

**DECISION ON PRODUCTIVITY, COMPETITIVENESS
AND INDUSTRIALIZATION
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The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of Seventh Joint Annual Meetings of the Economic Commission for Africa Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development and African Union Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance;
2. **COMMITTS** itself to speeding up implementation of the African Union Productivity Agenda for Africa, which, as an essential engine for accelerated industrialization on the continent, will progressively build and enhance the competitiveness of the continent in the global economy;
3. **CALLS FOR:**
 - i) enhancement of the Pan-African Productivity Association, to provide it with the capacity to act as a regional think tank, catalyzer, research and knowledge developer and policy adviser on productivity at the continental level;
 - ii) the establishment and enhancement of productivity organizations at national and regional levels and for efforts to ensure that they become members of the Pan-African Productivity Association.
4. **REQUESTS:**
 - i) the Commission to work closely with the Pan-African Productivity Association, the regional economic communities and international partners, including the United Nations Development Programme, the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in order to facilitate the establishment of regional organizations on productivity and social dialogue and to compile and disseminate best practices on productivity in Africa;
 - ii) the Commission, the Pan-African Productivity Association, the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Development Programme, the Observatoire économique et statistique d'Afrique subsaharienne (AFRISTAT) and other development partners to develop a comprehensive productivity and competitiveness measurement system to track progress and to make intercountry, interregional and global comparisons.
5. **UNDERTAKES** to join efforts with the ministries of labour, industry, economic development and finance and with other relevant bodies in the public and private sector in promoting social dialogue and productivity in support of the implementation of industrial policies at all levels, with particular focus on the SMMEs and agribusiness;

6. **INVITES** the Commission, in collaboration with the International Labour Organization, the Pan-African Productivity Association and other development partners to organize regular activities to foster a culture of productivity in Africa and building productivity capacity management at all levels;
7. **REQUESTS** the Commission to follow-up on the implementation of the decision and report to the Assembly on progress in the implementation.



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