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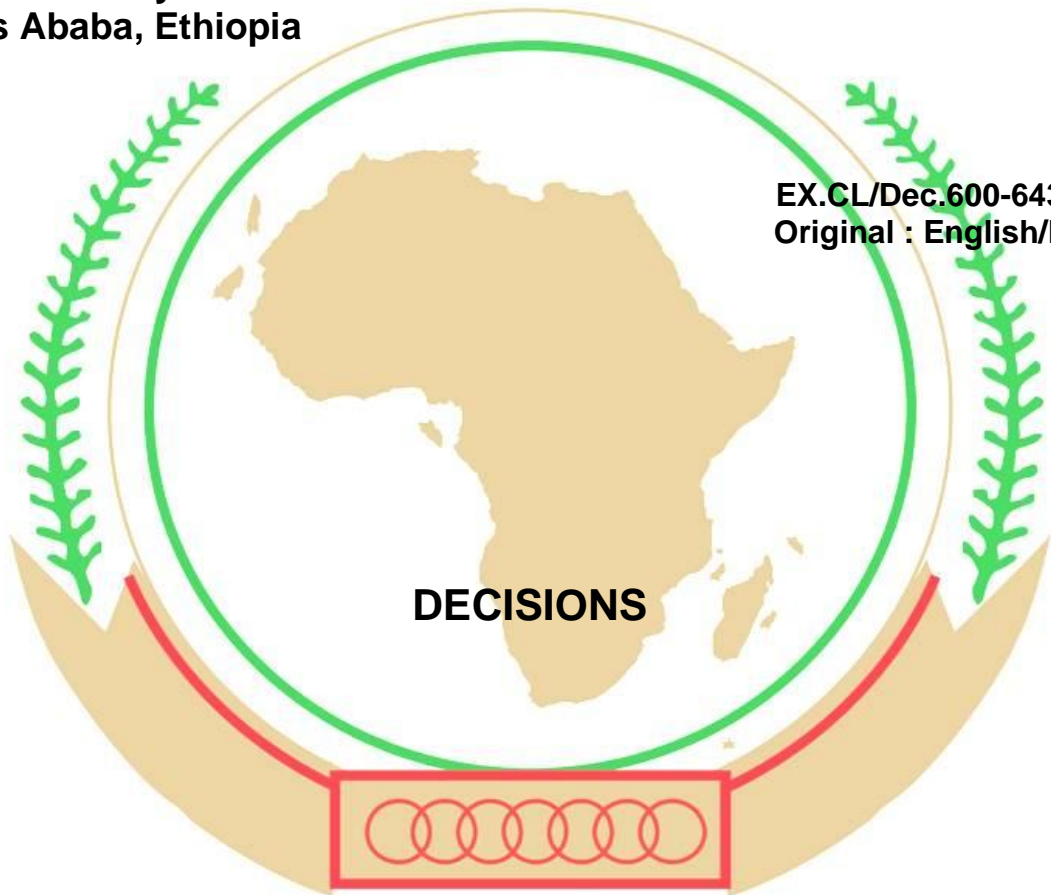
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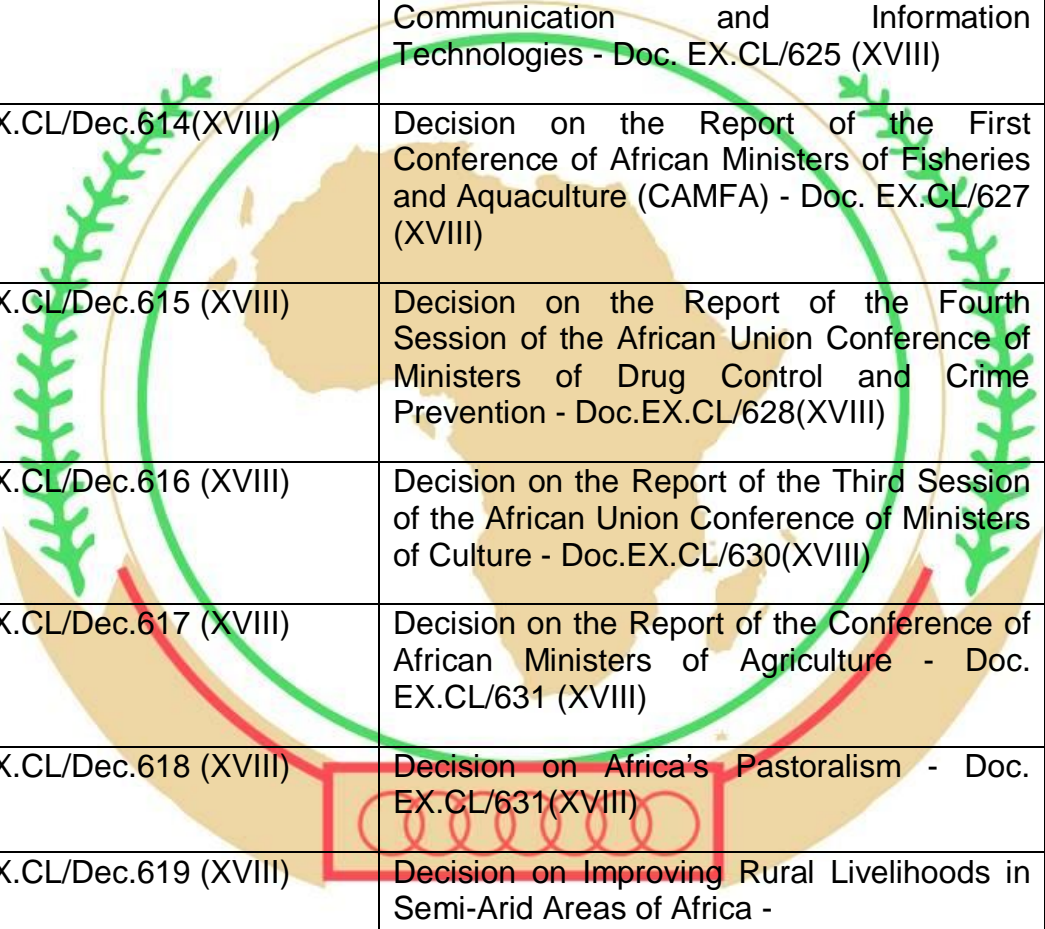


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**DECISION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE AFRICAN UNION
FOR THE 2011 FINANCIAL YEAR
Doc. EX.CL/622(XVIII)**

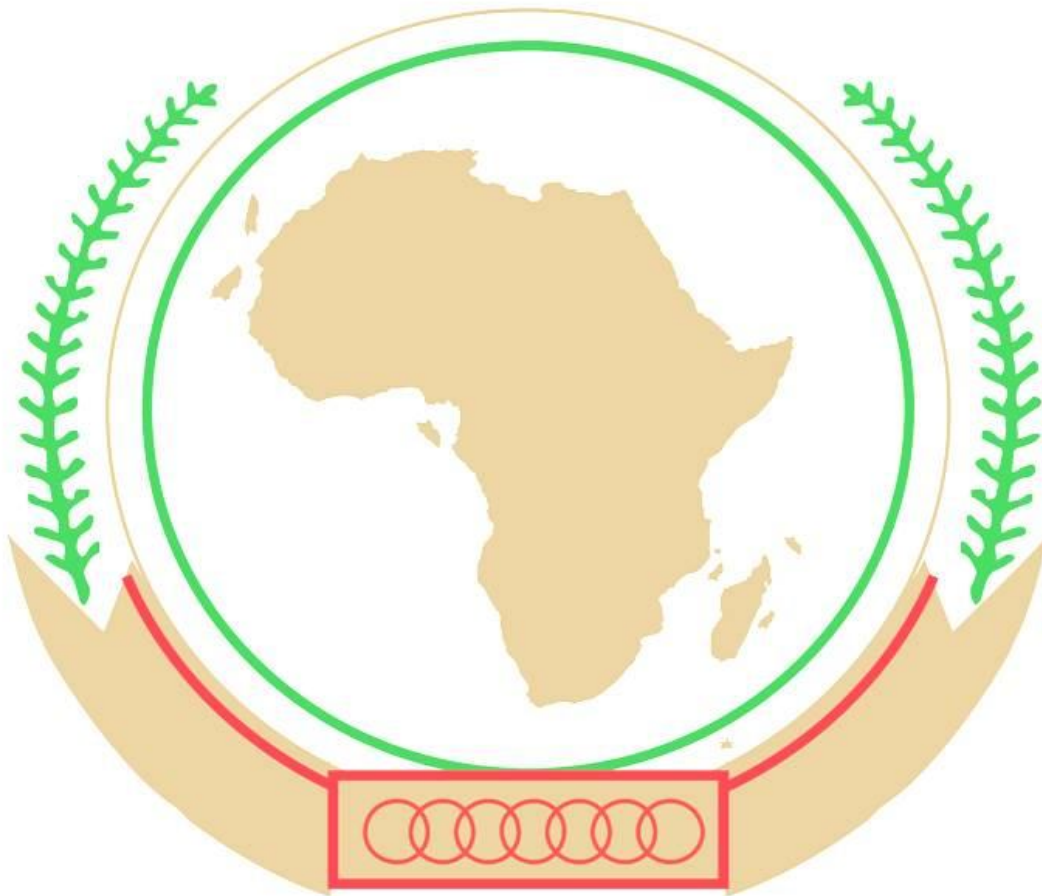
The Executive Council,

1. **APPROVES** and **RECOMMENDS** to the Assembly for adoption the budget for the African Union (AU), for the Financial Year 2011 amounting to **US\$256,754.447** as follows:
 - i. A total amount **US\$122,602,045** assessed to Member States on the basis of the new Scale of Assessment, which includes the balance of the Programs Budget amounting to **US\$10,177,417**;
 - ii. A total amount of **US\$134,152,402** earmarked for the programs is secured from International Partners.
2. **ALSO APPROVES** and **RECOMMENDS** to the Assembly the Budget breakdown among the AU Organs as follows:

Organ	Member States			Partners	Total Budget 2011		
	Operational	Program	Total	Programs	Operational	Program	G. Total
AU Commission	87,194,512	9,847,417	97,041,929	124,436,569	87,194,512	134,283,986	221,478,498
PAP	9,586,223		9,586,223	2,286,000	9,586,223	2,286,000	11,872,223
AfCHPR (The Court)	6,478,071		6,478,071	2,911,544	6,478,071	2,911,544	9,389,615
ACHPR (The Commission)	3,624,600		3,624,600	4,318,289	3,624,600	4,318,289	7,942,889
ECOSSOC	1,608,075		1,608,075		1,608,075	0	1,608,075
NEPAD	3,171,897		3,171,897		3,171,897	0	3,171,897
AUCIL	236,250		236,250		236,250	0	236,250
Advisory Board on Corruption	525,000		525,000		525,000	0	525,000
Peace & Security Council		330,000	330,000	200,000		530,000	530,000
Total	112,424,627	10,177,417	122,602,045	134,152,402	112,424,627	144,329,819	256,754,447

3. **AUTHORISES** the New Partnership for Africa's Development Planning and Coordination Agency to mobilize funds from development partners to the tune of US\$5,428,803 to cover the shortfall in its operating budget;

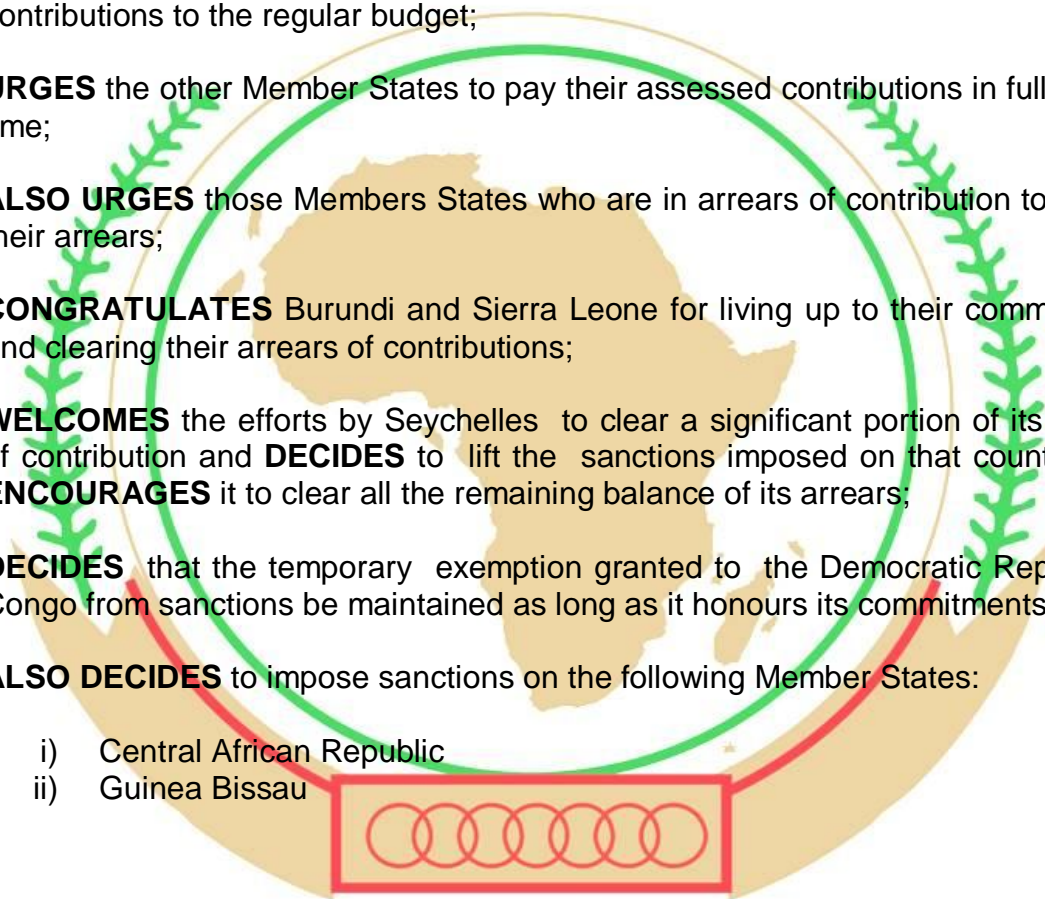
4. **ALSO AUTHORISES** the Commission to mobilize funds for the NEPAD Coordination Unit under the Office of the Chairperson from development partners amounting to US\$694,750;
5. **APPROVES** that the Commission implement the decision to increase Member States contributions towards the Peace Fund from six percent (6%) to seven percent (7%) during the 2011 Financial Year.



DECISION ON THE ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS OF MEMBER STATES
Doc. EX.CL/620(XVIII)vi

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the recommendations of the Permanent Representatives' Committee on the assessed contributions of Member States;
2. **COMMENDS** Member States that are up-to-date in the payment of their contributions to the regular budget;
3. **URGES** the other Member States to pay their assessed contributions in full and on time;
4. **ALSO URGES** those Member States who are in arrears of contribution to pay up their arrears;
5. **CONGRATULATES** Burundi and Sierra Leone for living up to their commitments and clearing their arrears of contributions;
6. **WELCOMES** the efforts by Seychelles to clear a significant portion of its arrears of contribution and **DECIDES** to lift the sanctions imposed on that country and **ENCOURAGES** it to clear all the remaining balance of its arrears;
7. **DECIDES** that the temporary exemption granted to the Democratic Republic of Congo from sanctions be maintained as long as it honours its commitments;
8. **ALSO DECIDES** to impose sanctions on the following Member States:
 - i) Central African Republic
 - ii) Guinea Bissau



**DECISION ON PROPOSALS FOR ADJUSTMENT TO THE AFRICAN
UNION COMMISSION STRUCTURE
Doc.EX.CL/620(XVIII)ii**

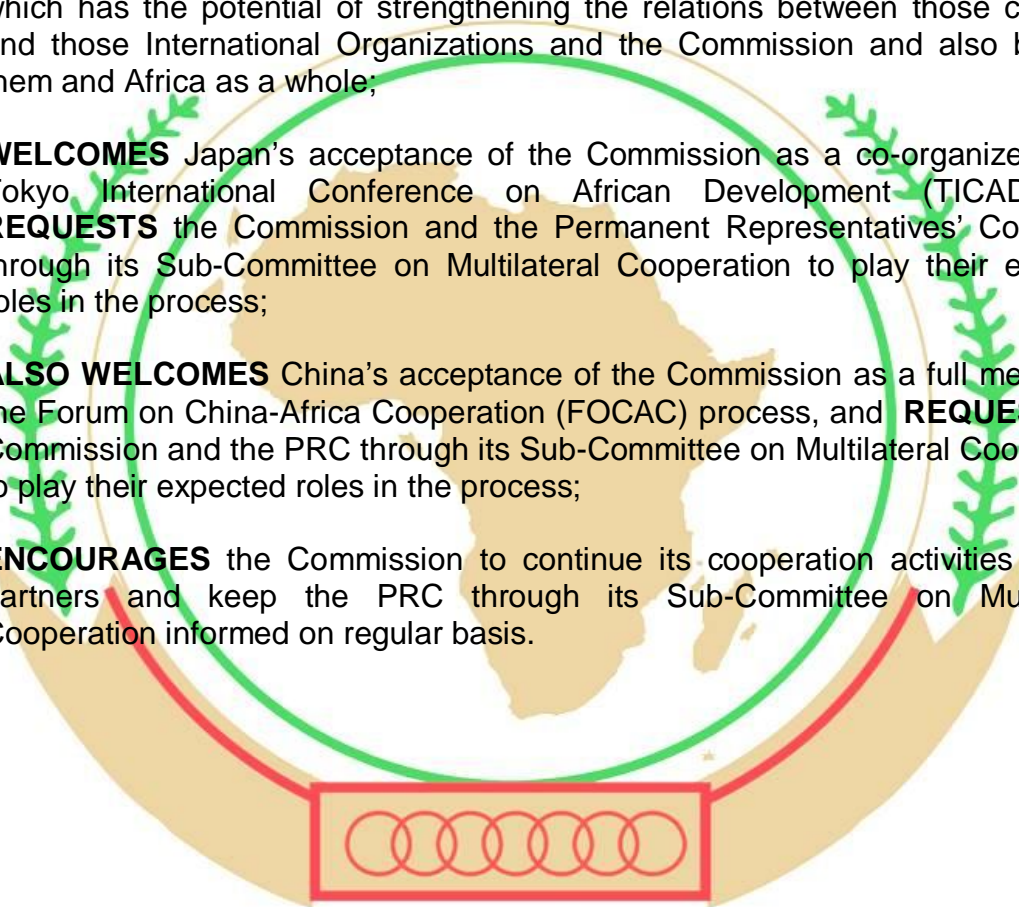
The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report and the recommendations of the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC) on the Report of its Sub-Committee on Structural Reforms [Doc. EX.CL/620(XVIII)ii];
2. **ENDORSES** the PRC Report and recommendations on structural reforms and decides as follows:
 - i) establish one hundred and twenty three (123) new posts in the Structure of the Commission as contained in Document EX.CL/620 (XVIII)ii and its Annex with the financial implications of US\$ 10,042,764.98, to be filled in a phased manner over a period of five (5) consecutive years starting during the 2012 Financial Year;
 - ii) authorises the Commission to recruit from the one hundred and twenty three (123) new posts to address its priority needs on the condition that this would be done within the budgetary provisions provided for recruitment in the 2011 budget;
 - iii) the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Structural Reforms will reconsider proposals for the creation of the posts of Deputy Director in some of the Portfolios of the Commission based on workload, diversity of the portfolio and other criteria established by the Commission and endorsed by the PRC through its Sub-Committee;
 - iv) the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Structural Reforms and its Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation together with the Commission should prepare and submit to the Executive Council, at its next Ordinary Session in June 2011, proposals on the structure for the coordination and management of partnerships, taking into account the Executive Council's Decisions on Africa-Arab Cooperation and on Multilateral Cooperation;
 - v) the Commission, and the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Structural Reforms should consider the structure proposals of the other organs;
 - vi) the Commission should submit appropriate recommendations to the Executive Council through PRC at its next Ordinary Session in June 2011.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON COOPERATION WITH
SOME COUNTRIES AND SOME INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
Doc. EX.CL/620(XVIII)iii(a)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on Cooperation with some Countries and some International Organizations;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the important developments contained in the Report, which has the potential of strengthening the relations between those countries and those International Organizations and the Commission and also between them and Africa as a whole;
3. **WELCOMES** Japan's acceptance of the Commission as a co-organizer of the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD), and **REQUESTS** the Commission and the Permanent Representatives' Committee through its Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation to play their expected roles in the process;
4. **ALSO WELCOMES** China's acceptance of the Commission as a full member of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) process, and **REQUESTS** the Commission and the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation to play their expected roles in the process;
5. **ENCOURAGES** the Commission to continue its cooperation activities with its partners and keep the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation informed on regular basis.



DECISION ON MULTILATERAL COOPERATION
Doc. EX.CL/620(XVIII)iii(b)

The Executive Council,

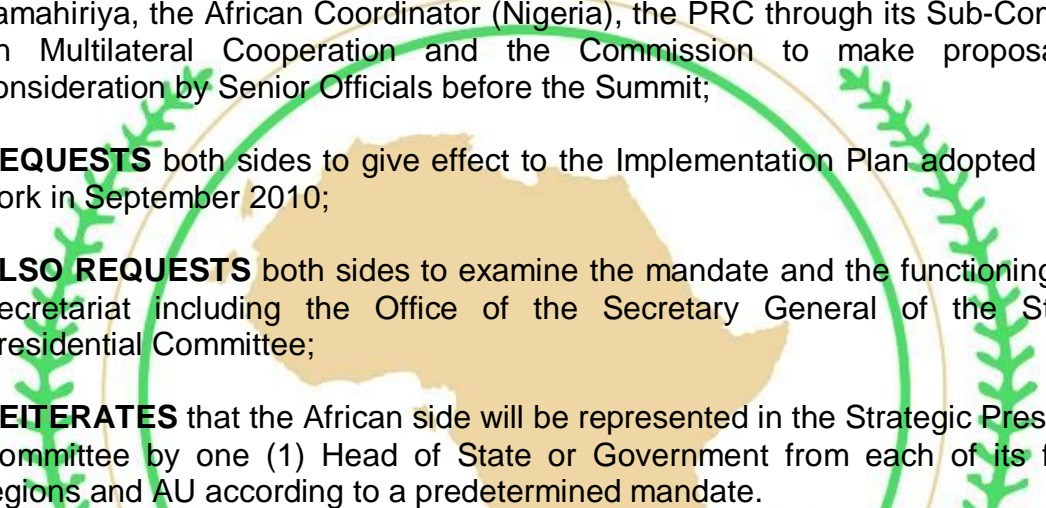
1. **TAKES NOTE** of the recommendations of the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC) on the Report of the PRC Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation on its activities relating to Africa's Strategic Partnerships;
2. **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained in the Report.

ON THE AFRICA-INDIA FORUM SUMMIT:

3. **WELCOMES** the launch of the Plan of Action, and **ENCOURAGES** both parties to take steps to implement it;
4. **REQUESTS** Member States and the Commission to speed up response to various proposals that India offers under the Africa - India Forum Summit;
5. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission and the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation to take initiatives with a view of accelerating the implementation of the Africa-India Joint Implementation Action Plan in the interest of Africa;
6. **APPROVES** the locations of the Institutions, the Vocational Training Centres; and the Prototype Low Cost Houses that India will establish in Africa, as well as the Research and Technical Institutions that India will support;
7. **REQUESTS** Member States and the Commission to take appropriate action to follow-up and to report on the implementation of projects on regular basis;
8. **REITERATES** its request to Member States and the Commission to ensure a sustained popularization of the Africa-India Cooperation Framework in terms of the inherent opportunity therein, so that the people from both sides could access the programmes and activities for their mutual benefit;
9. **DECIDES** that the Second Africa-India Forum Summit be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 23 to 27 May 2011 and **CALLS ON** the Commission, the PRC through its Sub- Committee on Multilateral Cooperation, and India to expedite preparations for the Summit.

ON THE AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA (ASA) SUMMIT:

10. **TAKES NOTE** of the challenges encountered by the African side with respect to the management of the ASA process;

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11. **EMPHASISES** the absolute need for a meeting of the ASA Coordination Mechanism to take place urgently, with a view to bringing clarity on programmes, meetings and venues, as well as the dates that must be mutually agreed upon;
 12. **REQUESTS** the Commission and the PRC through its Sub- Committee on Multilateral Cooperation to make concrete proposals for consideration by Council before the next meeting of the Coordination Mechanism;
 13. **ENCOURAGES** continuation of the preparations for the next ASA Summit in the Great Libyan Arab Jamahiriya in 2011, and **CALLS ON** the Great Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the African Coordinator (Nigeria), the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation and the Commission to make proposals for consideration by Senior Officials before the Summit;
 14. **REQUESTS** both sides to give effect to the Implementation Plan adopted in New York in September 2010;
 15. **ALSO REQUESTS** both sides to examine the mandate and the functioning of the Secretariat including the Office of the Secretary General of the Strategic Presidential Committee;
 16. **REITERATES** that the African side will be represented in the Strategic Presidential Committee by one (1) Head of State or Government from each of its five (5) regions and AU according to a predetermined mandate.

ON AFRICA- SOUTH KOREA FORUM:

17. **ENCOURAGES** efforts made to complete an Implementation Plan which should focus on continental and regional actions and programmes without prejudice to ongoing bilateral activities;
18. **FURTHER ENCOURAGES** the African side to make specific proposals on programmes and projects for consideration by the Korean side.

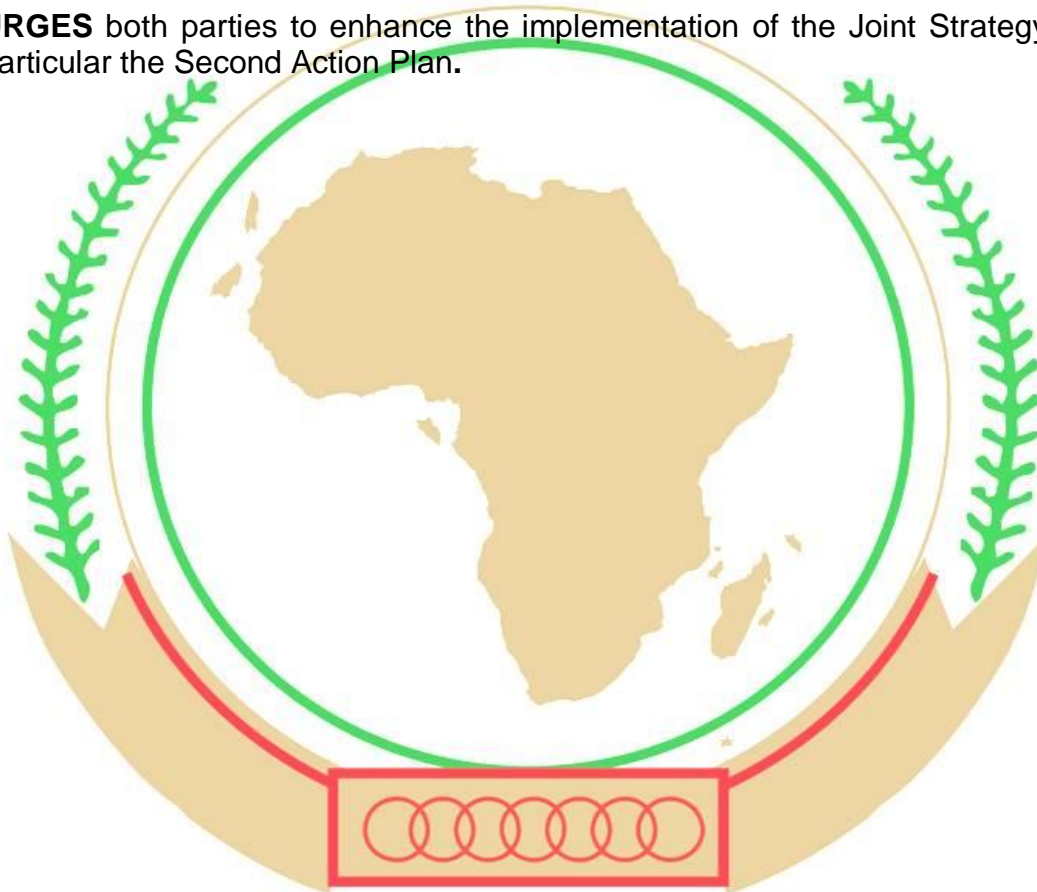
ON THE AFRICA-TURKEY PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT:

19. **ADOPTS** the “Joint Implementation Plan of the Africa – Turkey Partnership 2010 – 2014”;
20. **WELCOMES** the launch of the Joint Implementation Plan of the Africa – Turkey Partnership 2010 – 2014, and **ENCOURAGES** both parties to take steps to implement it;
21. **REQUESTS** the Commission and the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation to prepare for the Mid-Term Ministerial meeting in 2011, in

accordance with the 2008 Istanbul Declaration, at a date and venue to be determined through consultations.

ON THE AFRICA – EUROPEAN UNION (EU) PARTNERSHIP:

22. **REQUESTS** the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation to be fully involved in the implementation of the outcome of the Third Africa – EU Summit held in Tripoli, Great Libyan Arab Jamahiriya on 28 and 29 November 2010 as well as in the management of the Partnership which should also be centrally coordinated within the Commission;
23. **URGES** both parties to enhance the implementation of the Joint Strategy and in particular the Second Action Plan.



DECISION ON THE 2011 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS OF THE AFRICAN UNION
Doc. EX.CL/620(XVIII)iv

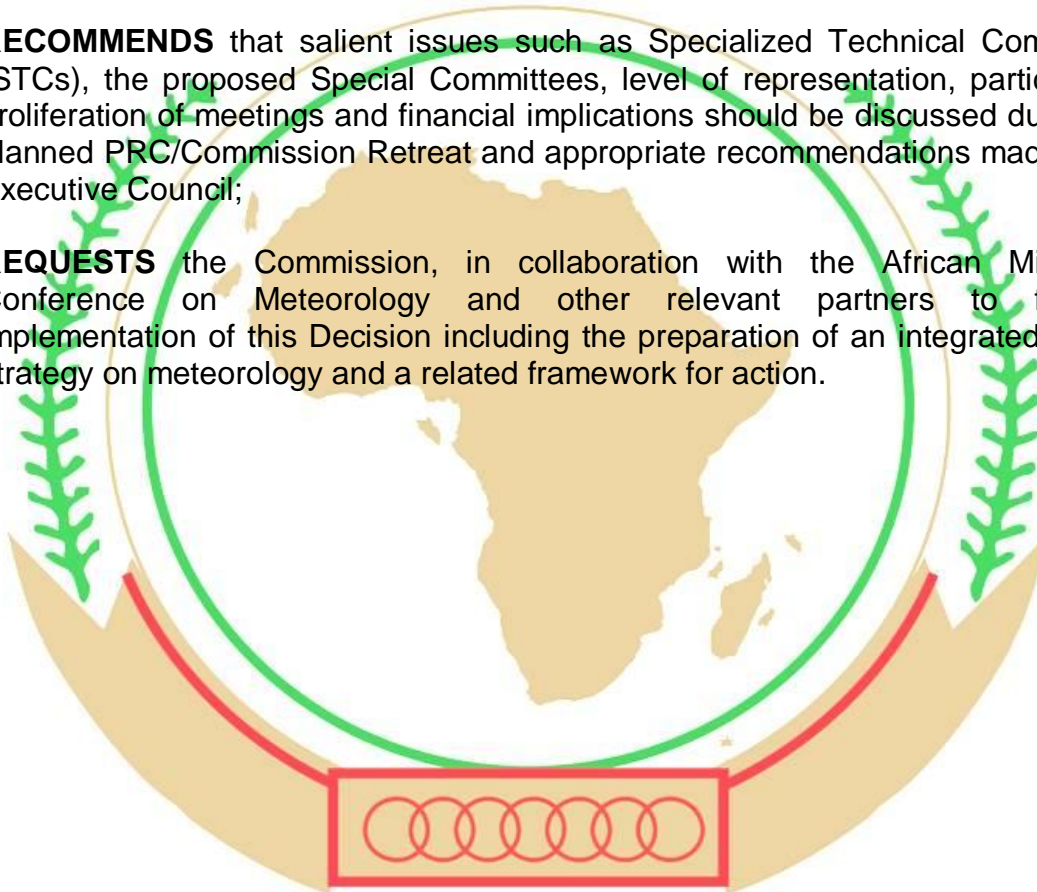
The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Draft 2011 Calendar of Meetings of the African Union;
2. **WELCOMES** efforts by the Commission particularly through the Conference Services Directorate (CSD) and the Directorate of Strategic Policy Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Resource Mobilization (SPPMERM) aimed at ensuring a rational and improved preparation of the Calendar of Meetings;
3. **DECIDES** that all programmes should be considered and approved by the Permanent Representatives' Committee through its Sub-Committee on Conferences and Programmes prior to the preparation of the Calendar of Meetings and the inclusion of such programmes in the Draft Budget for consideration by the PRC through its Advisory Sub-Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters;
4. **REITERATES** that the Sub-Committee on Conferences and Programmes should handle in an equal manner both aspects of its mandate-Conferences and Programmes;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to scrupulously observe the two (2) months deadline for the submission of documents to the CSD for processing and ensure that such documents do not exceed a maximum of twelve (12) pages except where the Chairperson of the Commission decides otherwise;
6. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to ensure that the number of CSD staff servicing meetings is determined by the CSD in accordance with international standards that obtain in similar organizations to ensure smooth and effective conduct of such meetings;
7. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to ensure that once funds have been committed and budget codes for document processing and interpretation determined, they are not used for any other activities;
8. **FINALLY REQUESTS** the Commission to report regularly on the implementation of this Decision.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE FIRST CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS
RESPONSIBLE FOR METEOROLOGY IN AFRICA
Doc. EX.CL/587(XVII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the First Conference of Ministers responsible for Meteorology in Africa (AMCOMET) held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 12 to 16 April 2010, and the recommendations contained therein as work in progress that needs further work to be completed;
2. **RECOMMENDS** that salient issues such as Specialized Technical Committees (STCs), the proposed Special Committees, level of representation, participation, proliferation of meetings and financial implications should be discussed during the planned PRC/Commission Retreat and appropriate recommendations made to the Executive Council;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with the African Ministerial Conference on Meteorology and other relevant partners to facilitate implementation of this Decision including the preparation of an integrated African strategy on meteorology and a related framework for action.



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE SECOND MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE
ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION
Doc. EX.CL/589(XVII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Second Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 14 to 16 April 2010, and **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained therein;
2. **FURTHER ENDORSES** the Extended Programme of Action for the Implementation of the Africa Regional Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction (2006-2015);
3. **URGES** all Member States and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to take the necessary measures to implement the Extended Programme of Action for the Implementation of the Africa Regional Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction (2006-2015);
4. **FURTHER URGES** Member States, considering other related African Ministerial resolutions, to increase their investments in disaster risk reduction through the allocation of a certain percentage of their national budgets and other revenues dedicated to disaster risk reduction;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission and the NPCA to facilitate and coordinate the implementation of the Decision consistent with the recommendation of the Second Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction;
6. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to accelerate action on the feasibility study to create an AU-led, African owned Pan-African Disaster Risk Pool that would allow Member States to share risk across regions, and to put in place, the necessary administrative arrangements, pending the completion of the feasibility study;
7. **CALLS UPON** the relevant development partners, including the relevant United Nations Agencies, regional and global financial institutions, bilateral and multilateral agencies, to provide the required technical and financial support to Member States, the Commission, the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) and RECs to ensure the effective implementation of this Decision;
8. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report at the next Ordinary Session of the Council in June 2011 on the implementation of this Decision.

**DECISION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN AFRICA AND THE TOKYO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT (TICAD) IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
YOKOHAMA ACTION PLAN
Doc. EX.CL/593(XVII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **WELCOMES** the efforts by the Government of Japan to promote the implementation of the Yokohama Action Plan as elaborated in the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD IV) priorities of boosting economic growth, ensuring human security (including the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and the consolidation of Peace and Good Governance), and addressing environmental issues and climate change;
2. **TAKES NOTE** of the progress made through the TICAD Follow-up Mechanism to review and assess the current state of implementation of the Yokohama Action Plan by the Government of Japan, TICAD co-organizers, development partners and African countries;
3. **ENCOURAGES** the Government of Japan to support the creation of new, global financial architecture and economic governance frameworks, utilizing the TICAD Process to promote greater inclusiveness and African participation;
4. **WELCOMES** the intention of the Government of Japan to convey the Communiqué issued at the Second TICAD Ministerial Follow-up Meeting held in Arusha, Tanzania on 2 and 3 May 2010, to important international fora;
5. **CALLS UPON** Member States, in collaboration with the Commission and its New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Planning and Coordination Agency (NPCA) as well as the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to work closely with the TICAD Process, in order to implement regional and continental programmes;
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission and NPCA in collaboration with the RECs to support the implementation of the recommendations issued at the Fifth Africa-Asia Business Forum (AABF V) held in June 2009 in Kampala, Uganda, related to the policy for sustainable development of tourism in Africa;
7. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to report regularly on the implementation of this Decision.

**DECISION ON THE AFRICAN AGRIBUSINESS AND AGRO-INDUSTRIES
DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE
Doc. EX.CL/594(XVII)**

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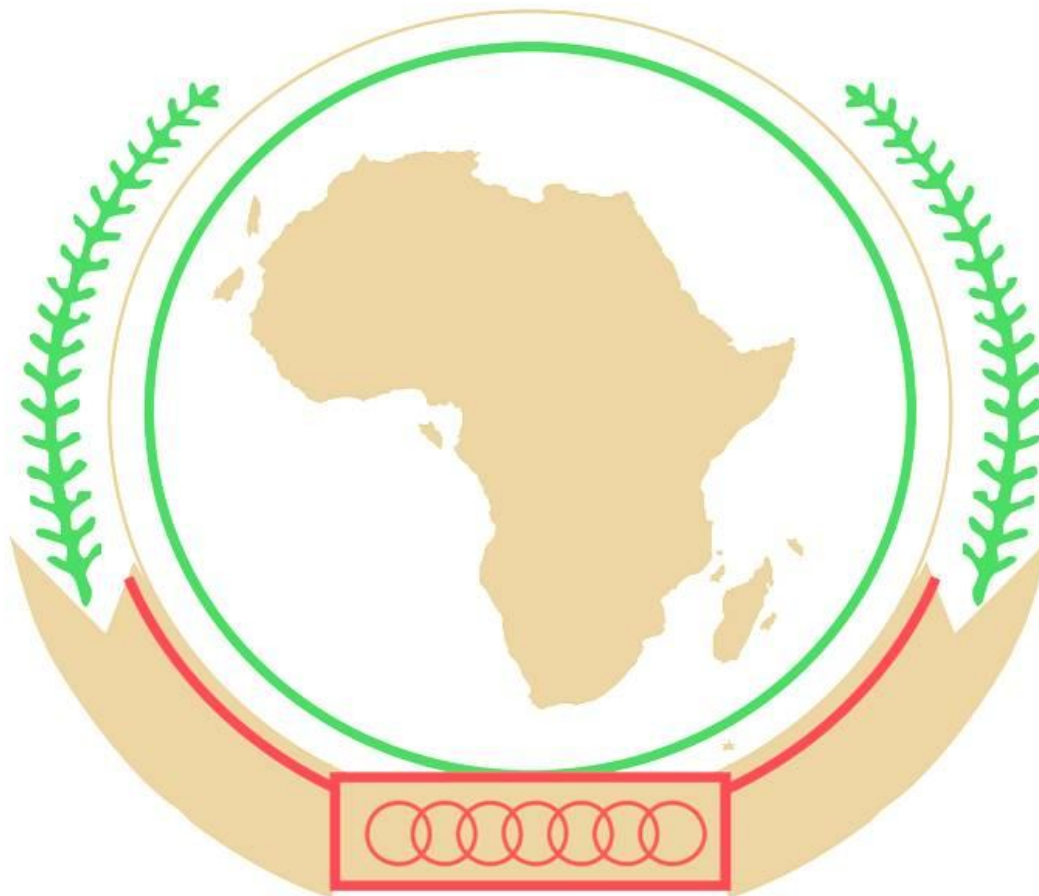
1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the High-Level Conference on the Development of Agribusiness and Agro-Industries in Africa (HLCD-3A) held in Abuja, Nigeria, from 8 to 10 March 2010 and **ENDORSES** the African Agribusiness and Agro-Industries Development Initiative (3ADI) as well as the Abuja Declaration adopted by the High-Level Conference on the Development of Agribusiness And Agro-Industries in Africa;
2. **CALLS ON** Member States to dedicate adequate national resources for the development of the Agribusiness and Agro-Industries sectors in their countries;
3. **ALSO CALLS ON** Member States, the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), private sector institutions and operators, as well as development partners and other stakeholders to take necessary measures for the effective implementation of the 3ADI;
4. **FURTHER CALLS ON** the African Development Bank (AfDB), the African Central Banks and other financial institutions of Member States, and other relevant African and international institutions to assist in the mobilization of resources for Africa's Agribusiness and Agro-Industries sectors development through, inter alia, the development of appropriate financial instruments and mechanisms;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with the RECs, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), AfDB, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), to organize regional meetings in Africa for the dissemination of 3ADI;
6. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with UNECA, AfDB, UNIDO, FAO, IFAD, to submit to the Ordinary Sessions of the Assembly every two (2) years, progress reports on the implementation of 3ADI.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE EIGHTH CONFERENCE OF
MINISTERS OF ANIMAL RESOURCES
Doc. EX.CL/590 (XVII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Eighth Ministerial Conference on Animal Resources held in Entebbe, Uganda, from 13 to 14 May 2010, and **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained therein;
2. **WELCOMES** efforts by the Commission to support Member States in promoting Animal health, production and trade;
3. **URGES** Member States to:
 - i) enhance investment in animal resources development consistent with the 2003 Maputo Commitment on the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP);
 - ii) strengthen/establish national coordination mechanisms to harmonise Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) related issues;
 - iii) improve the quality and timeliness of animal disease reporting mechanisms.
4. **ALSO URGES** the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to:
 - i) establish well-structured livestock governance systems to achieve effective coordination of Transboundary Animal Diseases and zoonosis;
 - ii) Extend Programme of Action for the Implementation of the Africa Regional Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction (2006-2015).
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with the RECs and partners, to:
 - i) convene a Livestock Summit with a view to engaging AU Heads of State and Government on enhancing the animal resources development potential;
 - ii) strengthen and sustain participation of Member States in Standards Setting;
 - iii) promote inter and intra-regional trade in animal resources.

6. **CALLS UPON** the relevant development partners to provide the required technical and financial support to Member States, the Commission and RECs to ensure the effective implementation of this Decision;
7. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report regularly on the implementation of this Decision.



DECISION ON THE AFRICAN UNION PASSPORT AND LAISSEZ-PASSER
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The Executive Council,

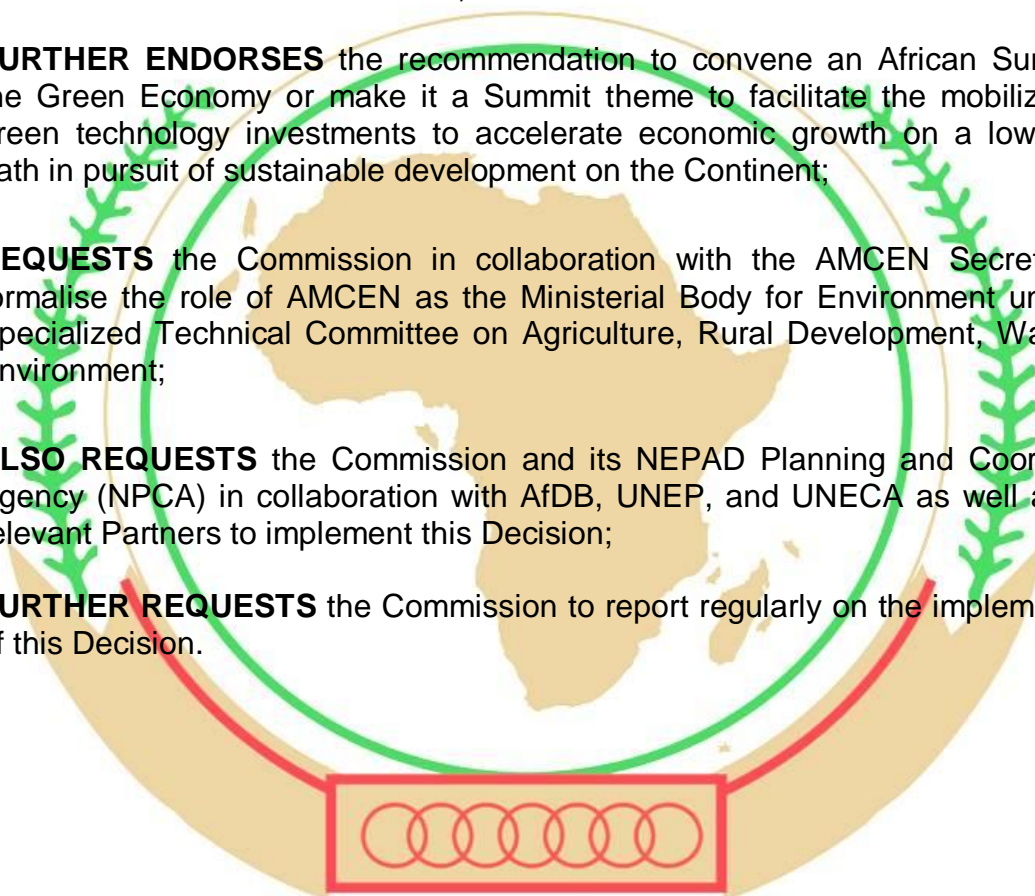
1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Chairperson of the Commission on the implementation of the new African Union Diplomatic and Service Passports;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the difficulty faced by the Commission in issuing the five-(5) year validity African Union Diplomatic and Service Passports to Staff on short duration contracts (short-term Staff, project Staff and consultants);
3. **APPROVES** the Commission's recommendation to have a second type of machine-readable travel document – African Union Diplomatic and Service Laissez Passer with the same security standards and quality for issuance to Staff members on short term duration contracts;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to submit to Member States the criteria and guidelines relating to the eligibility for the AU Diplomatic and Service Passports as well as the Laissez-Passer;
5. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to report on the implementation of this Decision to the next ordinary session of the Executive Council in June 2011.



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE THIRTEENTH SESSION OF THE AFRICAN
MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (AMCEN)
Doc. EX.CL/624 (XVIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Thirteenth Session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) held in Bamako, Mali, from 21 to 25 June 2010, and **ENDORSES** the recommendations, decisions and Declaration of the Thirteenth Session of AMCEN;
2. **FURTHER ENDORSES** the recommendation to convene an African Summit on the Green Economy or make it a Summit theme to facilitate the mobilization of green technology investments to accelerate economic growth on a low carbon path in pursuit of sustainable development on the Continent;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission in collaboration with the AMCEN Secretariat to formalise the role of AMCEN as the Ministerial Body for Environment under the Specialized Technical Committee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Environment;
4. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission and its NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) in collaboration with AfDB, UNEP, and UNECA as well as other relevant Partners to implement this Decision;
5. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to report regularly on the implementation of this Decision.

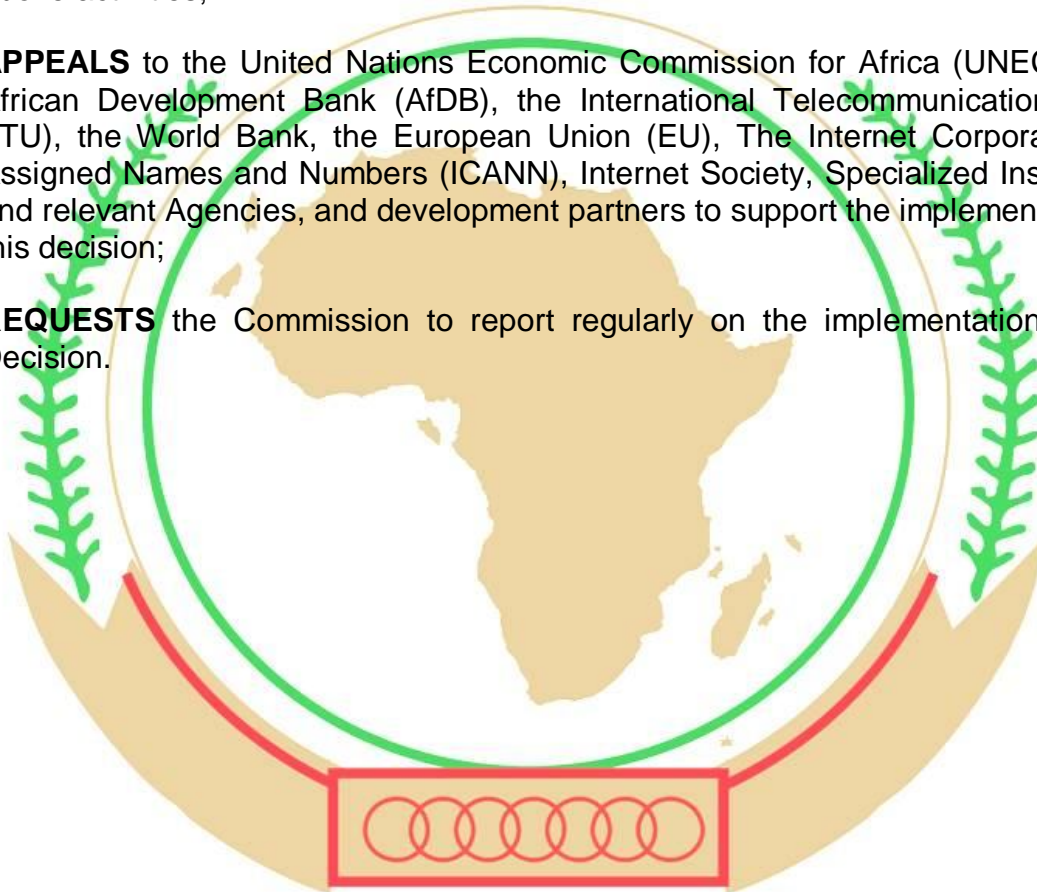


**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE
CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF
COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES
Doc. EX.CL/625 (XVIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Third Session of the Conference of African Ministers in charge of Communication and Information Technologies (CITMC-3) held in Abuja, Nigeria from 6 to 7 August 2010;
2. **WELCOMES AND SUPPORTS** the 2010 Abuja Declaration and the various initiatives on the development of the Information and Communication Technologies sector in Africa;
3. **SUPPORTS** the integration of Information and Communication Technologies into the respective National Indicative Programmes, the mainstreaming of ICT policies in other sectors at national, regional and continental levels;
4. **REQUESTS** CITMC to take stock of, and provide policy guidelines for, the implementation of the Decisions and the Plan of Action adopted by the Assembly of the Union on its January 2010 Session Theme on ICT;
5. **ALSO REQUESTS** CITMC to ensure that it is African Union-owned, its meetings are adequately prepared and come up with measurable and realistic targets and outcomes; and that it defines the role of partners in these meetings;
6. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to:
 - i) Promote the transition from Analog to Digital terrestrial Broadcasting and to set up National Multi-Disciplinary Committee (Telecoms/ICT experts and regulators, broadcasting experts and regulators and policy makers) on the Analog Switch-Off;
 - ii) Promote the implementation of the e-Post programme;
 - iii) Secure the orbital/spectrum resources required to accommodate continental satellites including applying as a block to secure allocation of the unused International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (ITSO) orbital resources to Africa as priority;
 - iv) Finalize the Convention on Cyber Legislation and support its implementation in Member States by 2012;
 - v) Implement the Dot Africa project;

- vi) Conduct a feasibility study for the establishment of the African Space and develop an African Space Policy;
 - vii) Implement the integration of the New Partnership for Africa's Development NEPAD e-Africa Commission governance into the governance of the CITMC.
7. **URGES** Member States and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), to participate and support the Commission for accelerating the implementation of the above activities;
8. **APPEALS** to the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the African Development Bank (AfDB), the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the World Bank, the European Union (EU), The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), Internet Society, Specialized Institutions and relevant Agencies, and development partners to support the implementation of this decision;
9. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report regularly on the implementation of this Decision.

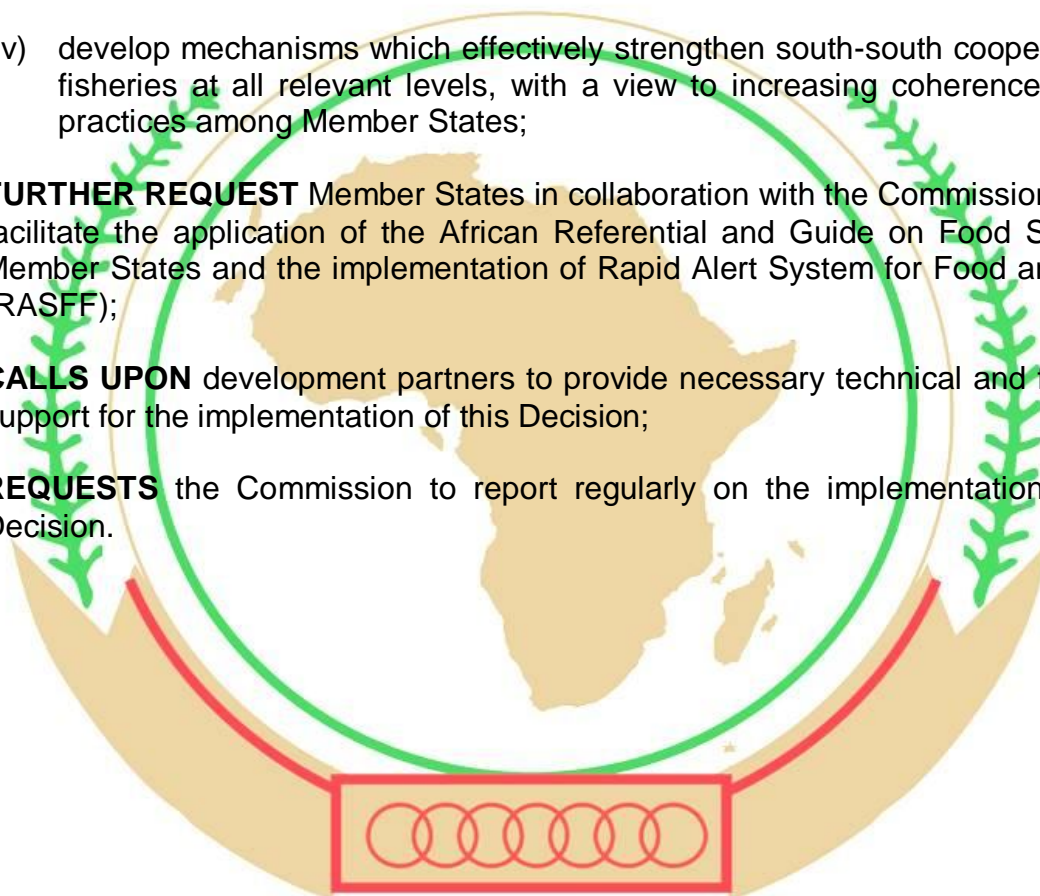


**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE FIRST CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN
MINISTERS OF FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE (CAMFA)
Doc. EX.CL/627 (XVIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the First Conference of African Ministers of Fisheries and Aquaculture (CAMFA) on the implementation of Regional Fisheries and Aquaculture plans held in Banjul, the Gambia from 22 to 25 September 2010; and **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained therein;
2. **URGES** Member States to:
 - (i) increase budgetary allocations to the fisheries and aquaculture sector consistent with 2003 Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Maputo commitment to allocate ten percent (10%) of their national budget allocation to agriculture;
 - (ii) submit to the Commission annual progress reports on the implementation of the African Union (AU)/New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) *Action Plan for the Development of African Fisheries and Aquaculture*.
3. **FURTHER URGES** Member States, the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and Regional Fisheries Bodies (RFBs) to;
 - (i) adopt and integrate ecosystem approaches in their national and regional fisheries management plans;
 - (ii) strengthen, monitor, control, and undertake surveillance as well as foster regional cooperation to curb Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing.
4. **CALLS UPON** Member States to eliminate Trade barriers to facilitate intra and inter regional trade of fish and fishery products;
5. **DECIDES** that an African Fisheries Day be instituted to highlight the potential of fisheries and aquaculture in wealth generation and economic development for Africa;
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission and the RECs to:
 - (i) engage the European Union with a view to reviewing fisheries trade-related issues such as rules of origin in order to maximize benefits to African countries and to ensure that the new EU-IUU regulation does not represent a barrier to trade for African States;

- (ii) facilitate harmonized position of Member States in the World Trade Organization (WTO), the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICATT), the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) and other negotiations, and strengthen the capacity of Member States to participate effectively in relevant regional and global fisheries fora;
 - (iii) facilitate discussions and engagement with development partners, to review their funding portfolio and increase allocation to fisheries sector investments, including sustainable aquaculture development, within the CAADP framework;
 - (iv) develop mechanisms which effectively strengthen south-south cooperation in fisheries at all relevant levels, with a view to increasing coherence in best practices among Member States;
7. **FURTHER REQUEST** Member States in collaboration with the Commission with to facilitate the application of the African Referential and Guide on Food Safety in Member States and the implementation of Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF);
8. **CALLS UPON** development partners to provide necessary technical and financial support for the implementation of this Decision;
9. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report regularly on the implementation of this Decision.



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE AFRICAN UNION
CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF DRUG CONTROL AND CRIME PREVENTION
Doc.EX.CL/628(XVIII)**

The Executive Council,

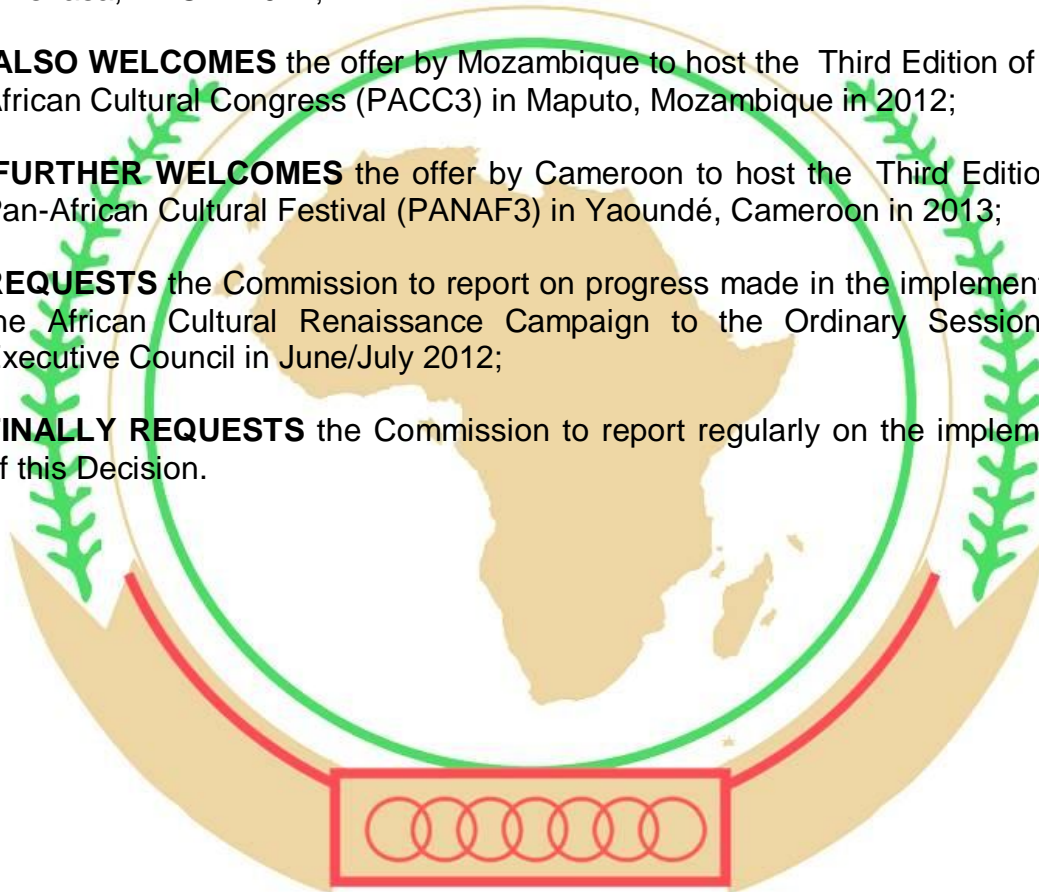
1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Fourth Session of the African Union (AU) Conference of Ministers of Drug Control and Crime Prevention (CAMDCCP4), held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 28 September to 2 October 2010, and of the recommendations contained therein;
2. **ENDORSES** the recommendations of the Fourth Session of CAMDCCP4, in particular, the following:
 - (i) National, regional, continental and international cooperation and coordination in the fight against drugs and crime should be strengthened;
 - (ii) Drug control legislation should be harmonised among Member States by 2012;
 - (iii) The control of precursor chemicals for the manufacturing of synthetic drugs should be pursued with urgency, as the trafficking of these chemicals has become an alarming challenge;
 - (iv) The need for a continental training facility for drug dependence treatment should be explored;
 - (v) Continental early warning systems should be strengthened and should include data on trafficking in illicit drugs, counterfeit medicines, firearms, persons, animal products, minerals, cultural property, as well as data on epidemiological trends in drug abuse;
3. **DECIDES** that the theme of the one of the next ordinary sessions of the Assembly to be held before 2015 should be devoted to drug control and crime prevention;
4. **URGES** Member States to decisively address violence against women through national legislation and to submit annual reports thereon;
5. **CALLS ON** Member States to contribute financially to the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFRI) to enable it execute its mandate;
6. **DECIDES** that the Fifth Session of CAMDCCP will be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in 2012;
7. **REQUESTS** the Commission to follow-up on the implementation of the outcomes of the Conference and report regularly on the implementation of this Decision.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE AFRICAN UNION
CONFERENCE OF MINISTRES OF CULTURE
Doc.EX.CL/630(XVIII)**

The Executive Council,

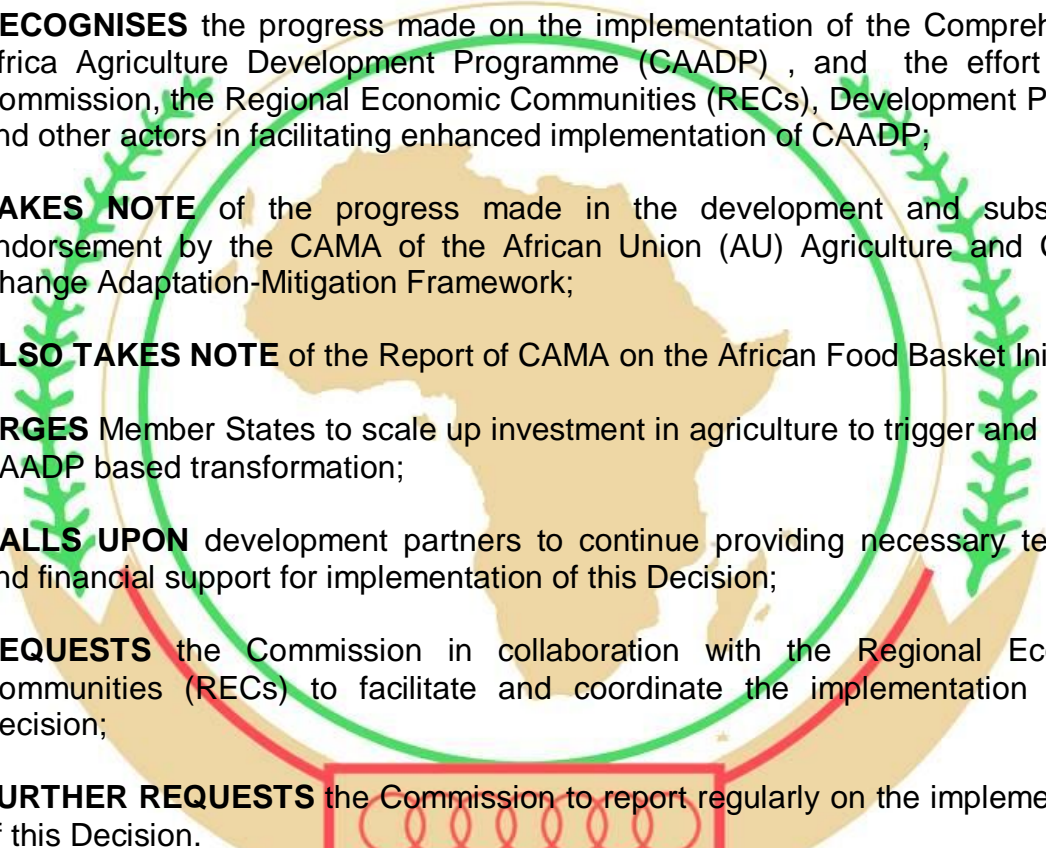
1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Third Ordinary Session of the African Union (AU) Conference of Ministers of Culture (CAMC3) on the theme of *Sustainable Financing of Cultural Development Sector*, held in Abuja, Nigeria, from 25 to 29 October 2010 and the recommendations contained therein;
2. **ENDORSES** the recommendations of CAMC3, in particular, the following:
 - i) The Implementation Programme for the African Cultural Renaissance Campaign 2010-2012;
 - ii) The promotion of national and regional programmes related to the Campaign for the African Cultural Renaissance 2010-2012, including the strengthening of the place of African languages and the linkage between Education and Culture with the view to promote Shared Values, African identity, Pan Africanism and integration;
 - iii) The Strategy on the Sustainable Financing of the Culture Development sector in Africa;
3. **URGES** Member States to domesticate the Strategy on the Sustainable Financing of the Culture Development sector in Africa;
4. **ALSO URGES** Member States to ratify and domesticate the Charter for the African Cultural Renaissance to ensure the entry into force of the Charter by 2012; and **CALLS ON** Member States that have ratified the Charter to serve as champions for the Cultural Renaissance Campaign;
5. **FURTHER URGES** Member States to take ownership of the Cultural Renaissance Campaign and to popularize the use of AU symbols -anthem, flag and logo;
6. **SUPPORTS** Algeria in its effort to establish the Great Africa Museum in Algiers;
7. **ALSO SUPPORTS** Tanzania and South Africa in the promotion of the Road to Independence and the African Liberation Route Projects in line with the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the independence of many Member States and the Centenary celebration of the African National Congress (ANC) in 2012;
8. **WELCOMES** the proposal by the International Network of African Museums (AFRICOM) to establish a pan-African cultural spaces within the new Conference Centre of the AU Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia;

9. **COMMENDS** Ethiopia for the land provided to the AU for the construction of an African Cultural Village in Addis Ababa, and **SUPPORTS** this initiative;
10. **ENCOURAGES** Member States and regional organizations in their efforts and initiatives at promoting cultural projects including the return of stolen cultural goods to Africa and the establishment of museums;
11. **WELCOMES** the offer by the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to host the Fourth Session of the Conference of AU Ministers of Culture (CAMC4) in Kinshasa, DRC in 2012;
12. **ALSO WELCOMES** the offer by Mozambique to host the Third Edition of the Pan African Cultural Congress (PACC3) in Maputo, Mozambique in 2012;
13. **FURTHER WELCOMES** the offer by Cameroon to host the Third Edition of the Pan-African Cultural Festival (PANAF3) in Yaoundé, Cameroon in 2013;
14. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report on progress made in the implementation of the African Cultural Renaissance Campaign to the Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in June/July 2012;
15. **FINALLY REQUESTS** the Commission to report regularly on the implementation of this Decision.



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE OF
AFRICAN MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE
Doc. EX.CL/631 (XVIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Conference of Ministers of Agriculture (CAMA) held in Lilongwe, Malawi from 28 to 29 October 2010 and **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained therein;
 2. **RECOGNISES** the progress made on the implementation of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) , and the effort of the Commission, the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), Development Partners and other actors in facilitating enhanced implementation of CAADP;
 3. **TAKES NOTE** of the progress made in the development and subsequent endorsement by the CAMA of the African Union (AU) Agriculture and Climate Change Adaptation-Mitigation Framework;
 4. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the Report of CAMA on the African Food Basket Initiative;
 5. **URGES** Member States to scale up investment in agriculture to trigger and sustain CAADP based transformation;
 6. **CALLS UPON** development partners to continue providing necessary technical and financial support for implementation of this Decision;
 7. **REQUESTS** the Commission in collaboration with the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to facilitate and coordinate the implementation of this Decision;
 8. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to report regularly on the implementation of this Decision.
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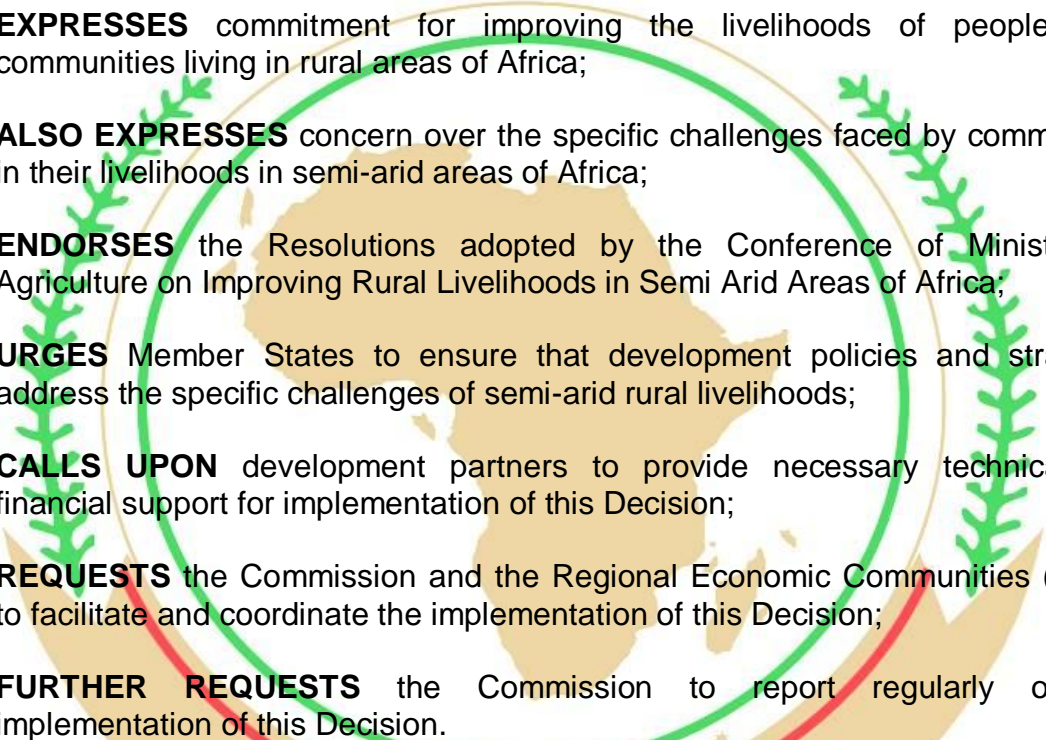
DECISION ON AFRICA'S PASTORALISM
Doc. EX.CL/631 (XVIII)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the pastoral policy initiative of the Commission aimed at securing, protecting and improving the lives, livelihoods and rights of pastoral communities;
2. **APPROVES** the Resolutions on “Policy Framework for Pastoralism in Africa” adopted by the Conference of African Ministers of Agriculture, held from 25 to 29 October 2010 in Lilongwe, Malawi;
3. **URGES** Member States to review their policies impacting pastoralism, in accordance with the Policy Framework, with a view to developing a comprehensive policy which takes into account the peculiar needs of pastoralism; and to build adequate human, financial, and technical capacities to support pastoral policy development, implementation and tracking progress;
4. **ENCOURAGES** pastoral networks and groups to initiate regional and continental forums to facilitate engagement with the Commission, the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), other relevant AU organs as well as, partners consistent with the objectives of the Policy Framework;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission and the RECs, in collaboration with development partners to:
 - i) strengthen and/or establish an appropriate institutional framework to provide coordination of follow up activities and facilitate mutual learning by Member States as they develop/review their pastoral policies in accordance with the Policy Framework;
 - ii) put in place appropriate measures/mechanisms for mobilization of financial resources and partnerships in support of promoting pastoral policy development and implementation at regional and country levels;
 - iii) take appropriate measures for the establishment of mechanisms for progress tracking and periodic Member States reporting on progress achieved;
 - iv) support pastoral groups and networks in their efforts to initiate regional and/or continental pastoralist forums.
6. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to report regularly on the implementation of this Decision.

**DECISION ON IMPROVING RURAL LIVELIHOODS IN SEMI-ARID
AREAS OF AFRICA
Doc. EX.CL/631(XVIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Conference of Ministers of Agriculture held in Lilongwe, Malawi from 28to 29 October 2010, on Improving Rural Livelihoods in Semi Arid Areas of Africa;
 2. **EXPRESSES** commitment for improving the livelihoods of peoples and communities living in rural areas of Africa;
 3. **ALSO EXPRESSES** concern over the specific challenges faced by communities in their livelihoods in semi-arid areas of Africa;
 4. **ENDORSES** the Resolutions adopted by the Conference of Ministers of Agriculture on Improving Rural Livelihoods in Semi Arid Areas of Africa;
 5. **URGES** Member States to ensure that development policies and strategies address the specific challenges of semi-arid rural livelihoods;
 6. **CALLS UPON** development partners to provide necessary technical and financial support for implementation of this Decision;
 7. **REQUESTS** the Commission and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to facilitate and coordinate the implementation of this Decision;
 8. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to report regularly on the implementation of this Decision.
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DECISION ON FOOD SAFETY
Doc. EX.CL/631 (XVIII)

The Executive Council,

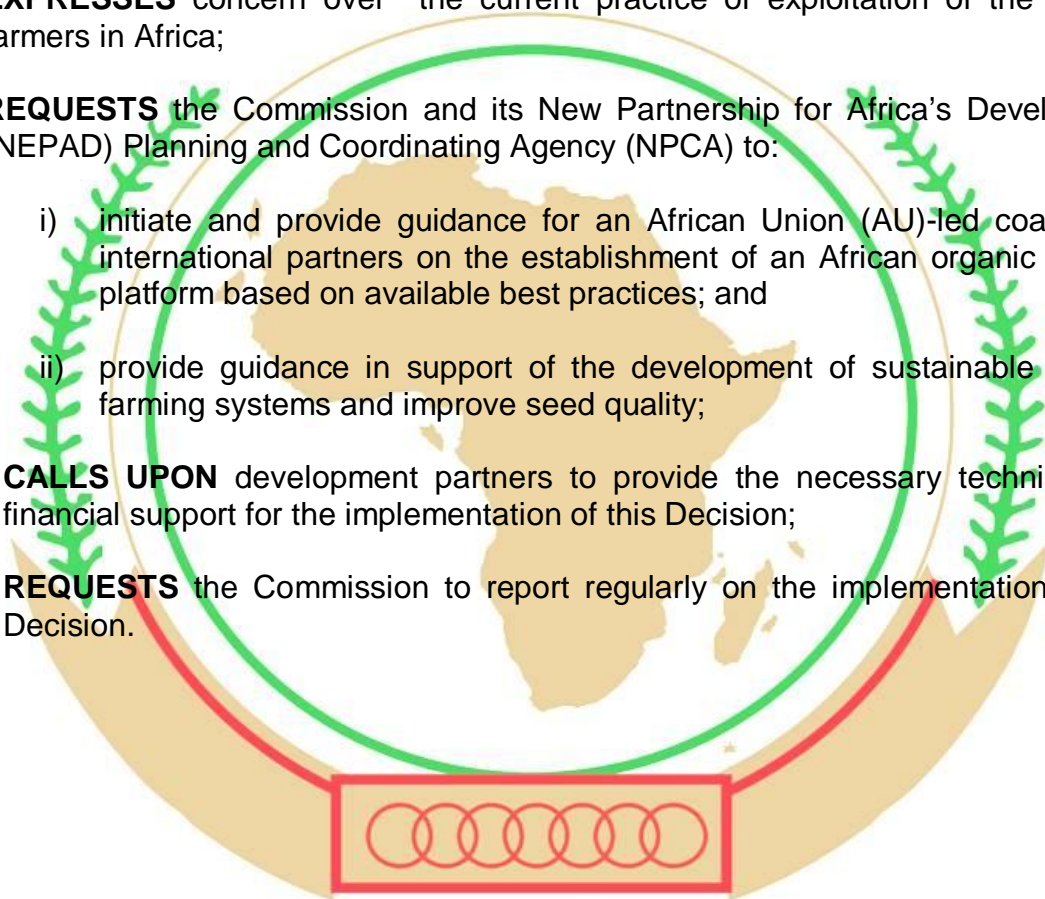
1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Conference of Ministers of Agriculture held in Lilongwe, Malawi from 28 to 29 October 2010 on Food Safety;
2. **FURTHER TAKES NOTE** of the Africa-European Union (EU) High Level Conference held in Brussels, Belgium from 18 to 19 November 2010 on Better Training for Safer Food (BTSF) and the conclusions of the 3rd Africa-EU Summit held in Tripoli, Great Libyan Arab Jamahiriya on 28 and 29 November 2010 regarding Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) issues and **ENDORSES** the Resolutions contained therein;
3. **COMMENDS** the African Union Commission and the EU Commission for their efforts geared towards the achievement of common principles and frameworks to improve food safety in Africa through the “Better Training for Safer Food (BTSF) Africa” programme within the context of the (SPS) agreement; and **ENCOURAGES** the two Commissions to further enhance their collaboration in this area;
4. **ENDORSES** the referential and Guide developed under the Africa-EU BTSF Africa program and the program for a Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF) at the African Organization for Standardization (ARSO) and **REQUESTS** the Commission to step up efforts towards ensuring that food safety is treated as an integral component of food and nutrition security in Africa;
5. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to report regularly on the implementation of this Decision.



DECISION ON ORGANIC FARMING
Doc. EX.CL/631 (XVIII)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Conference of Ministers of Agriculture held in Lilongwe, Malawi on 28 and 29 October 2010 on Organic Farming, and **ENDORSES** the Resolution contained therein;
2. **EXPRESSES** concern over the current practice of exploitation of the organic farmers in Africa;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission and its New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) to:
 - i) initiate and provide guidance for an African Union (AU)-led coalition of international partners on the establishment of an African organic farming platform based on available best practices; and
 - ii) provide guidance in support of the development of sustainable organic farming systems and improve seed quality;
4. **CALLS UPON** development partners to provide the necessary technical and financial support for the implementation of this Decision;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report regularly on the implementation of this Decision.



**DECISION ON THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION FRAMEWORK
CONVENTION ON TOBACCO CONTROL
Doc. EX.CL/631(XVIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Conference of the African Union Ministers of Agriculture held in Lilongwe, Malawi, on 28 and 29 October 2010 and the Report of the Conference of the African Union Ministers of Trade held in Kigali, Rwanda, on 1 and 2 November 2010, especially related to the World Health Organization (WHO) Framework Convention on Tobacco Control;
2. **ENDORSES** the Declaration of the Ministers of Trade on the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control;
3. **URGES** the African Ministers of Health, Trade and Agriculture to make concerted efforts to consult further on this sensitive question in order to develop coherent strategies aimed at defending the interests of African countries producers of Tobacco;
4. **CALLS ON** both the WHO and the World Trade Organization (WTO) to work collectively towards ensuring that measures aimed at the control of tobacco for health reasons, which may hinder tobacco trade, are taken based on proven scientific evidence;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report regularly on the implementation of this Decision.



**DECISION ON THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE FOURTH UNITED NATIONS
CONFERENCE ON THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
Doc. EX.CL/632(XVIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Conference of the African Union (AU) Ministers of Trade, held in Kigali, Rwanda on 1 and 2 November 2010, on the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries **LDC-IV** report on the preparations for the Fourth United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries (**LDC-IV**), to be held in Istanbul, Turkey, from 30 May to 03 June 2011;
2. **URGES** the United Nations (UN) Office of the High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Islands States and other **UN** agencies and development partners to ensure that preparatory activities are transparent and inclusive;
3. **CALLS ON** development partners to ensure additional predictable and untied Official Development Assistance (**ODA**) for budget support to **LDCs** in view of their limited scope for domestic resource mobilization;
4. **TAKES NOTE** of the efforts made by the Africa Groups in Geneva and New York, aimed at protecting African interests during the preparations for the **UN LDC-IV** Conference;
5. **ENCOURAGES** the African Group in Geneva and New York to continue to participate fully and actively in preparatory meetings for the **UN LDC-IV** Conference in order to achieve results which would promote Africa's development;
6. **URGES** Member States to continue to co-ordinate efforts at technical and political levels with groups and countries having similar interests, particularly the G77 and China;
7. **STRESSES** the importance of developing effective review and monitoring mechanisms for the successor programme for the Business Plan of Action as one of the major outcomes of Istanbul;
8. **FURTHER STRESSES** in line with the outcomes of the Kigali Trade Ministers Conference, the importance of development of the productive sector as key driver of enhanced inter-African trade, fuller integration into the global economy sustainable and inclusive growth and development;
9. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report on the implementation of this Decision to the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly, through the Executive Council, in June 2011.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE OF
MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENERGY
Doc. EX.CL/633(XVIII)**

The Executive Council,

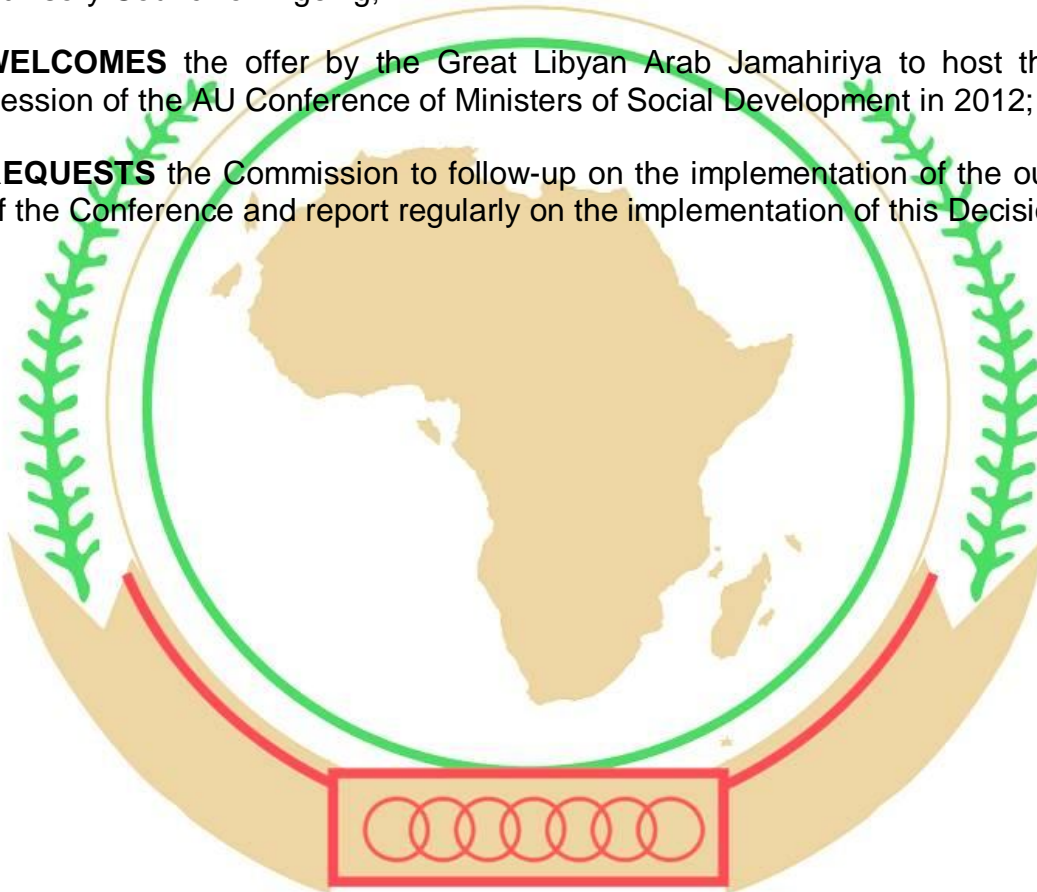
1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the African Union Conference of Ministers Responsible for Energy, held in Maputo, Mozambique on 5th November 2010;
2. **COMMENDS** the Commission, the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) for the important initiative jointly undertaken and successfully completed in Maputo with regard to the Conference of Energy Ministers for Africa (CEMA), the All Africa Energy Week and the Pan Africa Investment Forum; and call upon the Commission to extend the study to other regions;
3. **ENDORSES** the Declaration and the Resolutions on All Africa Energy Week and on the Study on Solar Energy of the Sahara Desert adopted by the Maputo Ministerial Conference on 5 November 2010;
4. **ENDORESES ALSO** CEMA as a Central Continental Coordination Organ for energy policies, which will assume the functions of all the African Ministerial Conferences and Forums in charge of energy in Africa;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission in collaboration with other stakeholders to take all necessary measures to facilitate and speed up the operationalisation of the CEMA;
6. **ENDORESES** the All Africa Energy Week as a framework for assessing the progress achieved in the area of regional energy infrastructure development and services, consensus building on emerging issues, and high level coordination of all energy sector players and stakeholders. The CEMA meeting and All Africa Energy Week shall take place every two years;
7. **ENCOURAGES** cooperation between the Conference of Energy Ministers for Africa (CEMA), the Conference of Ministers responsible for Water Resources (AMCOW) and the Conference of Ministers of the Environment (AMCEN) with a view to promoting cross-border river basins development and regional electric energy production and transmission networks;
8. **SUPPORTS** the initiative to designate a Year of Energy Access and **CALLS UPON** the United Nations to declare 2012 the International Year of Universal Energy Access and to agree to work with all stakeholders and development partners to achieve this objective through global campaign;
9. **APPEALS** to the AfDB, UNECA as well as other development partners to support the implementation of this Decision;
10. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report regularly on the implementation of this Decision.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE AFRICAN UNION
CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
Doc.EX.CL/634(XVIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Second Session of the African Union Conference of Ministers of Social Development (CAMSD2), held in Khartoum, The Sudan, from 21 to 25 September 2010, and of the recommendations contained therein, as well as the Khartoum Declaration on Social Policy Action Towards Social Inclusion;
2. **ENDORSES** the recommendations of the Second Session of CAMSD2 and, in particular, the following:
 - i) The implementation of the Social Policy Framework for Africa should be accelerated at national, regional and continental levels;
 - ii) The African Decade of Persons with Disabilities should be extended to 2019;
 - iii) The decisions of the Extra Ordinary Session of the Governing Board of the African Rehabilitation Institute (ARI) should be implemented regarding the immediate financial and administrative management and restructuring of ARI to make it respond to the needs of the Persons with Disabilities more effectively, and for the Institute to play a leading role in implementing the extended Decade;
 - iv) The Advisory Council on Ageing should be established;
 - v) Member States should annually submit, to the Commission, the completed Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for the Implementation of the Call for Accelerated Action, and Plan of Action Towards Africa Fit for Children;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to:
 - (i) Facilitate capacity building activities for social policy analysis in Member States and devise strategies for the successful implementation of the Social Policy Framework for Africa (SPF);
 - (ii) Assist in the restructuring process of the African Rehabilitation Institute (ARI);

- (iii) Facilitate the work of the Steering Committee on Ageing towards the establishment of the Advisory Council on Ageing, and in this regard, request the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights to include the Advisory Council on Ageing in the draft additional Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR) focusing on Ageing, in order to provide the Advisory Council with a firm legal basis.
4. **REQUESTS** the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters in consultation with the Commission and the ACHPR to identify the financial and structural implications of the establishment of the Advisory Council on Ageing;
5. **WELCOMES** the offer by the Great Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to host the Third Session of the AU Conference of Ministers of Social Development in 2012;
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission to follow-up on the implementation of the outcomes of the Conference and report regularly on the implementation of this Decision.



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE FOURTH ORDINARY MEETING
OF THE SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE,
SECURITY AND SAFETY
Doc. EX.CL/635(XVIII)**

The Executive Council,

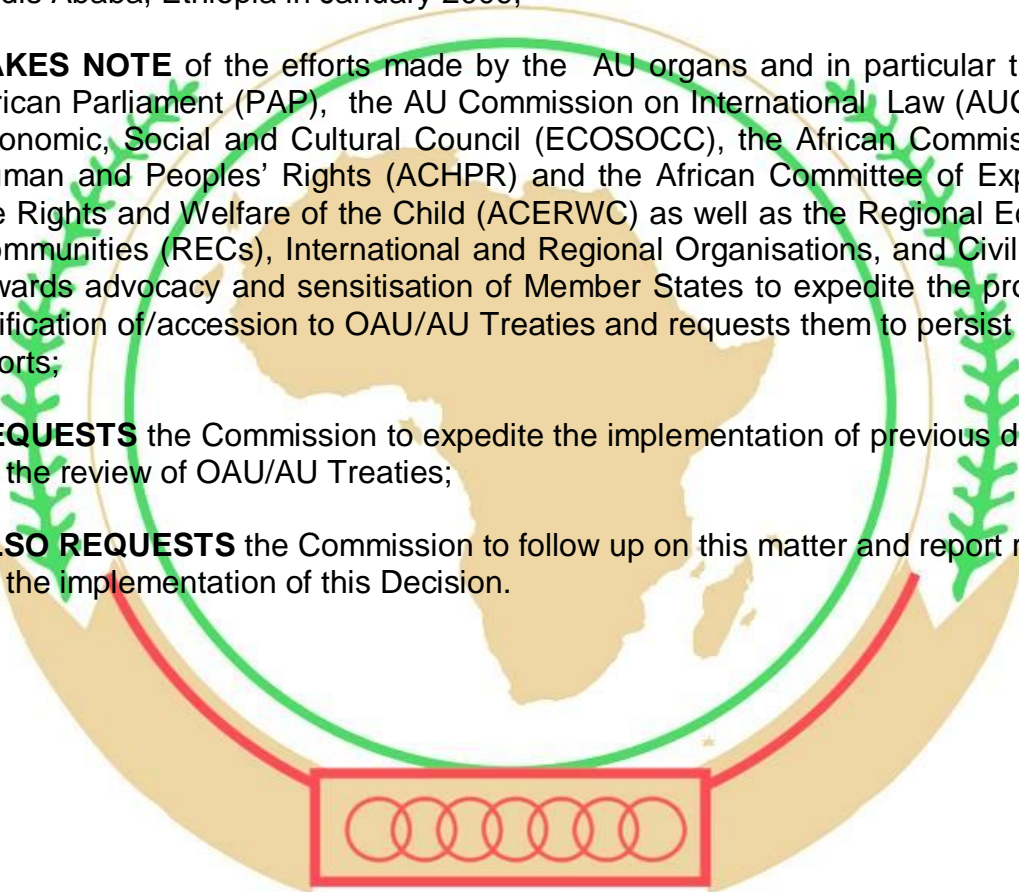
1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Fourth Ordinary Meeting of the Specialized Technical Committee on Defence, Security and Safety, held in Addis Ababa on 7 December 2010, and which was preceded by the Seventh Meeting of the African Chiefs of Defence Staff and Heads of Security and Safety, which took place in Addis Ababa, on 6 December 2010;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the progress made in the operationalization of the African Standby Force (ASF);
3. **ENDORSES** the choice of Doula, Cameroon for the establishment of the logistical continental base of ASF and **REQUESTS** the Commission to take appropriate measures for the implementation of this decision;
4. **ENDORSES** the Declaration adopted by the Ministers of Defence;
5. **WELCOMES** the outcome of Exercise Amani Africa held in Addis Ababa, from 13 to 29 October 2010 as well as the Regional Standby Forces exercises aimed at testing the ability of the Commission and the RECs to manage multidimensional missions and facilitating efficient deployment of the ASF;
6. **REQUESTS** the Ministers of Defence to :
 - i) reflect on the issue of funding ASF, including the mobilization of predictable and reliable resources;
 - ii) explore the possibility of establishing a Standby Force to fight piracy on Africa's coasts including Indian Ocean, the Gulf of Guinea, the Horn of Africa;
 - iii) assess the level of preparedness for the deployment of ASF in the different regions of the continent;
 - iv) address the issue of compensation for the soldiers who lost their lives while on AU peace missions;
7. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to take all the necessary measures for the effective and timely implementation of the Declaration and to report regularly on the implementation of this Decision.

**DECISION ON THE STATUS OF SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION
OF OAU/AU TREATIES
Doc. EX.CL/638(XVIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the Status of signature and ratification of OAU/AU Treaties;
2. **WELCOMES** the efforts made by the Commission and Member States towards signature, ratification/accession of OAU/AU Treaties during the period July to December 2010;
3. **REITERATES** its appeal to Member States to prioritize and accelerate the signing and ratification/accession to OAU/AU Treaties, and **APPEALS** in particular to the Member States which are not yet States Parties to the following treaties:
 - i) The Treaty establishing the African Economic Community (1991);
 - ii) The Protocol relating to the establishment of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union (2002);
 - iii) The African Convention on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (revised version) (2003);
 - iv) The African Youth Charter (2006);
 - v) The Charter for African Cultural Renaissance (2006);
 - vi) The African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (2007);
 - vii) The Protocol on the Statute of the African Court of Justice and Human Rights (2008);
 - viii) The African Charter on Statistics (2009);
 - ix) The Protocol on the African Investment Bank (2009);
 - x) The African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala Convention) (2009);
 - xi) The Revised Constitution of the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFAC) (2009);

- xii) The Revised African Maritime Transport Charter (2010);
 - xiii) The Protocol on amendments of the Constitutive act of AU.
4. **ALSO REITERATES** its appeal to Member States to ensure that they comply with the decisions of the policy organs and initiate the process of ratification of new treaties within a period of one (1) year after its adoption in accordance with Executive Council Decision EX.CL/Dec.459 (XVI) on the Status of Signature and Ratification of OAU/AU/ Treaties and the Harmonization of Ratification Procedures adopted by the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2009;
5. **TAKES NOTE** of the efforts made by the AU organs and in particular the Pan-African Parliament (PAP), the AU Commission on International Law (AUCIL), the Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC), the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR) and the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC) as well as the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), International and Regional Organisations, and Civil Society towards advocacy and sensitisation of Member States to expedite the process of ratification of/accession to OAU/AU Treaties and requests them to persist in these efforts;
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission to expedite the implementation of previous decisions on the review of OAU/AU Treaties;
7. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to follow up on this matter and report regularly on the implementation of this Decision.



DECISION ON THE SITUATION IN PALESTINE AND THE MIDDLE EAST
Doc. EX.CL/641(XVIII)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the Situation in the Middle East and Palestine; and **RECALLS** all resolutions and decisions adopted by the OAU/AU on the Situation in Palestine and the Middle East;
2. **REITERATES** its full support to the Palestinian people for their legitimate struggle against Israeli Occupation under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), their sole and legitimate representative, to obtain their inalienable national rights, including their right to self-determination, return to their homeland and to restore their property, and to live in peace and stability in an Independent Palestinian State with Al-Quds Al-Sharif (Jerusalem) as its capital, in accordance with the principles of the international law, all pertinent United Nations (UN) Resolutions, particularly UN Security Council (UNSC) resolution 194, which call for the return of all Palestinian Refugees to their homeland and properties, and the relevant resolutions and decisions of the OAU/AU;
3. **REAFFIRMS** its support for a peaceful solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict on the basis of the principles of the international law and all relevant UN resolution, with an emphasis on the establishment of an independent Palestinian state existing on the borders of the fourth of June 1967, with Al-Quds Al-Sharif (Jerusalem) as its capital;
4. **CALLS UPON** the Israeli Government to cease settlements activities in the entire Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, including Al-Quds Al-Sharif (Jerusalem); **HOLDS** Israeli Government the responsibility for the failure of efforts exerted to resolve the conflict in the Middle East region, **AFFIRMS** that the resumption of direct Palestinian-Israeli negotiations requires full settlement cessation in the occupied Palestinian territory including Al-Quds Al-Sharif (Jerusalem), and **CALLS UPON** the U.S. administration, as a sponsor of the peace process, and the international community to continue to put pressure on the Israeli Government to stop immediately settlement activities in all its forms in the occupied Al-Quds Al-Sharif (Jerusalem) and the West Bank;
5. **REAFFIRMS ITS FULL SUPPORT** to the Palestinian plan of building Palestinian institutions that are based on ending the Israeli occupation, establishing an independent Palestinian State, and providing political, diplomatic, legal and international protection for its success;
6. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the Israeli continuous and illegal violations in the Holy City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif (Jerusalem) and the West bank; and **URGES** Israeli occupying Authorities to stop all these serious and dangerous violations

immediately, including the settlements activities and Judaization Policy of the Holy City that will influence the landmarks of Islamic and Christian shrines; and **CALLS UPON** the international community to exert pressure on Israeli Occupying Authorities to abide by International and Humanitarian Laws;

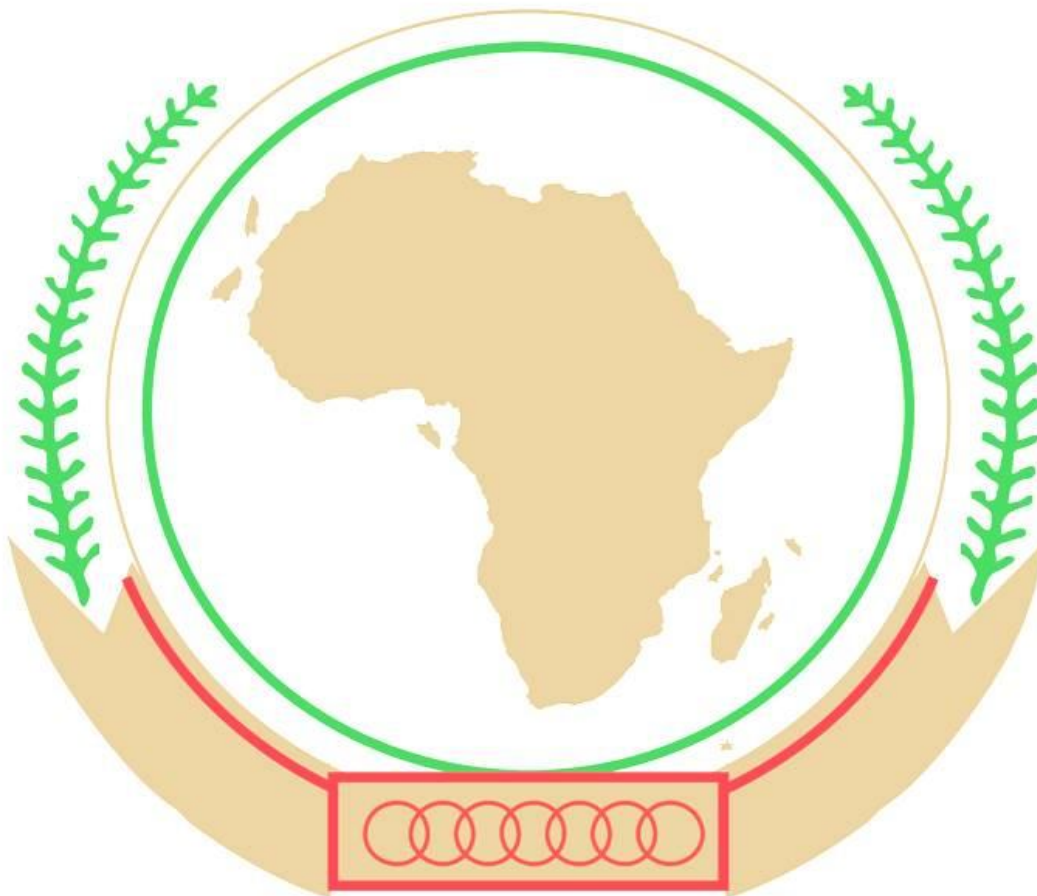
7. **EXPRESSES FURTHER** its full support to the tireless efforts made by President Mahmoud Abbas to strengthen the Palestinian national unity, in order to get rid of the Palestinian current impasse, to ensure the geographical and political unity of the Palestinian territories, and **WELCOMES** the recent efforts which took place to finish the split as well as **REITERATES** its support for the Palestinian leadership and the Palestinian National Authority (PNA);
8. **DENOUNCES AND CONDEMS ALL** Israeli inhuman practices against prisoners and detainees; and **DEMANDS** to the Israeli Government to release all prisoners and captives from the jails of the Israeli Occupying Authorities; **FOLLOWS WITH DEEP CONCERN** the worsening humanitarian situation and increasing sanitary and economic deterioration in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, due to the constant siege imposed on Gaza Strip, ongoing daily Israeli invasions, restrictions on the movement of persons and constant closures, and blockades of the Palestinian commercial crossing points with neighbouring countries **AND CALLS UPON** Israeli Occupying Authorities to remove it immediately;
9. **REITERATES** that the just and comprehensive peace can be achieved only through complete Israeli withdrawal from occupied Palestinian and Arab States territories up to the borders of 4 June 1967, including the Occupied Syrian Golan and the lands still occupied in southern Lebanon, and through the two States solution with establishing the sovereign Independent Palestinian State with Al-Quds Al-Sharif Al-Sharif (Jerusalem) as its capital, in accordance with the Arab Peace Initiative;
10. **CALLS UPON** the African Union Committee of Ten (10) Member States on Palestine to cooperate and work with other Member States in order to develop an action plan to move across the international bodies and organizations in the effort to enforce its resolutions on Palestine and the Middle East;
11. **ALSO CALLS UPON** the Security Council to convene an emergency session to address the Arab-Israeli conflict in all its dimensions in the event of failure of the ongoing negotiations.

DECISION ON THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IN AFRICA
Doc. EX.CL/642(XVIII)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Humanitarian situation in Africa;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the urgency, magnitude and complexity of the problems Member States are confronted with and the impact those problems have had on the socio-economies of the countries concerned;
3. **EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE** to the Member States which continue to grant asylum and extend assistance to refugees and internally displaced persons despite the meagre resources available to them;
4. **COMMENDS** the initiatives taken so far by all stakeholders, including Member States, the Commission and other relevant African Union (AU) Organs, and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) as well as the Partners in their efforts to continue to follow up on the implementation of the outcomes and the Plan of Action of the AU Special Summit on Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons held in Kampala, Uganda on 19 October 2009;
5. **REQUESTS** Member States, the Commission and other relevant AU Organs, in collaboration with the RECs and Partners to continue to implement the outcomes and the Plan of Action of the AU Special Summit on Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons with a view to finding ways and means of speeding up the implementation;
6. **APPEALS** to those Member States which have not yet done so to consider as a matter of priority signing and ratifying or acceding to the African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala Convention) for its speedy entry into force;
7. **REITERATES ITS APPEAL** to the International Community, in the spirit of burden-sharing to extend to countries faced with forced displacement problems increased support to assist them in shouldering their heavy responsibilities as well as to cope with the socio-economic and environmental consequences arising from it;
8. **CONGRATULATES** the United Nations (UN) High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), on the occasion of its 60th Anniversary, the 60th anniversary of the 1951 UN Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the 50th anniversary of the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness;

9. **REQUESTS** the Commission to undertake a detailed situational analysis in Member States and RECs on existing mechanisms and Policy Frameworks on Humanitarian action with a view to facilitating coordination of efforts in this matter;
10. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to report to Council in January 2012.



**DECISION ON THE REPORTS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE AU SOLEMN DECLARATION ON GENDER EQUALITY IN AFRICA
Doc. EX.CL/643(XVIII)**

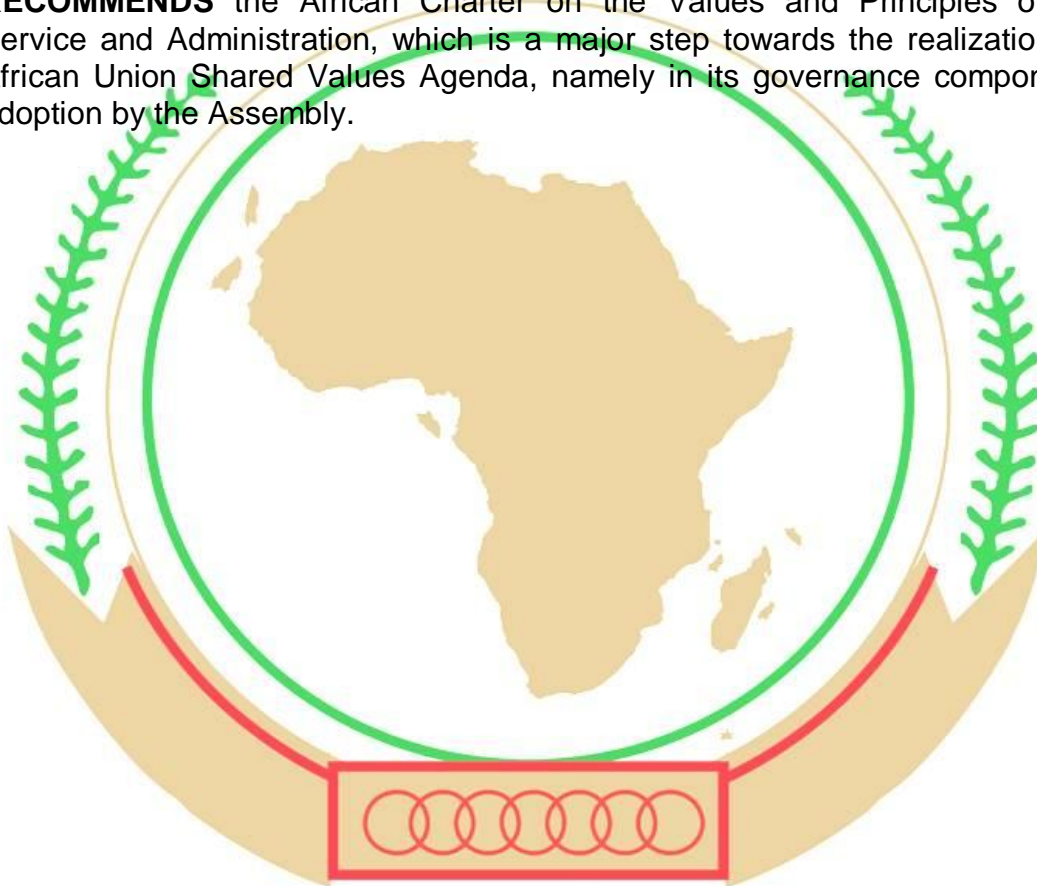
The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Reports and presentation on the Implementation of the African Union (AU) Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa (SDGEA);
2. **CONGRATULATES** the thirty-two (32) Member States that have so far submitted their baseline reports, namely: Algeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, The Gambia, Ghana, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Mali, Mauritius, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe;
3. **APPEALS** to the following twenty-one (21) Member States that are yet to submit their baseline reports, namely: Angola, Botswana, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Comoros, DR Congo, Eritrea, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Mozambique, Sahrawi Arab Dem Republic, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, Somalia, The Sudan and Tanzania to urgently submit these reports, for the Commission to have a base upon which to build on progress made;
4. **RECOMMENDS** the amended *Guidelines for Reporting on the AU Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality In Africa (SDGEA)*; and the amended *Implementation Framework of the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality In Africa*, as adopted by the Ministers of Gender and Women Affairs at their meeting in Nairobi, Kenya in October 2010;
5. **CALLS ON** Member States to implement all the commitments made in the SDGEA;
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission to ~~take the necessary~~ steps to continue to assist Member States in the process of reporting on the SDGEA;
7. **APPEALS** to Member States that have not yet done so, to sign and ratify or accede to the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa;
8. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report regularly on the implementation of this Decision.

**DECISION ON THE AFRICAN CHARTER ON THE VALUES AND PRINCIPLES
OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION
Doc. EX.CL/645(XVIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the African Charter on the Values and Principles of Public Service and Administration;
2. **RECOMMENDS** the African Charter on the Values and Principles of Public Service and Administration, which is a major step towards the realization of the African Union Shared Values Agenda, namely in its governance component, for adoption by the Assembly.



DECISION PROPOSED BY THE UNION OF THE COMOROS
Doc. EX.CL/623(XVIII)

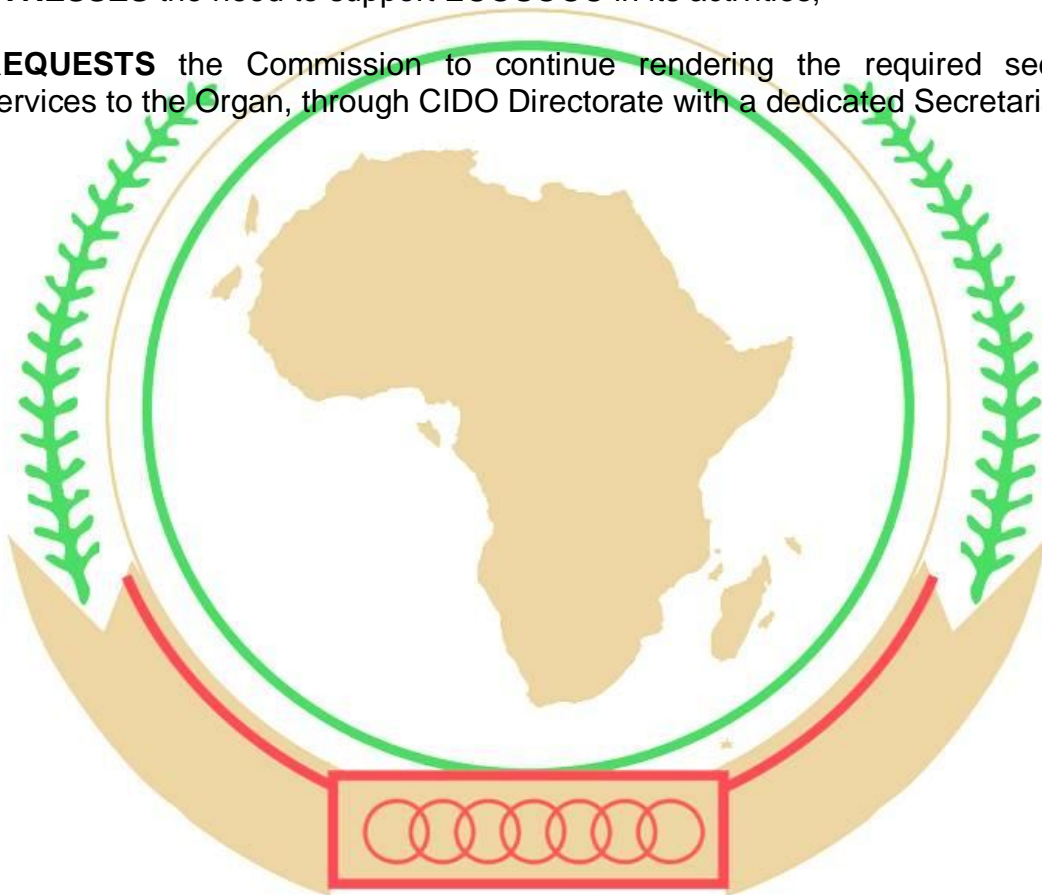
The Executive Council,

1. **RECALLS** its Decision EX.CL/Dec.488(XIV) on the Comorian Island of Mayotte;
2. **RECALLS ALSO** that all the consultations or referendum organized by France in Comorian territory of the Island of Mayotte, particularly those of February and April 1976 and that of 29 March 2009 are null and void, and that the self-determination referendum of 22 December 1974 is the only referendum relevant in this matter;
3. **CONDEMNS** the entire process aimed at transforming the Comorian Island of Mayotte into the 101st French Overseas Department and declares the said process null and void, and with no effect whatsoever on the Union of the Comoros and all Member States of the African Union;
4. **REAFFIRMS ONCE AGAIN** that the Comorian Island of Mayotte belongs to the Union of the Comoros;
5. **REQUESTS** that a frank and constructive dialogue be established under the auspices of the United Nations Secretary General to determine together the modalities for the effective return of the Island of Mayotte to its Comorian entity;
6. **DECIDES** to reactivate the Ad Hoc Committee of Seven on the Comorian Island of Mayotte and **CALLS ON** the unflinching support and backing of international fora, of African Union Heads of State and Government for the request of the Union of the Comoros;
7. **DEMANDS** that France abrogates the BALLADUR visa which has resulted in thousands of deaths and disappearances.

**DECISION ON THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL
AND CULTURAL COUNCIL
Doc. EX.CL/648(XVIII)**

The Executive Council,

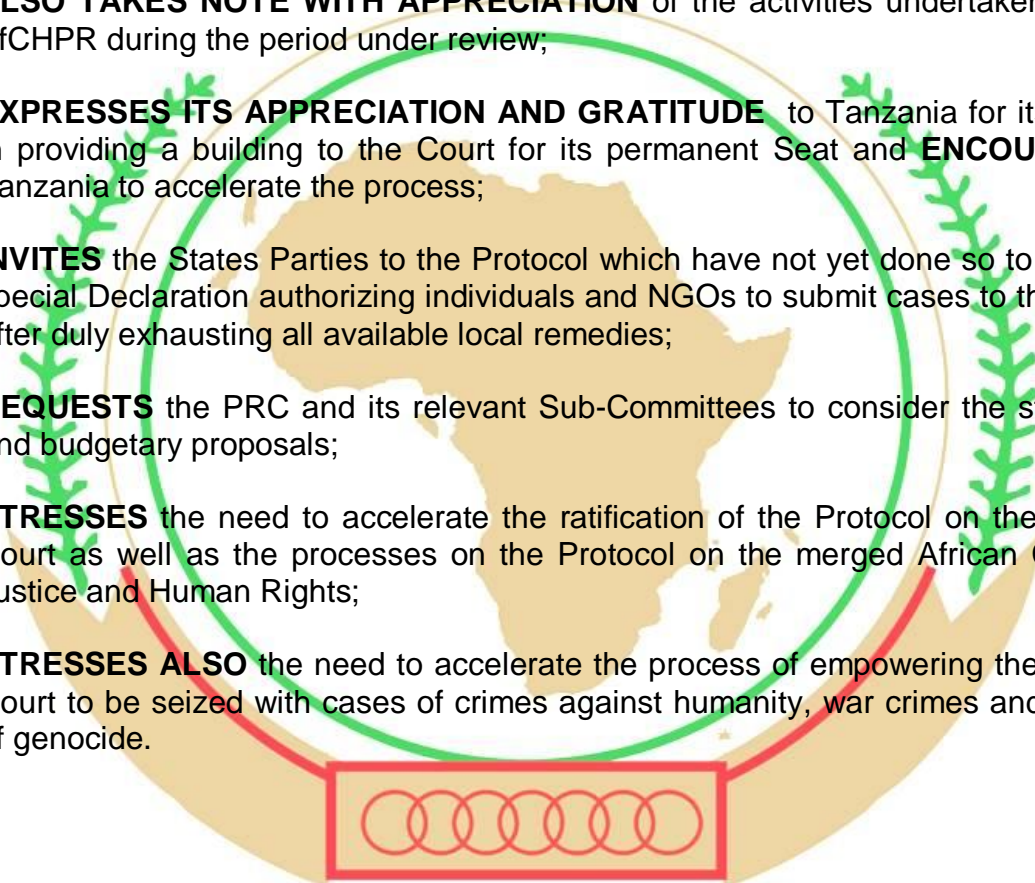
1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC);
2. **STRESSES** the need to support ECOSOCC in its activities;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to continue rendering the required secretarial services to the Organ, through CIDO Directorate with a dedicated Secretariat.



**DECISION ON THE 2010 ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE AFRICAN COURT ON
HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS
Doc. EX.CL/650(XVIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (AfCHPR) and the recommendations of the PRC thereon;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** of the activities undertaken by the AfCHPR during the period under review;
3. **EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE** to Tanzania for its efforts in providing a building to the Court for its permanent Seat and **ENCOURAGES** Tanzania to accelerate the process;
4. **INVITES** the States Parties to the Protocol which have not yet done so to make a special Declaration authorizing individuals and NGOs to submit cases to the Court after duly exhausting all available local remedies;
5. **REQUESTS** the PRC and its relevant Sub-Committees to consider the structural and budgetary proposals;
6. **STRESSES** the need to accelerate the ratification of the Protocol on the African Court as well as the processes on the Protocol on the merged African Court of Justice and Human Rights;
7. **STRESSES ALSO** the need to accelerate the process of empowering the African Court to be seized with cases of crimes against humanity, war crimes and crimes of genocide.



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF MEMBER STATES' EXPERTS CONSULTATIONS
ON THE THEME OF THE SIXTEENTH ORDINARY AU ASSEMBLY "TOWARDS
GREATER UNITY AND INTEGRATION THROUGH SHARED VALUES"
Doc. EX.CL/619 (XVIII)**

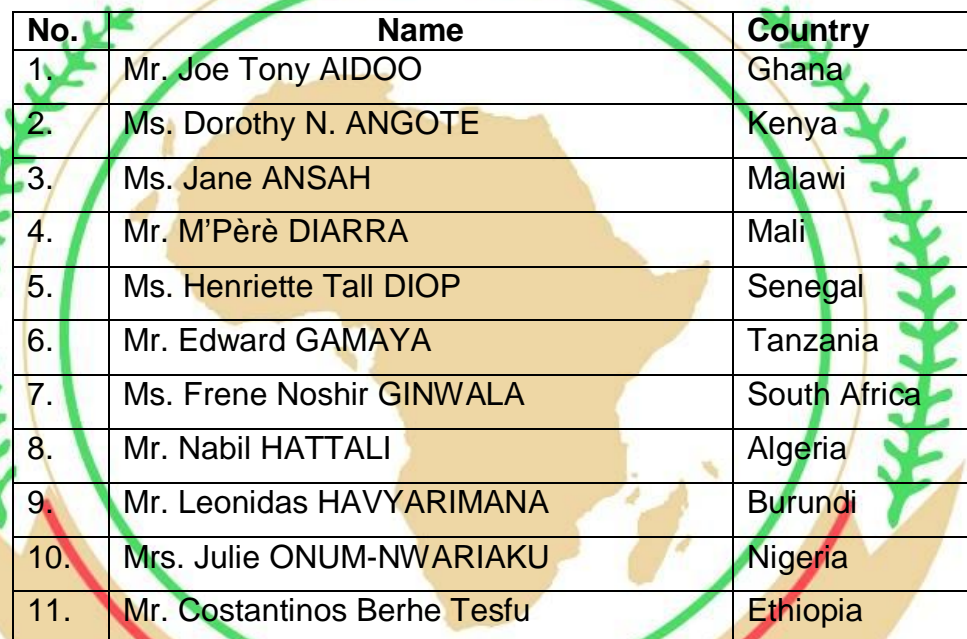
The Executive Council,

1. **RECALLS** the Decision EX.CL/Dec.525(XVI) adopted by the Sixteenth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council and endorsed by the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly in February 2010, on the theme of the January/February 2011 Summit which shall be devoted to the Shared Values in Africa, in particular, the putting in place of a Pan-African Architecture on governance;
2. **TAKES NOTE** of the Member States Experts Report and **COMMENDS** the African Union Commission for arranging the Meeting, the prior consultations with Civil Society, the Youth and Gender Communities, as well as the High-Level Seminar on the Summit Theme;
3. **ENDORSES** the strengthening of the African Governance Architecture, through the launch of the Governance Platform as an informal and non-decision making mechanism to: foster exchange of information; facilitate the elaboration of common positions on governance; strengthen the capacity of Africa to speak with one voice;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to undertake periodic reviews and coordinate the monitoring of compliance to AU instruments on Shared Values;
5. **REQUESTS** the African Union Commission to ensure greater synergy and coherence between African Governance Architecture and the Peace and Security Architecture;
6. **URGES** all Member States to display in public, symbols of the Union and to incorporate in their national curriculum, the Shared Values and the history of the Union; and **ENCOURAGE** student exchange;
7. **DECLARES** 2012 as the year of Shared Values in Africa;
8. **ENDORSES** the Draft Declaration on the Summit Theme and **DECIDES** that it will be submitted to the Assembly for consideration and adoption.

**DECISION ON THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE
ADVISORY BOARD ON CORRUPTION
Doc. EX.CL/652(XVIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the election of the members of the Advisory Board on Corruption;
2. **ELECTS** the following members of the Advisory Board on Corruption for a **two (2)-year term**:



No.	Name	Country
1.	Mr. Joe Tony AIDOO	Ghana
2.	Ms. Dorothy N. ANGOTE	Kenya
3.	Ms. Jane ANSAH	Malawi
4.	Mr. M'Pèrè DIARRA	Mali
5.	Ms. Henriette Tall DIOP	Senegal
6.	Mr. Edward GAMAYA	Tanzania
7.	Ms. Frene Noshir GINWALA	South Africa
8.	Mr. Nabil HATTALI	Algeria
9.	Mr. Leonidas HAVYARIMANA	Burundi
10.	Mrs. Julie ONUM-NWARIAKU	Nigeria
11.	Mr. Costantinos Berhe Tesfu	Ethiopia

3. **RECOMMENDS** the elected members of the Advisory Board on Corruption to the Sixteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly for appointment.

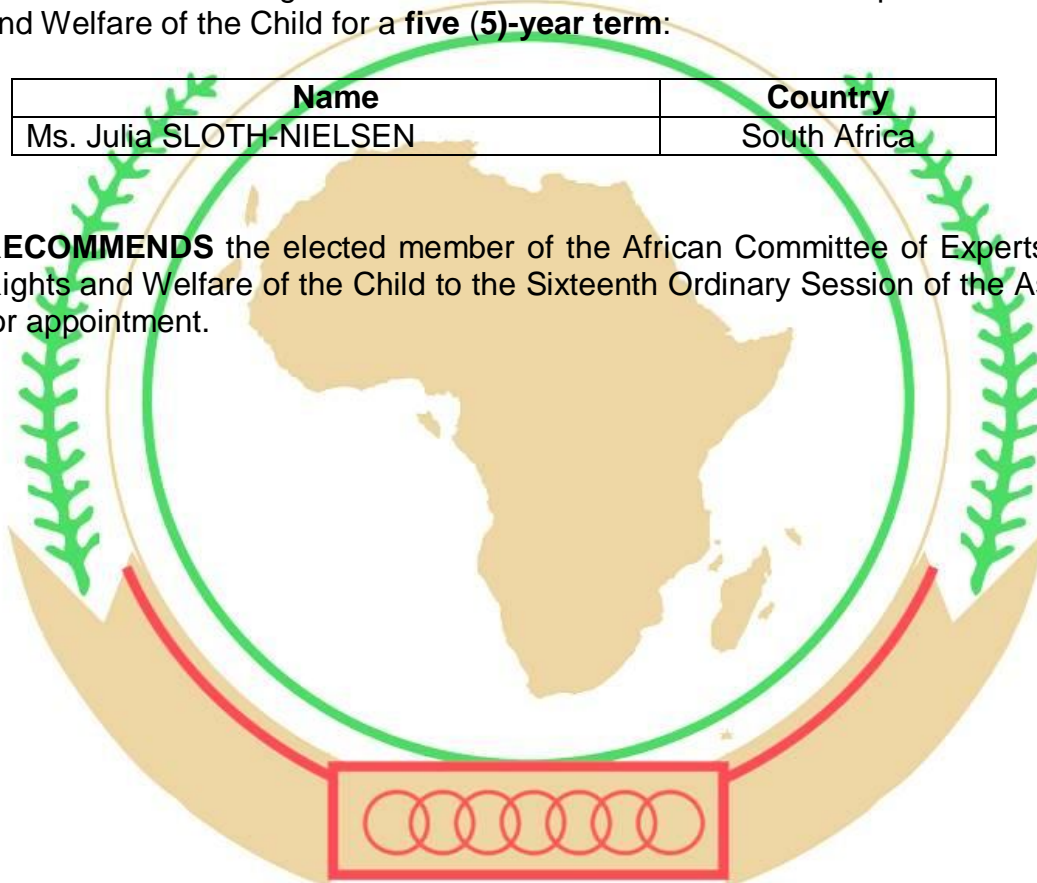
**DECISION ON ELECTION OF A MEMBER OF THE AFRICAN COMMITTEE OF
EXPERTS ON THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF THE CHILD
DOC. EX.CL/653(XVIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on Election of a Member of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child;
2. **ELECTS** the following member of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child for a **five (5)-year term**:

Name	Country
Ms. Julia SLOTH-NIELSEN	South Africa

3. **RECOMMENDS** the elected member of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child to the Sixteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly for appointment.



DECISION ON AFRICAN CANDIDATURES WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM
Doc.EX.CL/646(XVIII)

The Executive Council,

1. ENDORSES the following Candidatures:

- i. Candidature of Burkina Faso for re-election to the United Nations Human Rights Council for the period 2011-2014 during the election to be held in New York, in May 2011;
- ii. Candidature of the Republic of Botswana, Benin and the Republic of Congo for election to the United Nations Human Rights Council for the period 2011-2014 during the election to be held in New York, in May 2011.

2. ALSO ENDORSES the following candidatures:

- i. The Candidature of Mrs. Monica N. Mbanefo of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for the post of Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) during the election to be held in London, in June 2011;
- ii. The Candidature of Mr. D. B. Seetulsingh of the Republic of Mauritius for re-election to the United Nations Human Rights Committee for the period 2011-2013 during the election to be held in New York, in May 2011;
- iii. The Candidature of the Arab Republic of Egypt for membership of the Board of the Food and Agriculture organization (FAO) for the period 2011 – 2014 during the elections to be held in July 2011;
- iv. The Candidature of Mr. Adnan Zahir Amin of the Republic of Kenya, for election to the post of Director General of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) at the elections to be held during the 1st Assembly of IRENA in Abu Dhabi in April 2011;
- v. The Candidature of the Republic of South Africa for election to the membership of the United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ), during the election to be held in 2011, it also endorsed the following countries, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tunisia and Uganda, as per consensus reached by the African Group in New York. The remaining four seats should be filled by the Eastern and Western region. The Committee mandates the African Group in New York to continue consultations in due respect;

- vi. The Candidature of the Republics of Kenya, Sudan and Uganda for re-election to the membership of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD), during the election to be held in New York in May 2011. The remaining seat to be filled by the Western Region will be subject to the consultation by the African Group in New York;
 - vii. The Candidature of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Republic of South Africa for re-election for membership of the Executive Council of the World Meteorology Organization (WMO), during the election to be held in Geneva, Switzerland in May/June 2011;
 - viii. The Candidature of Professor Seyeman Bula-Bula of the Democratic Republic of Congo for election to the position of Judge to the International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea during the election to be held in New York in June 2011.
3. **TAKES NOTE** of the good will of the Republic of South Africa to withdraw its Candidature to the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs by accepting the consensus reached by the African Group in New York in endorsing the Candidature of Algeria, Cameroon, Namibia and Tanzania. The consultations should continue in order to fill the remaining two seats by the Eastern region;
4. **ENDORSES** the following Candidatures:
- i. The Candidatures of Professor Ahmed Laraba of the Peoples' Democratic Republic of Algeria, Dr. Muaz Ahmed M. A. Tungo of the Republic of The Sudan, Dr. Hussein Hassouna of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Hon. Amos Wako of the Republic of Kenya, Dr. Abdelrazeg El-Murtadi Suleiman Gouider of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Professor Tiyanjana Maluwa of the Republic of Malawi, Dr. Dire Tladi of the Republic of South Africa and Prof. Chris Peter of the United Republic of Tanzania for membership of the United Nations International Law Commission (ILC). The election to be held during the 66th General Assembly in New York, in October/November 2011. The remaining seat will be tabled during the 19th session;
 - ii. The Candidature of Mr. Chile Eboe-Osuji of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the post of Judge at the International Criminal Court (ICC) during the election to be held in the Hague, Netherlands in December 2011;

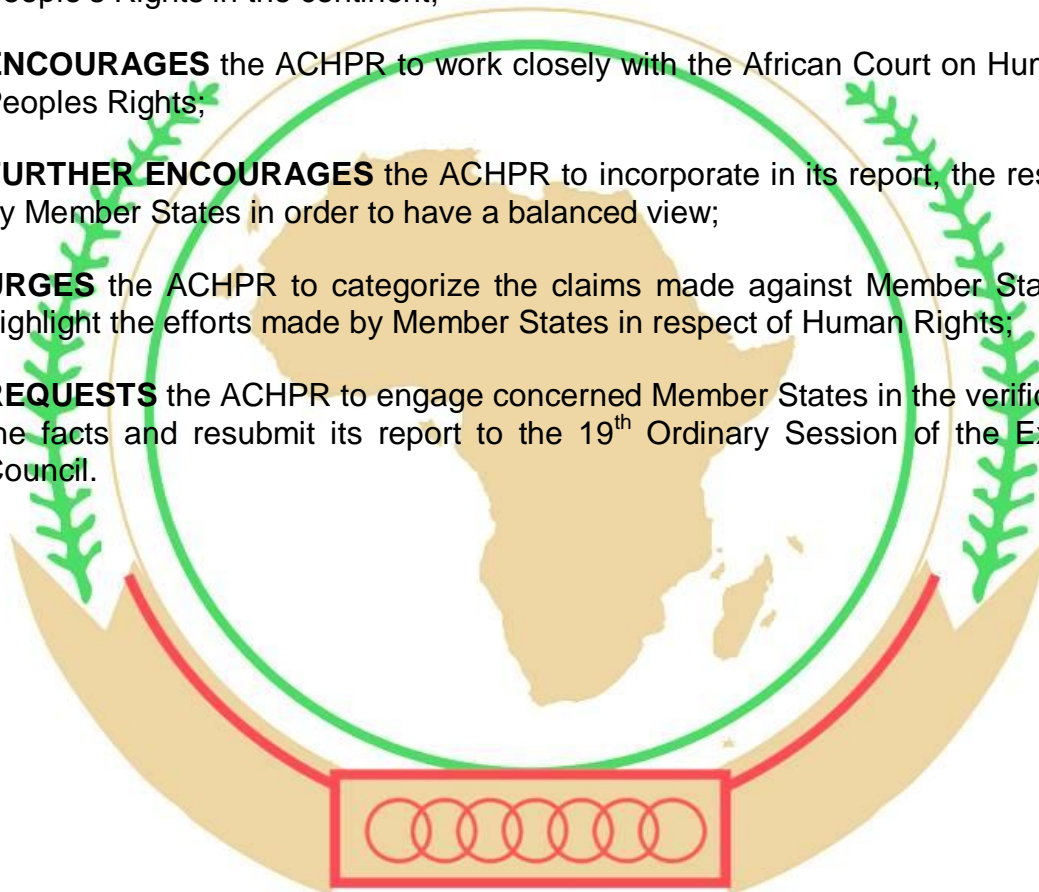
- iii. The Candidature of Justice Dr. Julia Sebutinde of the Republic of Uganda for the post of Judge of International Court of Justice (ICJ) at elections to be held in New York in September 2011;
 - iv. The Candidature of Mauritania for election for non-permanent seat of the United Nations Security Council for the period of 2012-2013 during the election to be held in New York in September 2011;
 - v. The Candidature of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya for the membership of the Executive Board of UNESCO for the period 2011 – 2015 during the election scheduled to take place during the 36th Session of the UNESCO General Conference in Paris, France, from 25 October to 11 November 2011.
5. **TAKES NOTE** of the forthcoming election for the post of a Prosecutor of the International criminal Court (ICC) in December 2011, and the significant participation of African Countries in the Institution, as well as the mechanisms set within the ICC for identifying a suitable candidate requires that the principles of geographical representation, gender equity and considering the fact that there is no African heading any of the main organs of the Institution should be taken into account. The Council consider development on the issue at its July session;
6. * **ALSO ENDORSES** the candidatures of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the United Republic of Tanzania for the membership of the board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for the period 2011-2013, taking into account the fact that, the two seats allocated to Africa need to be distributed on the bases of the principles of geographical representation, rotation, and that the countries concerned must have a representation in Vienna. The election will be held in Vienna in September 2011. The floating seat will be assigned to the Arab Republic of Egypt which occupied the seat of Board of Governors of IAEA until September 2010;
7. **REQUESTS** the African Union Commission to inform all the concerned bodies about the above endorsements.

* Reservation entered by the Arab Republic of Egypt

**DECISION ON THE ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION
ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS (ACHPR)
Doc. EX.CL/649(XVIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report and the activities of the ACHPR as well as the recommendations of the PRC on this Report;
2. **CALLS** on the ACHPR to include in future reports, the status of Human and People's Rights in the continent;
3. **ENCOURAGES** the ACHPR to work closely with the African Court on Human and Peoples Rights;
4. **FURTHER ENCOURAGES** the ACHPR to incorporate in its report, the responses by Member States in order to have a balanced view;
5. **URGES** the ACHPR to categorize the claims made against Member States and highlight the efforts made by Member States in respect of Human Rights;
6. **REQUESTS** the ACHPR to engage concerned Member States in the verification of the facts and resubmit its report to the 19th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council.



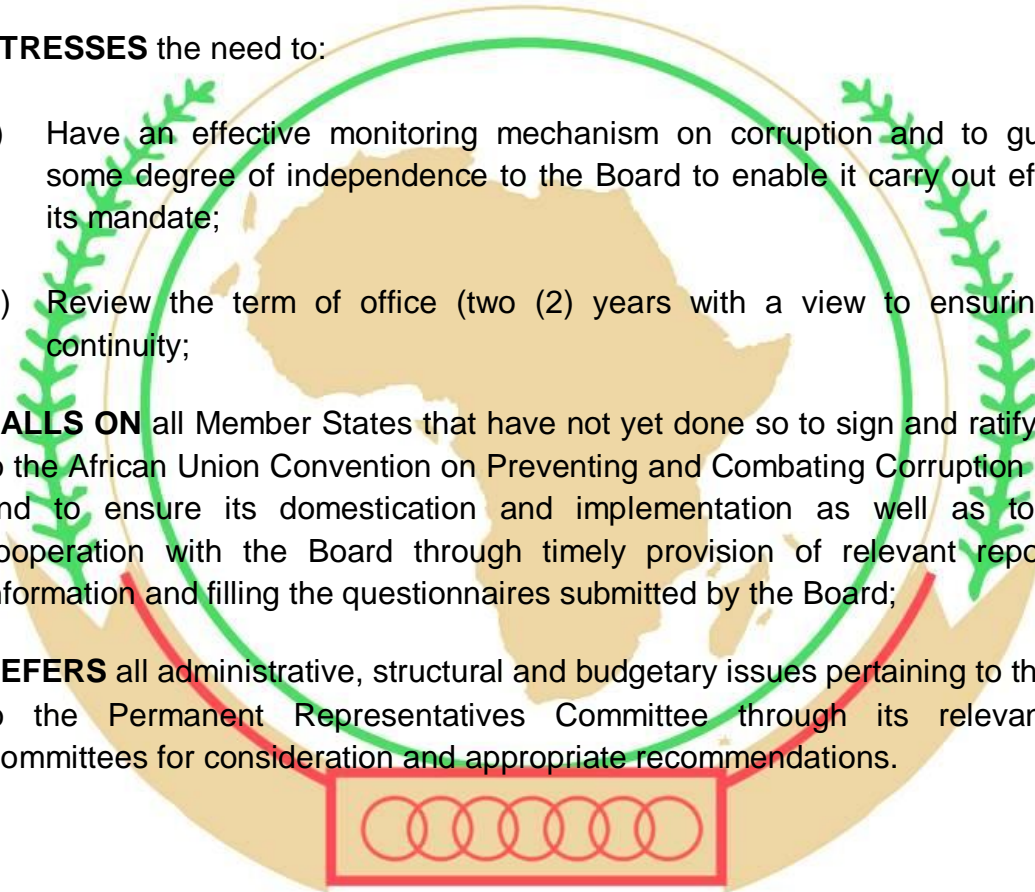
**DECISION ON THE ITEMS PROPOSED BY MEMBER STATES REMOVED
FROM THE AGENDA OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND ASSEMBLY**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** that the following agenda items have been removed from the present agendas of the Executive Council and Assembly following the decision of the concerned Member States;
 - (i) Reconsideration of Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.263(XIII) on the Transformation of the African Union Commission into the African Union Authority (*Item proposed by the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya*);
 - (ii) Convening of mid-year sessions of the Assembly of the African Union (July Sessions) (*Item proposed by the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya*);
 - (iii) Decision on AU "decision-making process, lack of implementation of decisions, and the need to uphold and respect the integrity of Summit decisions by all Member States of the Union" (*Item proposed by the Republic of Namibia and co-sponsored by the Republic of Angola, Republic of Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Kingdom of Lesotho, the Republic of Malawi, the Republic of Mauritius, the Republic of Mozambique, the Republic of South Africa, the Republic of Sudan, the Kingdom of Swaziland, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Zambia and the Republic of Zimbabwe*);
 - (iv) Proposed Holding of African Union Summits on Integration (*Item proposed by the Republic of Malawi*).
2. **DECIDES** that the above items will be submitted to the 17th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council and Assembly in June 2011.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE BOARD ON CORRUPTION
WITHIN THE AFRICAN UNION
Doc.EX.CL/651(XVIII)**

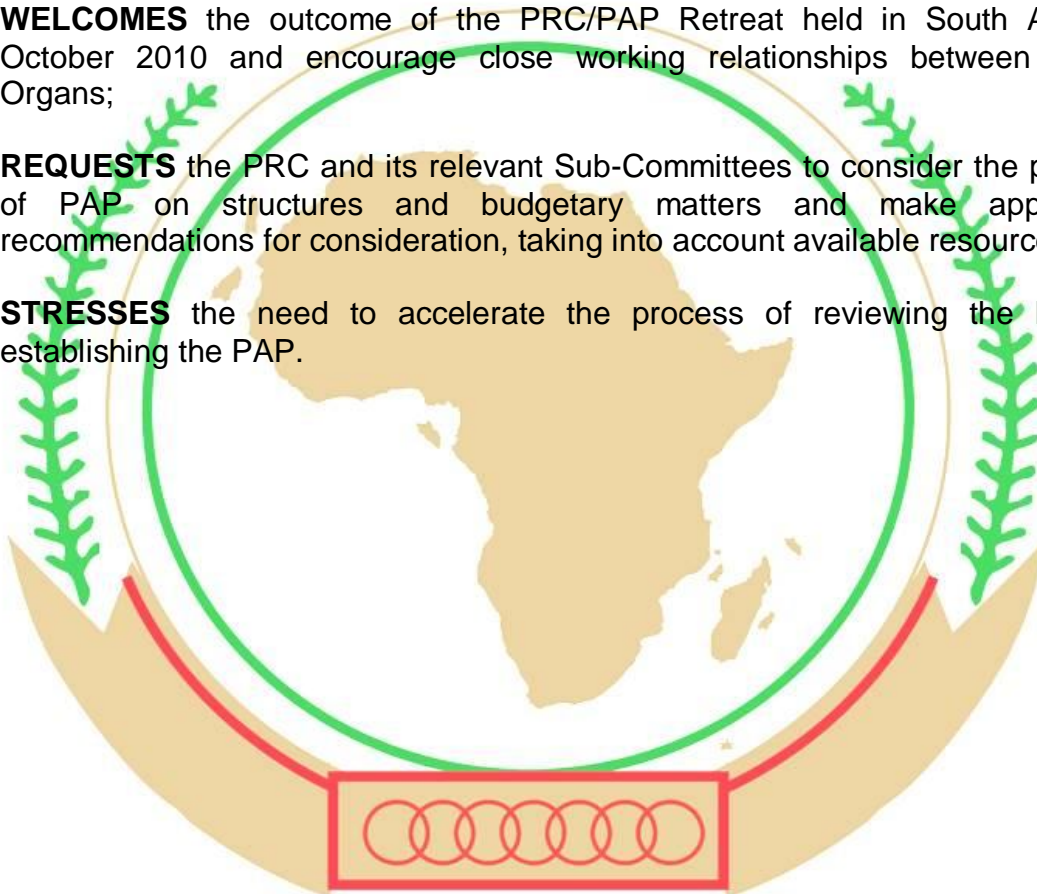
1. **TAKES NOTE** the Report of the Board on Corruption within the African Union;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** with appreciation of the Report and recommendations made by the PRC thereon;
3. **UNDERScores** the importance of the mandate of the Board;
4. **STRESSES** the need to:
 - i) Have an effective monitoring mechanism on corruption and to guarantee some degree of independence to the Board to enable it carry out effectively its mandate;
 - ii) Review the term of office (two (2) years with a view to ensuring some continuity;
5. **CALLS ON** all Member States that have not yet done so to sign and ratify/accede to the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption in Africa and to ensure its domestication and implementation as well as to render cooperation with the Board through timely provision of relevant reports and information and filling the questionnaires submitted by the Board;
6. **REFERS** all administrative, structural and budgetary issues pertaining to the Board to the Permanent Representatives Committee through its relevant Sub-Committees for consideration and appropriate recommendations.



**DECISION ON REPORT OF THE PAN-AFRICAN PARLIAMENT (PAP)
DOC. EX.CL/647(XVIII)**

The Executive Council,

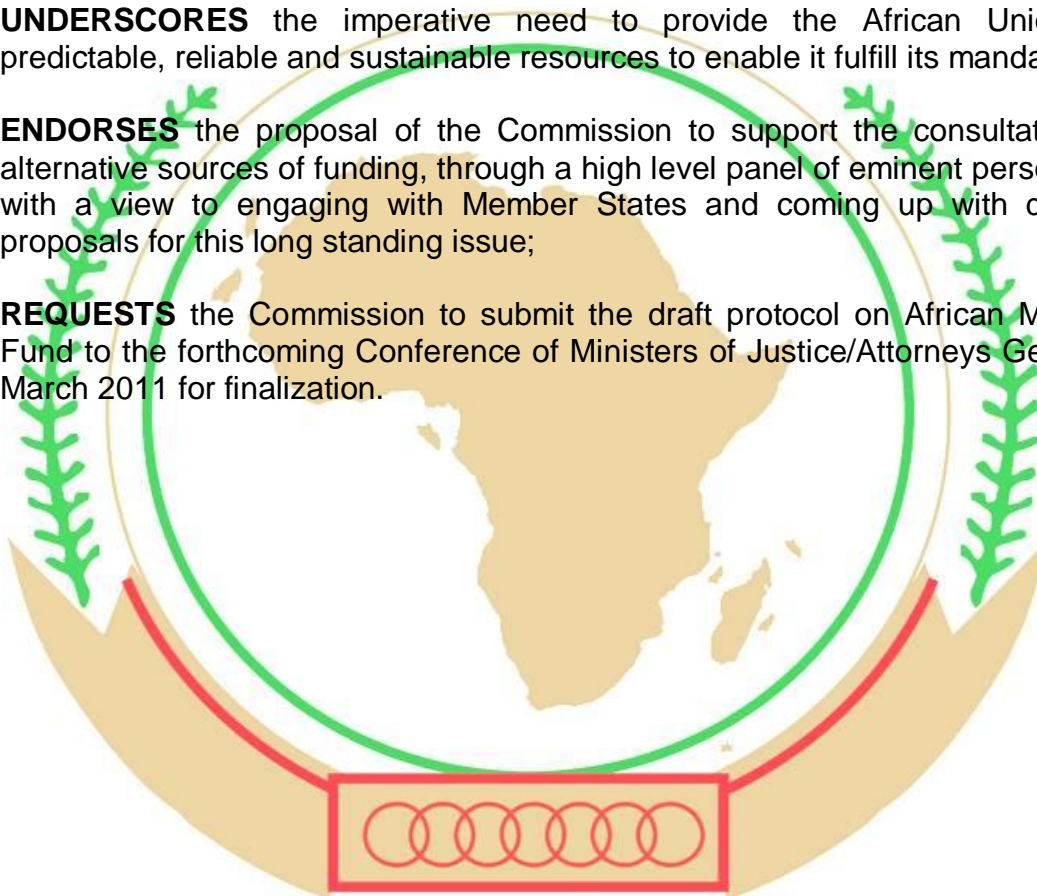
1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report and the Recommendations of the PRC on it;
2. **NOTES WITH APPRECIATION** the activities undertaken by the PAP during the last six months;
3. **WELCOMES** the outcome of the PRC/PAP Retreat held in South Africa in October 2010 and encourage close working relationships between all AU Organs;
4. **REQUESTS** the PRC and its relevant Sub-Committees to consider the proposal of PAP on structures and budgetary matters and make appropriate recommendations for consideration, taking into account available resources;
5. **STRESSES** the need to accelerate the process of reviewing the Protocol establishing the PAP.



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE AU
CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE, YAOUNDE,
CAMEROON, 16-17 DECEMBER 2010
Doc. EX.CL/636(XVIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report and the Declaration of the Conference of Ministers of Finance together with the recommendations of the PRC on the matter;
2. **UNDERScores** the imperative need to provide the African Union with predictable, reliable and sustainable resources to enable it fulfill its mandate;
3. **ENDORSES** the proposal of the Commission to support the consultations on alternative sources of funding, through a high level panel of eminent personalities with a view to engaging with Member States and coming up with definitive proposals for this long standing issue;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to submit the draft protocol on African Monetary Fund to the forthcoming Conference of Ministers of Justice/Attorneys General in March 2011 for finalization.



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