. **ENDORSES** the report and its recommendations and **MANDATES** the High-Level Panel led by H.E. President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf to press on with her efforts to implement the recommendations of the report, in close collaboration with the Commission and Member States, within the framework of the Union's programme of activities.



DECISION ON TUNISIA'S DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION
Doc. EX.CL/803(XXIV)

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the paragraphs related to the situation in Tunisia in the annual report of the Chairperson on the Activities of the Commission for 2013;
2. **RECALLS** the efforts of the African Union Commission to support the process of democratic transition in Tunisia, mainly through regular high-level visits since 2011;
3. **WELCOMES** with satisfaction the recent positive developments in Tunisia and the progress achieved in the process of democratic transition;
4. **ALSO WELCOMES** the success of the "National Dialogue" which led to a consensus between the different stakeholders by respecting the roadmap established to this end.
5. **CONGRATULATES** Tunisia on the adoption of a New Constitution that responds to the legitimate aspirations of the Tunisia people for dignity, freedom, democracy and respect of the universal values of human rights;
6. **EXPRESSES** its satisfaction with the establishment of a new government made up of highly qualified technocrats with no affiliation to any political party, mainly tasked with securing the continuation of the democratic transition process that shall be crowned with the organization of free and fair presidential and legislative elections under the supervision of the independent electoral commission;
7. **ENCOURAGES** all stakeholders to carry on with the democratic transition process within the spirit of consensus and inclusive dialogue;
8. **RECOGNIZES** that the achievements reached so far in Tunisia's democratic transition process constitute a success not only for this country but for the African continent as a whole;
9. **REITERATES** the continued support of the African Union to all efforts towards the establishment of democracy and prosperity in Tunisia, as the safeguard for peace, security, and development and **ALSO REITERATES** its call to the international community to provide the necessary support for Tunisia in this endeavour.

DECISION ON THE WARSAW CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE AND AFRICA'S PREPARATION FOR THE TWENTIETH CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE (COP 20 / CMP 10)

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Coordinator of the Committee of African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC), H.E. President Dr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete of Tanzania on Africa's preparations towards the Nineteenth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Ninth Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to its Kyoto Protocol (COP 19/CMP9) held in Warsaw, Poland from 11 – 23 November 2013;
2. **FURTHER NOTES** the conclusions of the CAHOSCC sessions held on 24 September 2013 and 5 December 2013 on the margins of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York and the Elysée Summit on Peace and Security in Africa in Paris, France, respectively;
3. **APPLAUDS** CAHOSCC and members for valued and continued commitment in leading Africa's collective political engagement in the global Climate Change negotiations;
4. **COMMENDS** the worthy leadership demonstrated by H.E. Dr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete in his role as the Coordinator of CAHOSCC and **REQUESTS** His Excellency to continue showing the same leadership throughout 2014, at UNFCCC COP 20 in Lima and beyond and **ALSO COMMENDS** AMCEN and AGN as well as the African Union Commission in collaboration with the AfDB, UNECA / ACPC and other Partners for the unanimity and togetherness demonstrated in Warsaw in championing the Key Messages of the African Common Position on Climate Change that contributed to the achievements registered at the Conference in Poland;
5. **FURTHER COMMENDS** the African Union Commission in collaboration with UNECA / ACPC, AfDB, NPCA and Partners for the success recorded at the Africa Day celebrations in Warsaw that advanced Africa's interests in the global negotiations and **REQUESTS** the Commission and Partners to prepare towards mounting an African Pavilion at COP 20 in Lima Peru and at COP 21 in Paris, France;
6. **CONGRATULATES** the Republic of Korea and the Secretariat of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) as well as the Secretariats of the UNFCCC and Global Environment Facility (GEF) on the opening of the Headquarters of the Green Climate Fund in Songdo, Korea on 4 December 2013; and **CALLS UPON** the Board of the Green Climate Fund to expedite actions on the capitalization of the

Fund to so as to enable Africa to benefit from the Fund on its Adaptation and Mitigation efforts;

7. **FURTHER CALLS UPON** the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) as the host of the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) to ensure that adequate networks are established in Africa, where they are needed most for effective technology development, transfer and capacity building;
8. **URGES** Member States to ratify the Doha Amendments to the Kyoto Protocol for the Second Commitment Period to enhance reduction of emission of Greenhouse Gases (GHGs);
9. **REQUESTS** the Commission, UNECA / ACPC and AfDB and other Partners to continue to support the AGN in the global Climate Change negotiations under the political guidance of AMCEN and CAHOSCC.



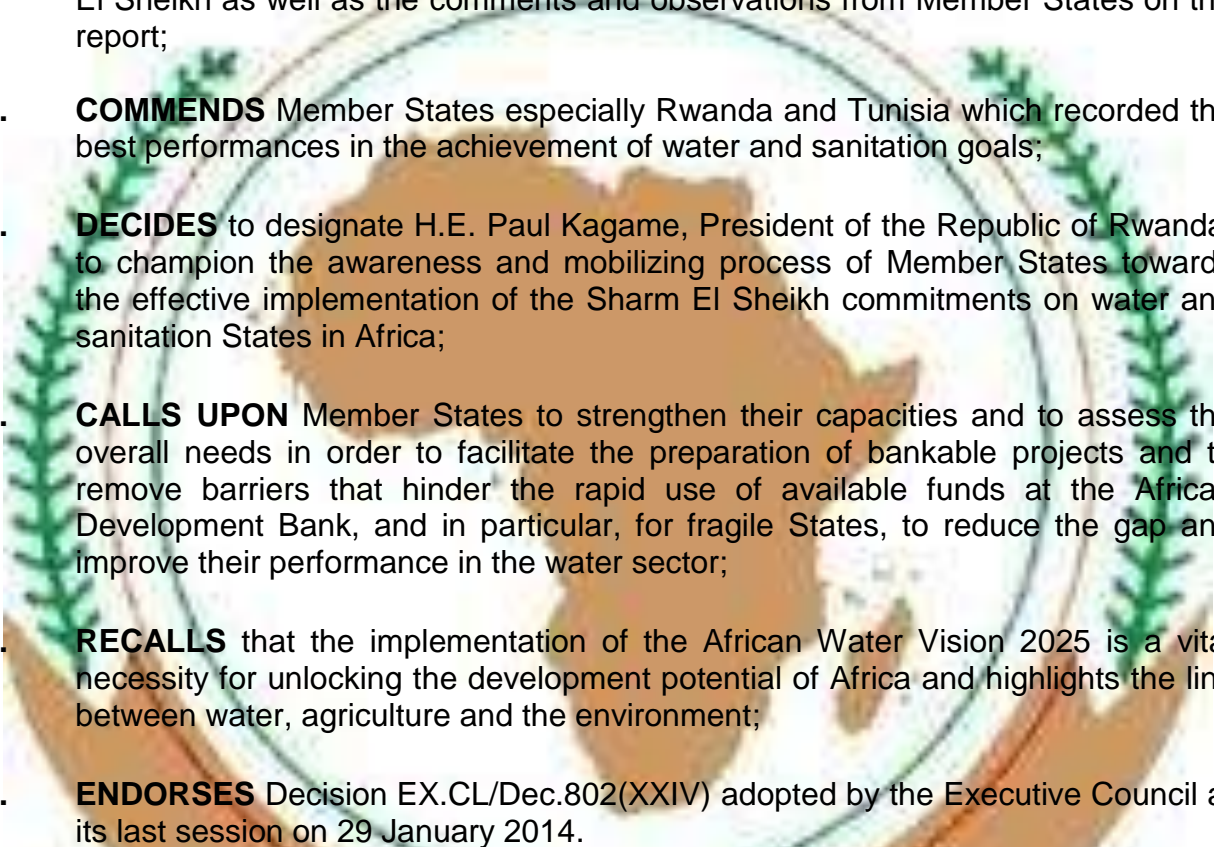
**DECISION ON THE OPERATIONALISATION OF THE AFRICAN CAPACITY FOR
IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO CRISES
Doc. Assembly/AU/4(XXII)**

The Assembly,

1. **RECALLS** its Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.489(XXI) on the establishment of the African Capacity for Immediate Response to Crises (ACIRC), adopted by the 21st Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union, held in Addis Ababa, from 26 to 27 May 2013;
2. **TAKES NOTE** of the decision by the following African Union (AU) Member States to be the initial participating countries in the ACIRC: Algeria, Angola, Chad, Ethiopia, Guinea, Mauritania, Niger, South Africa, Senegal, , Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda, and **HEREBY OPERATIONALISES** the ACIRC as a transitional arrangement;
3. **FURTHER RECALLS** that the ACIRC is based on voluntarism and the capacities of the participating countries;
4. **FURTHER DECIDES** as follows:
 - (i) More Member States should be encouraged to volunteer capabilities to ACIRC in the spirit of inclusivity and solidarity;
 - (ii) Upon a request by AU Member State(s), the AU Peace and Security Council (PSC) shall authorize the deployment of a force in accordance with the provisions of the AU Constitutive Act, especially Articles 4(h) and 4(j);
 - (iii) The implementation of the mandate shall be coordinated by the PSC;
 - (iv) An Operations Co-ordination Strategic Centre shall be established at the AU Commission Headquarters in Addis Ababa under the leadership of the Peace and Security Department, to work on the modalities for activating ACIRC;
 - (v) An Operational Command Centre will be located in any of the participating countries near the Mission Area.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
SHARM EL SHEIKH COMMITMENTS ON ACCELERATING
WATER AND SANITATION GOALS IN AFRICA
Doc. Assembly/AU/12(XXII)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report and **WELCOMES** the very detailed information on progress made by Member States in relation to the commitments made in Sharm El Sheikh as well as the comments and observations from Member States on the report;
 2. **COMMENDS** Member States especially Rwanda and Tunisia which recorded the best performances in the achievement of water and sanitation goals;
 3. **DECIDES** to designate H.E. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda, to champion the awareness and mobilizing process of Member States towards the effective implementation of the Sharm El Sheikh commitments on water and sanitation States in Africa;
 4. **CALLS UPON** Member States to strengthen their capacities and to assess the overall needs in order to facilitate the preparation of bankable projects and to remove barriers that hinder the rapid use of available funds at the African Development Bank, and in particular, for fragile States, to reduce the gap and improve their performance in the water sector;
 5. **RECALLS** that the implementation of the African Water Vision 2025 is a vital necessity for unlocking the development potential of Africa and highlights the link between water, agriculture and the environment;
 6. **ENDORSES** Decision EX.CL/Dec.802(XXIV) adopted by the Executive Council at its last session on 29 January 2014.
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DECLARATION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION ON THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE BORDER DISPUTE BETWEEN CAMEROON AND NIGERIA: THE BAKASSI CASE

1. On 14 August 2013, two months after the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the OAU/AU, a major event in the area of peaceful resolution of conflicts took place at a time when violent conflicts were raging in many African Countries. Indeed, the resolution of the Bakassi border dispute between the sister nations of Cameroon and Nigeria which lasted for 20 years came, on that historic date, to its final conclusion in peace and harmony.
2. Africa owes this happy conclusion to the Heads of State of Cameroon and Nigeria who had chosen right from the outbreak of the conflict, to seize the International Court of Justice (ICJ), The Hague, of the matter. The African Union, which endeavours for the realization of a peaceful, integrated and prosperous Africa by 2063, welcomes on the one hand, this major lesson of maturity and wisdom which does great honour to Africa as a whole and which spared the Continent a fratricidal war with incalculable consequences and stresses on the other hand, that the approach adopted by Cameroon and Nigeria should be a source of inspiration for all African actors involved in conflicts.
3. In the light of the historical scope of this peace oriented action, the AU expresses its sincere congratulations to the Heads of State of the two Countries as well as to M. Koffi Annan, former Secretary General of the UN and to the States witnesses to the Green Tree Agreement which made it possible to implement the ICJ judgment pronounced on 10 October 2002.
4. The AU wishes that the International Community recognizes this event as a strong point worthy of praise and a significant contribution of Africa to safeguard world peace.



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