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INTRODUCTION

1. The 32nd Ordinary Session of the Assembly, adopted the Treaty for the establishment of the African Medicines Agency (AMA), Assembly decision Assembly/AU/Dec.735(XXXII), on 11 February 2019, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The AMA Treaty came into force on 5 November 2021 following the deposit of the 15th instrument of ratification.
2. The First Ordinary Session of the Conference of the States Parties of the African Medicines Agency (AMA) took place from 1-2 June 2022 at the AU Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

ATTENDANCE

3. The meeting was attended by Ministers of Health and or competent Ministers or their duly designated representatives from the following Member States of the States Parties to the AMA Treaty: People`s Democratic Republic of Algeria, Republic of Benin, Republic of Cameroon, Republic of Chad, Arab Republic of Egypt, Gabonese Republic, Republic of Ghana, Republic of Mauritius, Kingdom of Morocco, Republic of Namibia, Republic of Niger, Republic of Rwanda, Republic of Saharawi, Republic of Senegal, Republic of Seychelles, Republic of Sierra Leone, Republic of Tunisia, Republic of Uganda and the Republic of Zimbabwe.

AGENDA ITEM 1: OPENING

4. The Commissioner for Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development, H.E. Minata Samate Cessouma, representing H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the AU Commission, welcomed the Honorable Ministers and Members of the Conference of the States Parties to the AMA Treaty to their First Ordinary Session. The Commissioner further highlighted the importance of this first meeting to the operationalization of the AMA, in order to enhance the capacity of the States Parties and AU recognized Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to regulate medicines, medical products and technology, in their efforts to fight and eliminate the sale, and consumption of falsified and substandard medicines, medical products and technologies. She concluded by reaffirming the Commission's commitment to providing all the necessary support to the States Parties to the AMA Treaty towards the operationalization of the Agency at the earliest.
5. **The meeting adopted the Agenda and Programme of Work for the Meeting without any amendments.**

AGENDA ITEM 2: CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURES OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES OF THE AMA (ARTICLE 14 (I))

6. The draft Rules of Procedures were prepared by the Commission, acting as Secretariat of the meeting, taking into consideration the standing practice within the AU and similar rules for AU Organs. The draft Rules of Procedure were considered and adopted by the Conference of the States Parties taking into consideration the inputs of the States Parties.
7. The final version of the Rules and Procedure of the Conference of the States Parties is to be submitted to Member States.

AGENDA ITEM 3: ELECTION OF THE BUREAU OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE AMA TREATY (ARTICLE 13)

8. In conformity with the Rules and Procedure of the Conference of the States Parties to the AMA Treaty and following Consultations amongst Member States, the Bureau of the Conference of the States Parties to the AMA Treaty was elected. The Office of the Legal Counsel announced the Composition of the Elected Bureau as Follows:

Designation	Region	Country
Chairperson	Western Africa	Ghana
1st Vice-Chairperson	Central Africa	Chad
2nd Vice-Chairperson	Eastern Africa	Uganda
3rd Vice-Chairperson	Northern Africa	Consultation ongoing
Rapporteur	Southern Africa	Namibia

AGENDA ITEM 4: HANDING OVER OF THE AMA ASSESSMENT REPORT ON THE HOSTING OF THE HQ TO H.E. THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE AU COMMISSION/REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE AU COMMISSION
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9. Dr. Margareth Ndomondo-Sigonda, representing the CEO of AUDA-NEPAD, Ms. Nardos Bekele-Thomas, communicated the compliments of the CEO and outlined the continued support of AUDA-NEPAD to the AMA process since its inception. AUDA-NEPAD, was invited by the Commission to nominate a Senior Staff to lead the AMA Assessment. AUDA-NEPAD also covered the cost of the assessment and provided

logistical and technical support to the assessment. She then officially handed over the Assessment Report for the Hosting of the AMA Headquarters to H.E. Minata Samate Cessouma, Commissioner for Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development. Dr. Margareth Ndomondo-Sigonda concluded by reiterating AUDA-NEPAD's continued technical support to AMA until such time when it can take on all the African Medicines Regulatory Harmonization (AMRH) Initiative roles as stipulated under Article 6 of the AMA Treaty.

AGENDA ITEM 5: PRESENTATION OF THE ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE HOSTING OF THE AFRICAN MEDICINES AGENCY HEADQUARTER (ARTICLE 14 (F))
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10. Prof. Aggrey Ambali, AMA Assessment Team Lead presented the Assessment Report for the hosting of the AMA Headquarters. Prof. Ambali provided an overview of the assessment exercise starting with the pre-assessment, during assessment and post assessment. The full technical report was submitted to the States Parties and is annexed to this report (Annex 1).

AGENDA ITEM 6: DISCUSSION ON THE ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE HOSTING OF THE AFRICAN MEDICINES AGENCY HEADQUARTERS (ARTICLE 14 (F))

11. The Conference of the States Parties of the AMA deliberated and took note of the Assessment Report of the African Medicines Agency (AMA) Headquarters and appreciated the content of the Report and the professionalism of the Technical Assessment Team.
12. The Conference of the States Parties to the AMA Treaty endorsed the Assessment Report of the African Medicines Agency (AMA) Headquarters taking note of the following comments and observations of the States Parties;
- i. The need to provide Member States offering to host AU Organs, the list of criteria and their respective weights well ahead before the assessment missions, to ensure adhering to the principles of objectivity and transparency;
 - ii. Requested the Commission to respond to all clarifications sought on the report that are submitted by States Parties.
13. The Republic of Zimbabwe offers to be considered to host one of the Regional Centres of Regulatory Excellence (RCORES) for the Southern Africa Region.

AGENDA ITEM 7: RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES OF PARTIES TO THE 41ST ORDINARY SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ON THE HOSTING OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE AMA (Assembly/AU/Dec. 830(XXXV))
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14. The Conference of the States Parties to the AMA Treaty;

- i. Decides to endorse the *Assessment Report of the African Medicines Agency (AMA) Headquarters* and its onward submission to the 41st Ordinary Session of the Executive Council for its consideration and adoption.
- ii. Recommends to the 41st Ordinary Session of the Executive Council, in accordance with Article 14 (f) of the AMA Treaty, “*Recommend the location for the headquarters of the AMA in accordance with the AU criteria adopted in 2005*”, the following options to decide on the location of the AMA Headquarters;
 - a. Option 1: That the 41st Ordinary Session of the Executive Council, in conformity with Executive Council (Decision EX.CL/229(VII)) paragraph seven , considers the *Assessment Report of the African Medicines Agency (AMA) Headquarters* in its entirety inclusive of the ranking of the candidate Member States;
 - b. Option 2: Takes into consideration the ranking of the top three (3) candidate Member States;
- iii. All States Parties urged for the acceleration of the operationalization of the AMA.
- iv. Proposed the review of the “*Criteria for Hosting the AU Organs*”, Sirte, Libya 2005 adopted by the Executive Council (Decision EX.CL/229(VII) for future assessments

AGENDA ITEM 8: CONSIDERATION ON HOLDING AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES

15. The Conference of the States Parties to the AMA Treaty decided to hold an Extraordinary Session of the Conference of the States Parties to the AMA Treaty before the end of 2022 on the operationalization of AMA;

AGENDA ITEM 9: NEXT STEPS

16. The Report of the First Ordinary Session of the Conference of the States Parties to the AMA Treaty and the Assessment Report of the African Medicines Agency (AMA) Headquarters shall be submitted to the 41st Ordinary Session of the Executive Council.

AGENDA ITEM 10: CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE FIRST ORDINARY SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE AMA

17. The First Ordinary Session of the States Parties to the AMA Treaty adopted its report.

AGENDA ITEM 11: CLOSING

18. The Commissioner for Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development H.E. Minata Samate Cessouma, on behalf of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, His Excellency Moussa Faki Mahamat, expressed appreciation to the States Parties for their participation in this inaugural meeting of the Conference of the States Parties to the AMA Treaty and for the trust they granted to the Commission to conduct their work until the election of the Bureau. She underscored that the high level attendance of all States Parties at this inaugural session once again demonstrates their commitment in the operationalization of the African Medicines Agency. She further expressed appreciation and congratulated the technical team who carried out the assessment for the hosting of the AMA Headquarters.
19. The Commissioner commended the diligent and meticulous work of the States Parties and reiterated the Commission's availability and commitment to assist the States Parties in the operationalization of the AMA. She concluded by highlighting that the commission and the States Parties will continue the necessary advocacy efforts with Member States that have not yet signed and ratified the treaty in order to expand the continental reach of the African Medicines Agency.
20. The Chairperson of the Conference of the States Parties to the AMA Treaty, Honorable Mr. Kwaku Agyemang-Manu, Minister of Health of the Republic of Ghana extended his appreciation to the States Parties and the Commission, he underscored that this inaugural meeting is the first step to shaping the African Medicines Agency (AMA) the continent deserves and who's success will in turn assure that other Member States join the AMA Treaty. The Honorable Minister thanked the States Parties for their commitment and called on all to work together to ensure that the States Parties support the final Member States that shall be selected to host the AMA Headquarters at the 41st Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in Lusaka, in July 2022.

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REPORT OF THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION
ON
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I. Introduction

- 1 The AU Executive Council in January 2015, through decision EX.CL/Dec.857 (XXVI), recognized the need to strengthen capacity of medical products regulation in Africa and the harmonization of regulatory systems, as a foundation for establishment of a single medicine regulatory agency on the continent. This was within the context of the African Medicines Regulatory Harmonization (AMRH) Initiative as part of the Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Plan for Africa (PMPA). The Executive Council endorsed the African Medicines Agency (AMA) Milestones and requested the Commission, the NEPAD Agency and WHO in collaboration with other stakeholders to define the scope of the medicines, medical products and technologies that would be covered by the work of the AMA, and to work out detailed modalities, institutional framework, legal and financial implications, of the establishment of the AMA.
- 2 It is in this context that the Treaty for the Establishment of the African Medicines Agency (AMA Treaty) was adopted by African Heads of State and Government in February 2019 [Assembly Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.735 (XXXII)], with the main objective of enhancing the capacity of Member States and Regional Economic Communities (RECs), to regulate and improve access to quality, safe and efficacious medicines, medical products and technologies on the continent.

II. Background

- 3 Weak and inefficient regulatory systems have resulted in the circulation of Substandard and Falsified (SF) medicines, medical products and health technologies in many Member States of the AU; this situation represents a major risk for public health. SF medicines that negatively impact a patient's safety, might lead to loss of lives, will have an economic impact and will result in less trust in the healthcare service delivery system.
- 4 The AMA will serve as the continental regulatory body that will coordinate on-going regulatory systems; strengthen and harmonize efforts of the AU-recognized RECs, Regional Health Organizations (RHOs) and Member States; provide regulatory guidance; complement and enhance collaboration and contribute to improving patients' access to quality, safe and efficacious medical products and health technologies on the continent.
- 5 Furthermore the AMA, shall coordinate the joint reviews of applications for the conduct of clinical trials and provide technical support in quality control of drugs at the request of Member States; monitor the medicines market through the collection of samples in every State Party to ensure the quality of selected drugs, have them analysed and provide the results to State Parties; and evaluate and decide on selected medical products, including complex molecules, for treatment of priority diseases/conditions as determined by the AU and WHO.

III. Roadmap of the decision on the Hosting of the AMA Headquarters

- 6 The Commission sent out the official call for submission of expressions of interest by Member States to host the AMA Headquarters (AMA HQ) on 04 August 2021. The initial deadline for submission of expressions of interest was 15 September 2021, which was then extended to 15 October 2021 per the ruling of the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) on 06 September 2021 (PRC/Rpt(XLII)Rev.1; NV of 15 September 2021 (HHS/PMPA/47/166.21)).
- 7 The Commission in compliance with Executive Council Decision (EX.CL/229(VII)) set up an independent assessment team to undertake in country assessment missions to each of the candidate Member States. The team was tasked to prepare an assessment instrument, conduct an assessment of the facilities, relevant documentation and other relevant structures and materials offered by each of the candidate Member States in their respective offers. The list of Member States that expressed interest to host the AMA HQ by 15 October 2021 is presented in Table 1.

Table 1: Member States that expressed interest to host the AMA headquarters

S/N	MemberState	Date of Signature of the AMA Treaty	Date of Ratification of the AMA Treaty	Date of Deposit of Instrument of Ratification	Submission of Offer to host AMA HQ
Ratified and Deposited the AMA Treaty					
1.	Algeria	08/07/2019	10/06/2021	22/06/2021	26 August 2021
2.	Egypt	27/07/2021	16/12/2021	31/01/2022	14 September 2021
3.	Ghana	02/08/2019	24/02/2021	16/03/2021	29 September 2021
4.	Morocco	22/10/2019	4/02/2021	04/05/2022	03 September 2021
5.	Namibia	N/A	19/01/2021	18/02/2021	09 September 2021
6.	Niger	09/02/2020	21/06/2021	12/08/2021	13 September 2021
7.	Rwanda	12/06/2019	18/12/2019	06/01/2020	03 September 2021
8.	Sierra Leone	10/02/2020	28/05/2021	14/06/2021	16 September 2021
9.	Tunisia	19/12/2019	09/09/2021	13/10/2021	06 September 2021
10.	Uganda	1/11/2021	11/11/2021	3/12/2021	03 September 2021
11.	Zimbabwe	16/03/2021	31/08/2021	17/09/2021	26 August 2021
Signed the AMA Treaty					
12.	Tanzania	10/08/2021	-	-	03 September 2021
Neither signed nor ratified the AMA Treaty					
13.	Nigeria	-	-	-	15 September 2021

- 8 The AMA Treaty subsequently came into force on 05 November 2021.
- 9 The Commission presented a *progress report on the ratification of the AMA Treaty* and a roadmap to undertake the evaluation missions to assess candidate Member States on the hosting of the AMA Headquarters to the 40th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council on 02 February 2022 and the Executive Council “*requested the Commission to provide support to the Conference of State Parties of the AMA for the operationalization of the African Medicines Agency (AMA) at the earliest*” (EX.CL/Dec.1149(XL).

IV. Composition of Assessment Team

- 16 The independent Assessment Team was led by Prof. Aggrey Ambali of AUDA-NEPAD while the rest of the members were drawn from relevant departments at AUC with requisite competencies to evaluate the offers submitted by candidate Member States.
- 17 The Department of Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development (HHS) served as a secretariat to the Assessment Team represented by Dr. Margaret Agama-Anyetei and Mrs. Hilina Wassihun Meseret. Full list of the team is presented in Table 2.

Table 2: Members of the assessment team and secretariat

S/N	AMA Assessment Team Members	Department/Institution	National of
1.	Prof. Aggrey John Douglas Ambali	Team Leader: AU Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD)	Malawi
2.	Mr. Samory Badona Monteiro	Office of the Legal Counsel (OLC)	Guinea Bissau
3.	Mrs. Marie Madeleine Goungoulou	Management of Information Systems (MIS)	Central African Republic
4.	Mr. Aime Didier Arakaza		Burundi
5.	Mr. Michael Paye Gonqoi	Finance Directorate	Liberia
6.	Mr. Yisehak Tigabu Tefera		Ethiopia
7.	Mr. Tala Kishlaf		Libya
8.	Mr. Mahamat Zene Moussa	Safety and Security Services (SSS)	Chad
9.	Mr. Mesfin Taddesse Zmamu		Ethiopia

10.	Mr. Henok Abate Yilkal		Ethiopia
11.	Mr. Jean Rico Bien Aime	Facility Management Services (FMS)	Mauritius
12.	Mr. Ewnetu Ferede Yitbarek		Ethiopia
13.	Mr. Stepples Muchimba	Protocol Services	Zambia
14.	Mr. Sunday Yohanna Jock Beiag		South Sudan
15.	Mr. Sarvesh Lutchmun		Mauritius
	Members of Secretariat		
16.	Dr Margaret Agama-Anyetei	Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development (HHS)	Ghana
17.	Mrs. Hilina Wassihun Meseret		Ethiopia

V. Principles guiding the Assessment Team

18 Due to the large number of Member States expressing interest in hosting the AMA HQ, the ongoing COVID pandemic and in order to ensure transparency and reduce any conflict of interest, the assessment team to each candidate Member State was constituted based on the following considerations:

- (i) A team of seven (7) members was constituted to assess each of the candidate Member States;
- (ii) Each of seven (7) members of the Assessment Team, constituted at a time, and its Secretariat was not a national of any of the candidate member state;
- (iii) Due to the human resource constraints of supporting technical departments of the Commission, two officers per department participated on the assessment missions by being deployed on alternate rotational basis and as relevant, taking into full consideration principle (b) above. The exceptions to this were the Safety and Security Department and the Finance Department where there were three (3) members per department;
- (iv) Gender and geographical representation of the team members were taken into account;
- (v) Details of the members of the Assessment Team and Secretariat were submitted to each candidate Member State prior to the deployment of the missions;
- (vi) Each member of the Assessment Team and the Zoom MIS host signed a Confidentiality and Non-disclosure agreement (Annex 1)

VI. Work Structure of the Assessment Team

19 The Assessment Team and Secretariat prepared for the assessment in three (3) phases as follows:

a. Pre-mission:

- i. Developed and finalized the assessment questionnaire and scoring sheet
- ii. Officially received offers to host the AMA HQ
- iii. Engaged with candidate Member States through the embassy focal points on the preparation for the assessment missions

b. Mission: Conduct of the assessment missions:

The Assessment Team undertook the assessment over three (3) full working days in each candidate Member State as detailed in the country reports of each member state Annex 2 (a-h):

c. Post mission

The assessment team undertook the following:

- i. Invited all candidate Member States on the 25 May 2022, to a meeting during which each candidate validated documents and the list of all documents received by the assessment team
- ii. Prepared the Assessment report to be presented to the First Session of the Conference of State Parties of AMA Treaty.

VII. Criteria for Hosting the AMA Headquarters

20 The Criteria for the hosting of the AMA HQ is based on the following:

- a. The Decision of 7th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council held in Sirte, Libya on 1-2 July 2005 (Decision EX.CL/229(VII) that adopted Doc. EX.CL/195(VII), titled 'Criteria for Hosting the AU Organs') Annex 3;
- b. The AMA Treaty (Annex 4), especially ;
 - i. Article 5 – Guiding Principles
 - ii. Article 6 – Functions
 - iii. Article 8 – Privileges and Immunities
 - iv. Article 9 – Headquarters of the AMA
 - v. Article 14 (f) – Functions of the Conference of the States Parties

21 Document EX.CL/195(VII) details the rights and obligations for the African Union as well as for the host country. The Executive Council, thereby adopted a set of minimum basic criteria for the hosting of AU organs, in order for the organ to carry out its functions effectively in an

enabling atmosphere, not only for the Member States who will be utilizing their services, but also for the members of staff as well as their families.

22 In this regard, Doc.EX.CL/195(VII) establishes the following in Section II, Paragraphs 3 and 4:

Paragraph 3: Member States hosting or proposing to host AU organs should meet the following minimum basic requirements:

- a) The host country shall provide, at its expense a secure structure with furnished and equipped office premises for the seat of the organ on the basis of the objective requirements of office space;*
- b) The premises offered by the host country should be such that the organ shall be easily accessible;*
- c) The host country shall meet the requirements of a conducive political atmosphere and adequate logistical facilities;*
- d) There should be appropriate and efficient modern infrastructure especially telecommunication facilities to enable the office to function efficiently;*
- e) There shall be available housing, hotel accommodation and health infrastructure to meet the functional needs of the organ;*
- f) Without prejudice to these criteria, nothing in these criteria shall be taken to preclude a member state from offering more facilities. In this regard, a member state offering to host an organ of the Union is encouraged to provide, at its expense, where the Head of the Organ is required to be resident at the seat, an appropriate furnished and equipped official residence;*

Paragraph 4: A Member State hosting or wishing to host any of the organs of the Union should have ratified the General Convention on Privileges and Immunities of the OAU, the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations.

23 Document EX.CL/195(VII) expressly states that the above criteria are a set of minimum criteria, but do not preclude Member States from offering more facilities, including providing, at its expense, an appropriate furnished and equipped official residence for the head of the organ, as specified in Paragraph 3(f).

24 In terms of procedure, the 'Criteria for Hosting the AU Organs' provides for the following in Paragraphs 5 to 9:

Paragraph 5: The Commission shall communicate these criteria and the model Headquarters Agreement it shall elaborate to all the Member States.

Paragraph 6: An independent team shall be set up by the Commission and shall make a fact-finding mission to Member States offering to host organs of the Union, to inspect the proposed site and submit a report thereon to the Executive Council.

Paragraph 7: All the offers for hosting the seat of an organ of the Union shall be submitted to the Executive Council for consideration. Selection of the host country shall be made, in accordance with the Rules of the Executive Council, by consensus, failing which, by a two-thirds majority. The Executive Council shall select a host country and submit a recommendation thereon to the Assembly for decision.

Paragraph 8: The Assembly shall decide on the seat of the organ in accordance with its rules, by consensus, failing which, by a two-thirds majority.

Paragraph 9: Thereafter, the Commission shall ensure that the Host Agreement is signed between it and the Member State concerned.

25 The following considerations informed additional criteria that were specific for the headquarters of the AMA:

- a. Land or Space (that is appropriate and suitable) to be provided for laboratory facilities
- b. Commitment to support setting up a quality control lab that meets international standards (space, land, financing, equipment, building, storage, cold chain...etc.)
- c. Privileges, immunities and tax exemptions for equipment and personnel associated with the establishment of a laboratory for AMA
- d. Financial contribution to the setting up of the AMA HQ
- e. Signature and ratification of the Additional Protocol to the OAU General Convention on Privileges and Immunities
- f. Availability of additional land or space for the expansion of AMA as it progresses towards full operationalization.

VIII. Methodology

a. Preparatory sessions

26 Before undertaking the assessment mission, the Assessment Team held a series of virtual meetings to develop:

- i. A questionnaire that was administered for the assessment;
- ii. Scoring guides.

27 During these meetings, the Secretariat also provided regular updates on logistical

arrangements.

- 28 Terms of Reference (Annex 5) for the conduct of the assessment missions, the questionnaire and link to all additional reference material (<http://bit.ly/3u0X4Jf>) were sent to all candidate Member States (NV HHS/PMPA/47/011.22, dated 28 January 2022).
- 29 The Commission, subsequently requested all candidate Member States to deposit their sealed offers to host the AMA HQ by 17:00 on 28 February 2021 (NV HHS/PMPA/47/016.22, dated 01 February 2022). The deposit of all sealed offers to host the AMA HQ was at the Department of Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development and was duly recorded (Annex 6).
- 30 After dispatching the questionnaire in both English and French, the Secretariat made follow ups with focal points of each candidate Member State to ensure they fully understood the questions and, where need be, clarification was provided. In addition, the secretariat responded to all clarifications raised by officials from embassies in Addis Ababa and of national assessment team. Logistics for the assessment missions were finalized through direct engagement between the Secretariat and respective focal points of the candidate Member States (Table 3).

Table 3. Candidate Member States Follow-up call log list

Member State	Focal Person & Contact	Phone call Date and Time
Algeria	Ms. Lidia Elnaouq +251944764741	15 February, 2022 11:13am & 11:15am 23 February, 2022 10:46am & 1:17 pm
Egypt	Mr. Amr Mokhtar +251 9 53 452522 Mrs. Newal +251 9 11595852	15 February, 2022 11:16am 23 February, 2022 10:47am
Morocco	Mr. Anas +251944280584 Ms. Fatima +251 9 45421408	15 February, 2022 11:18am & 2:20pm 23 February, 2022 10:49am & 3:12pm
Rwanda	Mrs Clementine Uwamuguha +251921569688	15 February, 2022 11:09 AM
Tanzania	Mr. Raphael Somi +251983890070	13 February, 2022 1:58pm 23 February, 2022 10:43am
Tunisia	Mr. Hedi labidi +251 9 44128505	15 February, 2022 11:20 am 23 February, 2022 10:52am
Uganda	Ms. Jackie Musubika +251 9 53 466360	15 February, 2022 11:10am
Zimbabwe	Ms. Paidamwoyo M. Sigauke	15 February, 2022 09:28am & 11:22am

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23 February, 2022 10:57am

- 31 The Commission initially had received thirteen (13) expressions of interest to host the AMA HQ as detailed in the submission to the Executive Council. Out of the thirteen (13) expressions of interest, the Commission received eight (8) offers to host the AMA HQ as detailed in Table 3. The Republic of Namibia submitted a note verbal withdrawing their interest to host. Of the remaining four (4) Member States, the Republic of Niger and Republic of Sierra Leone submitted their offers after the given deadline and were notified of their exclusion from the assessment missions (NV HHS/PMPA/47/069.22 dated 7 March 2022). The Republic of Ghana and Federal Republic of Nigeria did not deposit any offer to host the AMA HQ.
- 32 Following the closure of receipt of the sealed offers, the candidate Member States who met the deadline received the schedule for the assessment missions as detailed in Table 4 (NV HHS/PMPA/47/072.22, dated 10 March 2022).

Table 4. Schedule for the assessment missions

S/N	Member States	Arrival Date	Departure Date
<u>East Africa</u>			
1.	Rwanda	6 March 2022 (Sunday)	10 March 2022 (Thursday)
2.	Tanzania	10 March 2022 (Thursday)	16 March 2022 (Wednesday)
3.	Uganda	16 March 2022 (Wednesday)	22 March 2022 (Tuesday)
<u>North Africa</u>			
4.	Algeria	23 March 2022 (Wednesday)	29 March 2022 (Tuesday)
5.	Egypt	30 March 2022 (Wednesday)	5 April 2022 (Tuesday)
6.	Morocco	5 April 2022 (Tuesday)	9 April 2022 (Saturday)
7.	Tunisia	9 April 2022 (Saturday)	14 April 2022 (Thursday)
<u>Southern Africa</u>			
8.	Zimbabwe	19 April 2022 (Tuesday)	23 April 2022 (Saturday)

- 33 A generic agenda was sent to all candidate Member States in order to guide the national teams in the preparation for the missions.

b. Security and Transportation of Sealed Offers

- 34 The sealed offer of each candidate Member State travelled under the protection of a diplomatic pouch (Annex 7) and remained locked with two padlocks; one key held with the secretariat and the other with the security representative on the team.
- 35 The sealed offers were verified and opened by representatives of the national assessment teams (Verification sheets-Annex 8) during the official opening session of the assessment mission in each candidate Member State (see national reports Annex 1 (a-h)).

c. In country Technical Evaluation Missions

- 36 The technical evaluation missions were strictly guided and informed by the following:
- i. Verification and certification by a representative of each candidate Member State that the submitted offer had remained sealed and untampered with
 - ii. Finalization of the agenda of each candidate Member States.
 - iii. Request and submission of additional documents
 - iv. Verification and certification by the Team Leader of all documents and materials by the national team
 - v. Initialling and signing of the joint country assessment report of the candidate Member State by the Team Leader and the Representative of the candidate Member State (Annex 1 (a-h)).

d. Summary of the Program of Work

- 37 The program of work over the three days was generally as follows:

i. Day One

- a. Official opening and certification of the status of the sealed proposal by candidate Member State
- b. Presentation of the offer by the candidate Member State
- c. Finalization of the agenda of the candidate Member State and request for additional documents, where applicable
- d. Commencement of verification and assessment visits

ii. **Day Two**

- a) Continuation of verification and assessment visits

iii. **Day Three**

- b) Finalization of verification and assessment visits
- c) Debriefing which involved review of the draft joint country assessment report, certification and submission of a copy of the national assessment report to the National Assessment Team;
- d) Sealing of all submitted documents by the candidate Member State
- e) Closing

38 Detailed information on the programme followed in each candidate Member State is provided in the respective joint country assessment reports.

e. Assessment Questionnaire and Method of Scoring

39 A questionnaire comprising 175 questions was dispatched to each candidate member state. Consistent with the criteria that informed the conduct of the assessment, the questionnaire covered six (6) areas that included (i) Facilities Management Services, (ii) Management of Information System (MIS), (iii) Safety and Security Services, (iv) Office of the Legal Counsel, (v) Finance Directorate and (v) Protocol Services (Annex 9).

f. Scoring of Offers

40 All the questions, except questions 1,174 and 175, were allocated a quantitative score. Most of the questions that required a “**yes**” or “**no**” response or those that involved counting were scored as discrete while those that required measurements were scored as continuous variables with a maximum of five possible options. Details guidelines on how each question was scored is provided in Annex 10.

41 Total weights allocated to different areas/departments in which the proposals were assessed are provided in Table 5.

42 **Facilities Management Services** included the proposed premises for the AMA secretariat, premises for the AMA laboratory, location of the building(s) for both AMA secretariat and laboratory, meetings and conference facilities, adequate logistical facilities including transport, basic infrastructure, health facilities, and residential facility for the Director General of AMA

secretariat and its location. Facilities Management Services comprised 41.4% of the total score.

43 **Management of Information Systems (MIS)** comprised internet and ICT infrastructure in the proposed office, laboratory and Director General's residence. MIS comprised 13.4% of the total score.

44 **Safety and Security Services (SSS)** comprised assessments of safety at the proposed office, laboratory and DG's residence. SSS comprised 16.9% of the total score.

45 **Office of the Legal Counsel (OLC)** assessment comprised political atmosphere of the country and ratification of international conventions. OLC comprised 11.1% of the total score.

46 **Finance Directorate** assessment comprised tax and customs exemption and banking sector and financial transfers. Finance Directorate comprised 12.1% of the total score.

47 **Protocol Services** assessment comprised housing and hotels accommodation and requirements of entry visas. Protocol Services comprised 5.1% to the total score.

48 The scoring of each candidate country was finalized in-country by the Assessment Team. The Team lead and each assessor, signed off on each score sheet. Subsequent, to the completion of document-verification exercise by all candidate Member States, post mission, the scores of each candidate member state were transferred to a master excel sheet and tallied.

Table 5. Weighting of scores by department

Department	Maximum	%	Cumulative %
Facilities Management Services	41,00	41,4	41,4
Management of Information Systems	13,23	13,4	54,8
Safety and Security Services	16,77	16,9	71,7
Office of the Legal Counsel	11,00	11,1	82,8
Finance Directorate	12,00	12,1	94,9
Protocol Services	5,00	5,1	100,0
Total Score	99,00	100,0	

49 The following questions were not scored:

- Question 1 on the city to host the AMA secretariat and laboratory
- Duplicated questions: 7,8,13,19,20,23,35,37,54,94,95,130,131,132 and 140 noted as duplicate in the questionnaire

- c. Questions 174 and 175 covered additional facilities offered and pledges made which were not subjected to the quantitative scoring described above. These were captured as provided by each of the candidate Member State in Table 15.

IX. Overview of the Findings of the Assessment Team

a. General Descriptions of the Facilities Being Offered by Each Candidate Member State

- 50 Findings on each of the main areas of assessment of each of the candidate Member States are provided below. Further details are provided in the respective national assessment reports (Annexes 1 (a-h)).

i. People's Democratic Republic of Algeria

Proposed Permanent Premises for AMA Secretariat and Temporary Laboratory

- 51 The AMA Secretariat Headquarters is proposed to be located in an existing complex of 40,800 m² composed of six (6) buildings plus two (2) technical buildings. The complex is along the 5th July Street, Ben Aknoun at GPS location: 36°45'16, 9" North and 2°59'51, 6" East. As per the on-site signage, the building was inaugurated on 15 July 2017. One of the six (6) buildings can be retrofitted into a temporary control laboratory.
- 52 At the time of assessment, the proposed compound was in use and has working ICT infrastructure. The network infrastructure is connected to an internet service provider with a dedicated optic fibre link and a static IP address of 100Mbs. The internet service provider is Algeria telecom; they have capacities of providing up to 1Gbs. The proposed server room is currently used as a store. It is convenient to be a data centre. It is a secure room, the access is by smart access, has a backup power supply, smoke detector, and a regular cooling system, and has an external camera. The proposed server room was not equipped yet. All wiring cabinets are connected to a centralized power backup and every office is equipped with two or more power and network outlets (Rj45). The premises are equipped with different types of Wi-Fi access points.
- 53 The premises is located at the vicinity of Ben Aknoun in the heart of Algiers City. Ben Aknoun district, is a very secured /protected where some Ministry offices are located. Moreover, Ben Aknoun neighbourhood hosts international organizations and diplomatic community. A few kilometres drive from the proposed AMA HQ there is a fire department, special police response team and bomb squad and hospital. The access to the premises of the proposed AMA is well fortified with a naturally raised land. During the assessment the proposed AMA security entrances were not equipped with security screening equipment.

Proposed land for the building of a Permanent laboratory for AMA

- 54 The Government of Algeria has proposed a plot of land of 14,000 m² located in the new city of Sidi Abdellah in the commune of Rahmania (GPS: 36°41'16.3"N 2°54'35.9"E) within a secured area reserved for the pharmaceutical and biotechnological laboratories and production plants. The proposed site for the permanent AMA laboratory is located at 10km distance from the proposed AMA secretariat.

Proposed DG Residence

- 55 The Algerian Government is proposing a high standard fully furnished villa of 185 m² in a highly secured state residence dedicated to members of the Algerian government also known as State Residence of the Sahel – Club des Pins. The facility is situated 35 km from the international airport, 17 km from the city centre and 12 km from the proposed AMA secretariat headquarters (GPS 36.7°N and 2.84°E).
- 56 Villa no 277 which was visited comprised of two fully equipped bedrooms, sitting room furnished with sofa, TV and other equipment, dining room with all furniture, fully equipped kitchen, one household staff room, air conditioning, boilers, space for 4-5 vehicles parking, an individual 1000L water tank, garage for one vehicle and space all around the villa.
- 57 The proposed residence for the Director General is equipped with a telephone line, internet line with optic fibre and digital TV.
- 58 The residence compound and surrounding district is predominantly occupied by senior government officials, and it is highly protected/secured by a police force. The facility has an internal fence of 1.90m plus the external perimeter wall of 3.5m with appropriate security features including CCTV cameras and 24/7 security presence with access monitoring and screening.

Importation of VSAT and its accessories

- 59 VSAT and its accessories are classified as sensitive equipment. An authorization is required to import VSAT equipment into the country. The application of authorization for importation and use of VSAT equipment can be accepted or rejected depending on the security considerations by authorities. Furthermore, if authorized to import the equipment, the operation of the VSAT must be by a local service provider.

Conference Centre

- 60 The Centre International des Conference d'Algiers – Abdelatif Rahal (CIC) is the biggest conference facility in Algiers. It is located within the secured Club de Pins area 13km from AMA Secretariat. The main hall is in the centre of the complex allowing the flexibility for hosting conferences and meetings and all types of ceremonies.

Referral Hospitals and Cold Chain Facilities

- 61 There are well equipped referral hospitals in Algiers and suitable cold chain facilities at Houari Boumediene International Airport.

Hotels and housing

- 62 Algiers has a range of 3-5 stars hotels as per details provided in the national report. Suitable housing (3 and 4 bedrooms) and apartments (1 to 3 bedrooms) are available for international staffs, which cost between 300 USD to 1000 USD.

Banking Sector, Tax and Customs

- 63 Diplomatic and consular missions, international organizations and their accredited agents in Algeria are exempt from direct and/or indirect taxes as provided for in the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and in accordance with the Algerian regulations in force. International institutions are required to submit proforma invoice before the procurement of goods in order to benefit from the VAT exemptions. VAT are first paid and claimed back.
- 64 In accordance with the Algerian regulations in force, VAT are exempted beforehand. Missions should submit a request for an exemption certificate. It was advised that international institutions file their claims for VAT refund within 4 months. Diplomatic agents, consular officials, international officials as well as administrative and technical personnel accredited in Algeria are exempt from taxes on purchases of goods and services in accordance with the regulations in force.
- 65 All Algerian commercial banks are allowed to carry out international banking services including sending and receiving funds (wireless transfers) and online banking. There are 2 international money transfer services operating in the city, namely Money Gram and Western Union. Algerian banks also provide other banking services, lending, deposit interest, bank fee waivers, etc. to international organizations and their staff. There are no restrictions on financial transactions of International Organizations and their staff in terms of limits on transfer amount/frequency, amount to be withdrawn in cash, transfers between accounts maintained in foreign and local currencies.

Political Atmosphere and Status of Relevant Treaties

- 66 As of the last day of the in-country assessment, the status of relevant treaties and AU sanctions for Algeria is provided in Table 6.

Table 6. Status of relevant treaties for Algeria as of 28 March 2022

	AMA TREATY	OAU GENERAL CONVENTION	VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS	VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS	ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE OAU GENERAL CONVENTION	STATUS OF SANCTIONS
ALGERIA (as of 28.03.2022)	22/06/2021	25/10/1965	04/14/1964	04/14/1964	NO	NONE

Visa requirements

- 67 Visa exemption on diplomatic and service passports are given to seven (7) African Union Member States. Algeria has provisions for visa on arrival (for official visits). Short term staff with a contract of less than a year will be entitled to a residence permit. International staff working in Algeria do not require an exit visa to leave the country at the end of their employment contracts.

ii. Arab Republic of Egypt

Proposed Temporary Premises for AMA Secretariat and Temporary laboratory

- 68 The proposed temporary premises for the AMA Secretariat and Laboratory facility are located in a shared government compound with the Egyptian Drug Authority, in Kafr El-Jabal, Giza (GPS location – 29°59'30"N 31°8'56"E). The entire district is well secured and protected by police force. The temporary office building is a 2-storey (G+1) that can accommodate up to forty (40) staff. At the time of the assessment, the proposed temporary AMA Secretariat building and laboratory were under construction, the temporary secretariat estimated at 40% completion while the temporary laboratory could be estimated at 75% completion. The team was informed that the building would be available within the next four (4) months.
- 69 Doors, windows, conduits for electrical lines, ICT cable network, security and safety network, sanitary and plumbing installation including connectivity to the city sewerage line and other amenities are yet to be done. The roofing and waterproofing were yet to be completed.
- 70 On the date of the Assessment, no provisions for disability access were made or presented as per the design plan.
- 71 The proposed temporary location for the AMA laboratory is located on the ground floor of a shared building. There is no designated parking space at the proposed temporary premises of the AMA Secretariat building and laboratory facility that can be allocated to staff of AMA and its visitors. However, there is enough space on the southern part of the compound that can be constructed and used as a parking space for AMA.
- 72 The building was under construction at the time of assessment, ICT facilities were not yet installed. No server equipment, Wi-Fi infrastructure and access points, and backup power supplier; wired network cabling infrastructure and power and network outlets. Standard technology like IP, telephone, high density access points, backup power and wiring cabinets were not yet installed.
- 73 The temporary premises under construction has a server room which was estimated at 40% completion.
- 74 The internet service provider companies in Egypt are able to provide a dedicated Internet link with a static IP of 100 Mbs.
- 75 Safety and security monitoring equipment had not yet been installed and a certificate of occupancy had not yet been issued and manuals for security and safety equipment were not available.

Proposed Land for the Permanent AMA Secretariat and Laboratory

- 76 The Government of Egypt is offering two plots of land for the permanent AMA Headquarters and Laboratory, in the new Administrative Capital of Cairo in the area of the Diplomatic Quarters, which is an area that can accommodate up to 150-200 diplomatic missions. The assessment team was informed that a plot of land within the diplomatic district had been

earmarked for the establishment of the AMA Permanent Headquarters as well as its control laboratory as follows:

- i. Permanent headquarters in a plot of land of 3900m² which will be located near the African Bank's Administrative Headquarters. The plot can be used for both office and accommodation and its GPS location is 29°57'59N 31°45'2E.
- ii. AMA Permanent Laboratory land would be located in the medical city of the Administrative capital with a total land area of 2730m². The GPS starting and ending points of the plot are 29°59'12"N and 31°41'5E; and 29°59'10"N and 31°41'5E respectively.

Proposed DG Residence

- 77 During the assessment mission there was no building that was offered as candidate residence for the DG of AMA. Since there was no building to assess during the time of assessment, the section under AMA DG's residence has therefore been recorded as **"not applicable"** as far as this candidate is concerned.
- 78 **The importation of VSAT and its accessories** was not clarified during the discussion and no documentation was provided regarding the importation and operation policies of VSAT.

Conference Centre

- 79 The conference facility of the Saint Regis located in New Capital City, New Cairo, has all the requisite facilities. The centre is well equipped with all conference systems and can host hybrid events.

Referral Hospitals and Cold Chain Facilities.

- 80 Egypt offers well equipped referral hospitals in Cairo and has suitable cold chain facilities at the Cairo International Airport.

Hotels and housing

- 81 The city of Cairo has a range of 3-5 stars hotels as per details provided in the country report. Suitable housing (3 and 4 bedrooms) and apartments (1 to 3 bedrooms) are available for international staff, which cost between 600 USD to 1200 USD.

Banking Sector, Tax and Customs

- 82 The host country has exemptions for both direct and indirect taxes for international and diplomatic institutions and their staff. There are two ways by which tax exemptions are implemented one to pay taxes and claim within 45 days whilst the other option is to get exemption at the point of sales by presenting a tax certificate.
- 83 Banks are allowed to carry out full international banking services including sending and receiving funds (wireless transfers). There are two money transfer services, namely Western Union and Money Gram. All banking services are available to international organizations and their staff. There are no restrictions on the financial transactions of International Organizations and their staff in terms of limits on transfer amount/frequency, amount to be withdrawn in cash;

on the financial transactions of international organizations and their staff. Same regulations are applied on all market segments.

Political Atmosphere and Status of Relevant Treaties

84 As of the last day of the in-country assessment, the status of relevant treaties and AU sanctions for Egypt is reflected in Table 7.

Table 7. Status of relevant treaties for the Arab Republic of Egypt as of 04 April 2022

	AMA TREATY	OAU GENERAL CONVENTION	VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS	VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS	ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE OAU GENERAL CONVENTION	STATUS OF SANCTIONS
EGYPT (as of 04.04.2022)	31/01/2022	25/10/1965	09/06/1964	21/06/1965	NO	NONE

Visas Requirements

85 There is no visa exemption for African Union Member States for entry to Egypt, however there are eight (8) AU member states that can get visa on arrival with their diplomatic and service passport and one (1) member state that can get visa on arrival on diplomatic, service and ordinary passports. It was also confirmed that short term AMA staff with a contract less than a year will be entitled to a residence permit and there is no exit visa requirement.

iii. Kingdom of Morocco

Proposed Temporary Premises for AMA Secretariat

86 The Government of the Kingdom of Morocco selected the building located at “Proet Souissi Centre” as the temporary site for the hosting of the AMA. The building was one of the three sites on offer. The proposed temporary office facility is newly constructed building, it has not been previously occupied. Located in the centre of Rabat, where residential houses and office buildings are situated.

87 The offer is a building with 3 basements, ground + 2 floors at 3 Avenue Mohammed VI, Souissi (GPS location 33.958528N, 6.829083E). The facility is adjacent to the main road with a dedicated lane running in parallel and provides access to the front side of building, the basement office and underground parking with separate entry and exit lanes to the main road.

88 The building has six (6) floors with a total floor area of 7,200 m² that can accommodate more than 120 employees and equipped with a 10-passenger elevator for the six floors (3B +G+2F). The three-basement floor (1 office floor + 2 floor parking areas and technical rooms) have clear height of 2.95 m with parking space up to a maximum of 120 vehicles. The main road in front of the building has four (4) lanes on its side with an internal double lane exclusive access road and four (4) lanes in the other direction.

- 89 The electrical power and IT infrastructure lines are all wall mounted and office partitions can be demarcated based on AMA requirements. The sanitary lines are connected to the main city sewerage line and each floor has a total of six (6) toilet facilities. Fire safety facilities including fire extinguishers, fire hydrants and smoke detectors with CCTV camera were found on site at the time of inspection.
- 90 The proposed building was not yet in use. The wiring cabinets were not equipped with backup power supplies (UPS). Two power outlets and one Rj45 were available for the office room. No Wi-Fi access points were installed yet as the wiring was underway.
- 91 The internet service providers in Morocco are able to provide a dedicated internet link with a static IP of 100Mbps up to 1Gbs. The temporary premises have four (4) technical rooms, one of which can be used as a server room but was not yet adapted to be a server and the access is a door with a key.
- 92 The proposed temporary AMA Secretariat is situated in a safe and secured area which is near firefighting and rapid response police departments. The building is controlled by CCTV cameras that are installed in all the places and most of the safety equipment is installed, however, there is no control room for security and safety operation and to monitor the entire building and its surroundings. The building has more than two (2) rooms/spaces that can be used to establish security access control system. The walls are made of glass which may require to be fortified and protected by a metal shutter to ensure safety of equipment and people in the building.
- 93 The building is also clearly defined by a perimeter fence, except on the northern side. The landscape around the northern side of the building is adequate to fortify the building and prevent unauthorized vehicle from driving to the building. No safety certification/occupancy certification from the competent local authority was provided to the assessment team.

Proposed Permanent Premises for the AMA Secretariat and Laboratory

- 94 The Kingdom of Morocco indicated that it would construct a permanent AMA secretariat headquarters co-located with the AMA laboratory.
- 95 The identified plot of land of 3,719.3 m² earmarked for the construction of the facility is located at Avenue Abderrahim Bouabid, Hay Ryad, Rabat at GPS location 33°56'52.0"N, 6°53'07.5"W.

Proposed DG Residence

- 96 The Kingdom of Morocco had proposed two smart villas for site visits and consideration by the assessment team as official residence of the AMA Director General. Following visits to both options, the Villa under Option-1 was selected, as a candidate residence for the AMA Director General.
- 97 This was a villa situated at 3, Rue Bani Anzar, Avenue Oulad Frej, Souissi Rabat (GPS: 33°57'57.0"N, 6°49'56.7"W) which is less than 5 minute drive from the temporary AMA headquarters and the future permanent AMA headquarters. The villa has a total floor area of 1600 m² with 3 living rooms, 5 self-contained bedrooms, 2 kitchens, a 6-passenger elevator, garden, indoor garage for two vehicles, outdoor parking for 2 additional vehicles, 5 parking

area in front of the villa along the external fence, swimming pool, internal heated pool, household staff room, gardeners/guard room and disability access.

- 98 The proposed residence has internet and telephone lines. The house has an internet line with 200Mbps, has multiple sensors, and was designed as a smart house with a smart security control.
- 99 The proposed residence of the AMA Director General, is located near a firefighting station and rapid police response department. The residence is located in a safe and secured locality. The facility has a perimeter wall of 2.7m and is equipped with video surveillance system and all windows and doors have security shutters. The villa is in a diplomatic zone of several embassies (Finland, Czech Republic, Philippines, and UAE) and is 250 m from the Mega Mall Rabat Shopping Mall.

Importation of VSAT and its accessories

- 100 Importation is allowed but to be operated by existing local service providers operating in the country.

Conference Centre

- 101 The Palais des Congres has more than ten (10) meeting rooms including an amphitheatre, meeting halls, and other rooms that can host big events. It is well equipped with all requisite facilities and can host hybrid meetings

Referral Hospitals and Cold Chain Facilities.

- 102 Morocco offers well equipped referral hospitals in Rabat and suitable cold chain facilities at the Mohammed V International Airport, Casablanca.

Hotels and Housing

- 103 Rabat has a range of 3-5 stars hotels as per details provided in the national report. Suitable housing (3 and 4 bedrooms) and apartments (1 to 3 bedrooms) are available for international staffs, which cost between 600 USD to 1000 USD.

Banking Sector, Tax and Customs

- 104 The Kingdom of Morocco provides exemptions, for both direct taxes on income and profit and indirect taxes on goods, works and services for international and diplomatic institutions. Tax exemptions for international and diplomatic institutions extend to their staff for procurement of goods/works/services locally/overseas to benefits members accredited in Morocco who benefit from diplomatic status. This exemption also applies to international and regional organizations and their members accredited in Morocco who have diplomatic status.
- 105 All Moroccan commercial banks are allowed to carry out international banking services including sending and receiving funds (wireless transfers) and online banking.

- 106 There are nine (9) international Money transfer services, (sending/receiving money) overseas, operating in the city where the office is to be located, Rabat. Moroccan commercial banks offer the full range of banking services to international standards for both institutions and individuals. There are no restrictions on the financial transactions of International Organizations and their staff in terms of limits on transfer amount/frequency, amount to be withdrawn in cash, transfers between accounts maintained in foreign and local currencies.

Political Atmosphere and Status of Relevant Treaties

- 107 As of the last day of the in-country assessment, the status of relevant treaties and AU sanctions for Morocco is reflected in Table 8.

Table 8. Status of relevant treaties for the Kingdom of Morocco as of 08 April 2022

	AMA TREATY	OAU GENERAL CONVENTION	VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS	VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS	ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE OAU GENERAL CONVENTION	STATUS OF SANCTIONS
MOROCCO (as of 08.04.2022)	05/04/2022	NO	19/06/1968	23/02/1977	NO	NONE

Visa requirements

- 108 Twenty-five (25) AU Member States are exempted from visa requirement for entry into Morocco. The Kingdom provides entry visa on arrival at the request of Diplomatic Missions and International or Regional Organizations for Member States where there is no Moroccan diplomatic and/or consular representation. A visa application is subject to review by competent Moroccan authorities. Processing time of entry visa to Morocco varies from 3 to 6 working days.
- 109 The Kingdom of Morocco issues an extension of stay for short-term staff (International/Diplomatic) whose contract is less than six months. There is no exit visa requirement for staff members leaving the country.

iv. Republic of Rwanda

Proposed Permanent Premises for AMA Secretariat and Temporary Laboratory

- 110 The Alliance Plaza building, situated in the Commercial Business District of Kigali is proposed for the AMA Secretariat headquarters and temporary quality control laboratory (GPS location 1.951614, 30.061127). The entire building is fully furnished and equipped. Full ownership of the building shall be transferred to AMA.
- 111 The ten (10) floor building (Ground plus 8); including two (2) basements for parking one hundred and twenty (120) cars with additional external parking for one hundred and eighty (180) cars. The building has suitable disability access, security features, generator, solar panels water reservoirs, cafeteria and a waste management treatment plant.

- 112 The proposed building is well equipped with telecommunication services (telephone lines and extensions and internet line) from three internet service providers (ISP). The main one is BSC and the two (2) backup Line with two (2) different ISPs. The ISPs available in the country can provide internet bandwidth exceeding 100mbps with fibre. The server room is well secured with smart access control (finger print). Each office has separate sockets for network, electricity and for backup power supply or UPS. The conference rooms within the building are well equipped and can handle video conferences suitable for hybrid meetings. The country commits to provide Wi-Fi access point and controllers beyond the current capacity as may be required by AMA.
- 113 The building is well equipped with CCTV cameras and is monitored 24/7 by officers who work on shift/rotational basis. Security arm barriers exist and concrete blocks are installed at the front of the building. Fire extinguishers, smoke detectors and security alarm system, 70% of the fence does exist and the existing perimeter fence height is over 1,65m. The proposed AMA secretariat is located within a 5km and 5 minute drive to the nearest police, fire fighters station and hospital. A certificate of occupancy of the building by the local authorities was made available to the assessment team.

Proposed Land for the Permanent AMA Laboratory

- 114 The Republic of Rwanda is also offering land (area of 1.99 hectares) for construction of the AMA laboratory within eighteen (18) months with its own resources (GPS location -1.983286, 30.106357).

Proposed DG Residence

- 115 A five (5)-bedroom residential house is being proposed for the Director General of AMA. It is located in a new luxury residential development project called Vision City. The house is situated within the uptown neighbourhood of Gacuriro, 5.9 km from the Central Business District and 6 km from Kigali International Airport, 4.5 km from King Faisal Hospital, 4.3 km from Green Hills academy and 2.1km from the nearest shopping mall (GPS location - 1.9295357274599503, 30.09055500861239).
- 116 There is a two (2) cars park garage and parking lots for 4 additional cars. The estate also offers a wide range of facilities including four centralized generators of 1000 KVA each, firefighting house, centralized security for the estate, tennis court, basketball court and cycling ground.
- 117 The residence of Director General is equipped with telecommunication line and all the fittings for internet are in place.
- 118 The proposed residence of the Director General is located in a safe and secured compound where all security and safety requirements are in place. Physical security; high tech security and firefighting requirements have all been installed. The distances to the nearest police station, firefighter's station and hospital are less than five (5) minutes away from the residence.

Importation of VSAT and its accessories

- 119 The importation of VSAT and its accessories is allowed. AMA will have full control in terms of

importation, installation and service provider.

Conference Centre

- 120 The conference rooms inside the proposed AMA building and the Kigali Convention Centre (KCC) are well equipped with the requisite information systems infrastructure and can hold hybrid meetings. The KCC is the biggest and modern conference facility in the city with suitable auditorium and meeting rooms.

Referral Hospital and Cold Chain Facilities

- 121 Rwanda offers well equipped referral hospitals in Kigali as well as suitable cold chain facilities at the Kigali International Airport.

Hotels and Housing

- 122 Kigali has a range of 3-5 stars hotels as per details provided in the country report. Suitable housing (3 and 4 bedrooms) and apartments (1 to 3 bedrooms) are available for international staffs, which cost between 500 USD to 1000 USD.

Banking Sector, Tax and Customs

- 123 Privileges and immunities include exemptions from indirect taxes on goods, works and services procured locally and internationally. VAT refund can be claimed within 3 months from the date of transactions, otherwise it is forfeited. Each international staff will be issued a Tax Identification Number (TIN) to claim VAT based on registered receipts. AMA will submit official communication with all relevant receipts/documents for VAT refund. The services for VAT refund include rent, communication, hotels, restaurants, fuels for motor vehicle bearing CD/CMD, etc. The request will be submitted online. These provisions are in the Protocol Handbook of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Republic of Rwanda.
- 124 International staffs are allowed to open accounts in both foreign and local currencies and to withdraw in these currencies without any limitations and/or challenges from the banks as well as using ATM cards because there is no restriction. International staff upon assumption of duty have access to loans.

Political Atmosphere and Status of Relevant Treaties

- 125 As of the last day of the in-country assessment, the status of relevant treaties and AU sanctions for Rwanda is reflected in Table 9.

Table 9. Status of relevant treaties for the Republic of Rwanda as of 09 March 2022

	AMA TREATY	OAU GENERAL CONVENTION	VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS	VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS	ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE OAU GENERAL CONVENTION	STATUS OF SANCTIONS

RWANDA (as of 09.03.2022)	06/01/2020	25/10/1965	24/04/1964	30/06/1974	22/07/1985	NONE
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Visa Requirements

- 126 The Visa policy of Rwanda is that there is no visa requirement for all nationals of the African Union, Commonwealth and La Francophonie. Visa on arrival for all other nationals. Similarly, no exit visa is needed to depart the country at the end of staff contract.
- 127 International short-term staff are entitled to resident permits to facilitate their work. Privileges and immunities are provided in the Protocol Handbook of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, international instruments and Host Country Agreement signed.

v. United Republic of Tanzania

Proposed Temporary Premises for AMA Secretariat and Laboratory

- 128 The proposed temporary AMA Secretariat headquarters would be situated at the Arusha International Conference Centre (AICC) (GPS coordinates -3.354119070520166, 36.69231335144748). The 4th floor of the Ngorongoro block with a total floor area of 800m² is proposed to be dedicated for the office. The AICC is located at the city centre of Arusha, about 50km from Kilimanjaro international airport. The proposed temporary office is a vacant floor, which was previously occupied and requires major renovations. The AICC has many amenities including several meeting rooms of various sizes available for rental; a cafeteria; 650KVA generator; ground water borehole and reservoirs; parking space for 200 cars which is shared among tenants and a minimum of 50 parking space can be allocated for AMA.
- 129 Proposed temporary premises for AMA Laboratory are provided in a separate building located about 1 kilometre from AICC (GPS Location -3.370500, 36.700007) at 360 Degree Kaunda Street. The building has 11 rooms and 5 washrooms; one servant quarter with two rooms and a side building with 2 rooms which can be used for laboratory activities. It has a borehole in addition to city water source. The building is owned by the AICC which is under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation.
- 130 On the 4th floor of the Arusha International Conference Centre (AICC) building some network and electricity sockets are present, but they are not functioning. The office needs renovation and the telecommunication line or cabling needs to be designed. The internet service provider (ISP) available in the country can provide internet bandwidth exceeding 100 mbps with fibre.
- 131 The different entries and exits are well monitored by security guards, and by a CCTV control room with more than 100 cameras positioned within the compound. The 4th Floor of the Arusha International Conference Centre (AICC) in its current state requires attention in terms of security; there are no installed fire extinguishers within the floor, safety and security signage does not exist; most of the security hinges and pins are not well located and welded in order to prevent easy removal; there are no fire alarm. A public address system is available and functions properly.

Proposed Land for the Permanent AMA Secretariat and Laboratory

- 132 A plot of land with an area between five (5) to twenty (20) hectares for the co-location of both the permanent Secretariat and Laboratory has been proposed. The land proposed for construction of secretariat and laboratory is located in a new development area allocated for international organizations (e.g. the United Nations and the African Union Court of Human and Peoples' Rights).

Proposed DG Residence

- 133 The National Team agreed on which of the two (2) proposed residences would be used as the benchmark for the location, safety and security features. The house is located in an uptown residential area within 5km radius from the central business district and 5.7km from the AICC (GPS location -3.396087, 36.719039). The house features the following: plot area of 700 m²; 4 self-contained bedrooms; lounge and dining area; kitchen and pantry; auxiliary family lounge; self-contained servant quarters; 1 laundry area; parking space for more than 6 cars; 6,000L of water reservoir; provision for generator connection. In general, the structure of the building is intact, but needs general maintenance and cleaning works. The proposed AMA DG's residence is located within 5km and 5 minutes' drive to the nearest police, firefighter's station and hospital.
- 134 The proposed DG's residence is equipped with telecommunication line and ready to be used upon internet subscription.
- 135 The proposed DG's residence has a perimeter fence that is high enough to deter any intrusion and is equipped with electric barbed wires and intrusion sensitive alarm system. There is no CCTV control room within the premises; no installed fire extinguishers, as well as, smoke detector system.
- 136 **Importation of VSAT and its accessories** - importation of VSAT and its accessories is allowed. AMA would have full control in terms of importation, installation and service provider.

Conference Centre

- 137 The Arusha International Conference Centre (AICC) is the conference facility presented by the National Team. It has several meeting, conference and multipurpose halls that can flexibly be used for various setups.

Hospital and Cold Chain Facilities

- 138 Tanzania offers well equipped referral hospitals in Arusha and suitable cold chain facilities at the Kilimanjaro International Airport.

Hotels and Housing

- 139 Arusha has a range of 3-5 stars hotels as per details provided in the national report. Suitable housing (3 and 4 bedrooms) and apartments (1 to 3 bedrooms) are available for international staff, which cost upwards from 300 USD.

Banking Sector, Tax and Customs

- 140 At the general level, the relevant international instruments and tax and customs laws of Tanzania are applied to accord tax and customs exemptions, privileges and immunities to diplomatic representatives, international organizations and staff resident in Arusha. The privileges and immunities include exemptions from direct taxes on incomes and profits; indirect taxes on goods, works and services procured locally and internationally; reclaim of VAT refund within 6 months from the date of transactions.
- 141 International staff will be issued Tax Identification Numbers (TIN) to claim VAT based on VAT registered receipts while AMA will submit official communication with all relevant receipts/documents for VAT refund. All VAT refund documents will be submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for onward transmission to the appropriate authority for processing.
- 142 International staff are allowed to open accounts in both foreign and local currencies and to withdraw money without any limitations and/or challenges from these banks. ATM cards are used with no restriction. International staff have access to loans with interest and there is no waiver on bank charges. Bank charges and interest on loan vary from bank to bank.

Political Atmosphere and Status of Relevant Treaties

- 143 As of the last day of the in-country assessment, the status of relevant treaties and AU sanctions for United Republic of Tanzania is reflected in Table 10.

Table 10. Status of relevant treaties for the United Republic of Tanzania as of 15 March 2022

	AMA TREATY	OAU GENERAL CONVENTION	VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS	VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS	ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE OAU GENERAL CONVENTION	STATUS OF SANCTIONS
TANZANIA (as of 15.03.2022)	ONLY SIGNATURE 10/08/2021	22/03/1985	05/11/1962	18/05/1977	NO	NONE

Visa Requirements

- 144 The African Union passport is recognized in the country. A total of nineteen (19) African national passports do not need visa to travel to Tanzania and no exit visa is required to depart Tanzania at the end of the contract. Resident permits are issued to international short-term staff.

vi. Republic of Tunisia

Temporary Premises to host the AMA Secretariat

- 145 The Government of Tunisia offers a building of six (6) floors with a total floor area of 3983m² for the temporary AMA Secretariat Headquarters pending the completion of the permanent site (GPS location of 36°50'1" N 10°18'13" E). Major installations such as elevators, HVAC and other amenities remained to be done. The facility can adequately contain office space for 100 staff with technical and meeting rooms, and underground parking space for vehicles. It is not furnished yet.
- 146 The Internet Service Provider companies in Tunisia are able to provide a dedicated Internet link with a static IP of 100Mbps up to 1 Gbs.
- 147 The building has several technical rooms, one of which can be used as a server room. But at the time we visited the proposed building under construction, the server room was not ready for use. The server room was not equipped yet, no wiring cabinets and backup power supplies (UPS) were in place at the time of the assessment.
- 148 The office rooms have two or more power and network outlets (RJ45). No Wi-Fi access points were available but the wiring was in place,
- 149 There were no CCTV cameras at the time of the assessment. The proposed temporary AMA Secretariat did not have a safety system certification from the local authorities as it was still under construction. The security screening equipment was not installed and security check point was not established. The building wall is constructed with a glass cladding and does not have enough standoff distance to protect its occupants from car-borne explosive blast.

Permanent Premises to host the AMA Secretariat

- 150 Tunisia is proposing a six (6) floor building with basement, ground, mezzanine and three (3) floors currently under construction as the Permanent AMA Secretariat Headquarters, which is located at Berges Du Lac II, Tunis (GPS location of 36°50'33" N 10°16'43" E). The columns and beams for the 2nd and 3rd Floors are yet to be completed. All finish work including the installation of five (5) elevators, HVAC and other amenities are yet to be done. According to architectural design provided, the total floor area is 9053m².
- 151 There were no CCTV cameras at the time of the assessment at the proposed permanent building for the AMA Secretariat and it did not have a safety system certification as it was still under construction.

Permanent Premises to host the AMA Laboratory

- 152 The permanent laboratory offered by the government of Tunisia, also known as Ben Arous' Laboratory, is located at Rue 1st May New Medina, Ben-Arous on a plot of land of 3500m² (36°44'49" N 10°12'59" E). The one floor building has a total area of 1500 m² out of which the administrative area covers 500m² while the Laboratory area covers 1000m².
- 153 The proposed building for the AMA Laboratory has a reception area, seven (7) offices, one (1) archive room, sample room, central storage, men's locker rooms, women's changing rooms, one (1) bathroom, one (1) training room for hundred (100) people, one (1) rest room, two (2) washrooms each (men and women). It also has the following technical departments -

microbiology + food department (eight (8) lab rooms + storage = sterilization = preparation); Physico-chemistry department (seven (7) lab rooms); Department for wastewater microbiology + entomology (eleven (11) lab rooms). In addition, the building has the following auxiliary rooms: boiler room, garbage room, transformer station room, generator room, refreshment bar, lodge garden with washrooms. The laboratory site is equipped with an electrical 3-phase transformer with power rating of 630KVA and a standby generator set of 75KVA. At the time of the assessment, the laboratory was at 80% of completion. Many of the office and laboratory equipment are yet to be installed including the Internet connectivity. The HVAC and air filtering system units are already installed and fully functional. The facility has parking spaces for 20 vehicles plus additional plot of land available on the rear side of the building that can be converted into additional 20 vehicles parking spaces.

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- 155 The minimum height of the perimeter fence at the proposed permanent AMA Laboratory is 1.65m; there were no CCTV cameras at the time of the assessment at the proposed permanent laboratory facility. The security screening equipment was not installed and security check point was not established both in the proposed permanent AMA laboratory facility.

Proposed DG Residence

- 156 The Assessment Team also visited the two (2) residences proposed for the AMA Director General. Following the visit to each of the two (2) sites by the Assessment Team, the representatives of the Government of the Republic of Tunisia, were invited to make a proposal as to which of the two (2) sites was their number one choice as the residence of the Director General. The Government of the Republic of Tunisia proposed the residence located in Rue Taieb Mhiri in Sidi Bou Said as their number one choice (GPS location - 36°52'28" N 10°20'48" E). It composed of four (4) bedrooms located on the first floor and one (1) on the ground floor. The property has a land area of 5336m² and the house had a total floor area of 1160m² (Basement 450m², Ground floor 450m², Garages 150m² and studio 110m²). The villa is located in a highly secured zone and it will require moderate level of corrective maintenance to render it fully operational..
- 157 The proposed house for the DG has internet and telephone lines. The house has an internet line with 200Mbps, multiple sensors, and was designed as a smart house with a smart security control.
- 158 At the time of the assessment visit to the proposed residence for the DG of AMA, there were no CCTV cameras inside the premises; there was no fire detection system.
- 159 **Importation of VSAT and its accessories:** The importation of VSAT and its accessories is allowed but the operation is under existing local service providers operating in the country.

Conference Facilities

- 160 The **Palais de la Culture Conference Centre** has facilities of varying sizes including for opera, theatre. The centre has large rooms to accommodate meetings of various sizes but has few small rooms. Rooms available are equipped with audio, video, and other modern conference equipment. The Centre can host hybrid meetings.

Referral Hospital and Cold Chain Facilities

- 161 Tunisia offers well equipped referral hospitals in Tunis and suitable cold chain facilities at the Tunis-Carthage International Airport.

Hotels and Housing

- 162 Tunis has a range of 3-5 stars hotels as per details provided in the national report. Apartments of 1 to 3 bedrooms and houses of 3 and 4 bedrooms are available for rentals ranging from 700 USD to 1500 USD.

Banking Sector, Tax and Customs

- 163 Tax and customs exemptions: International institutions are exempt from direct taxes on income and profits in Tunisia under international conventions concluded with the Tunisian government or to which Tunisia has acceded and having completed the procedures for their entry into force in accordance with the legislation in force. Diplomatic missions are exempt from taxes under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.
- 164 There are two options of tax exemptions, one is first pay and claim back tax and second option is to be exempted at point of sales by presenting tax free certificate. In cases where international and diplomatic institutions pay and claim taxes, the deadline for filing a file for reimbursement of tax on goods purchased locally, services and work provided is set at one month after each quarter. Employees of international organizations and diplomatic missions enjoy tax exemptions for local purchases of goods, services and works.
- 165 Tunisian commercial banks are allowed to carry out international banking services including sending and receiving funds (wireless transfers) and online banking. There are 2 international money transfer services operating in the city where the office is to be located, namely Money Gram and Western Union. Tunisian Banks also provide other banking services, lending, deposit interest, bank fee waivers, etc. to international organizations and their staff. There are no restrictions on the financial transactions of International Organizations and their staff in terms of limits on transfer amount/frequency, amount to be withdrawn in cash, transfers between Accounts maintained in foreign and local currencies.

Political Atmosphere and Status of Relevant Treaties

- 166 As of the last day of the in-country assessment, the status of relevant treaties and AU sanctions for Tunisia is reflected in Table 11.

Table 11. Status of relevant treaties for the Republic of Tunisia as of 13 April 2022

	AMA TREATY	OAU GENERAL CONVENTION	VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS	VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS	ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE OAU GENERAL CONVENTION	STATUS OF SANCTIONS
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TUNISIA (as of 13.04.2022)	13/10/2021	25/10/1965	24/01/1968	08/07/1964	NO	NONE
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Visa Requirements

- 167 Approximately, nine (9) AU Member States are exempted from visa requirements for entry into Tunisia and approximately twenty-three (23) AU Member States can get visa on arrival with Official/Service and Diplomatic Passport. The country's policy provides for entry visa on arrival through Diplomatic Missions and International or Regional Organizations once a list of participants and Note Verbal for official visit to Tunisia is submitted. The processing of visa for official mission takes just a day under normal circumstance and Tunisia does not require an exit visa for staff members leaving the country at the end of their contracts.

vii. Republic of Uganda

Proposed Temporary Premises for the AMA Secretariat and Laboratory

- 168 The government of Uganda has proposed to situate both the AMA Secretariat and Laboratory in a new building being constructed for its National Drugs Administration (NDA) in the central business district of Kampala (GPS location 0.326757, 32.575304). The building has fifteen (15) stories with two (2) basements levels, a ground floor and twelve (12) upper floors. From the ground to the 3rd floor the building is designed as open office space and the floors from the 4th to the 11th are designed for laboratory space. The proposal of Uganda is to allocate 1st and 2nd floors for AMA Secretariat and 3rd and 4th floors for AMA Laboratory.
- 169 At the time of the assessment, the construction of the building (excluding furniture, office and laboratory equipment) was estimated to be 95% completion. Floor, wall, ceiling and façade materials are all on site and being installed. Two (2) generators with a total capacity of 1100KVA (550KVA each) are installed. Water reservoir, fire safety sprinklers and hoses with separate reservoir are installed. The laboratory sections of the building from the 4th to 11th floors also have 'service ceilings' of 1.7 meters in height, contributing to the conveniences of the service infrastructure.
- 170 Main features of the building include: 36 parking spaces in the basement and 100+ in the compound; total built-up area of 6,718 m²; 52,000 litres of water reservoir; toilets properly allocated for male, female and persons with disabilities; warm-up kitchen and cafeteria space; central ventilation system; on-site water discharge treatment plant.
- 171 Since the building was under construction, the information management infrastructure was still at its early stages for example the trunk could be seen but network cables were not yet pulled at the time of the assessment. The proposed AMA office was under construction at the time of the assessment. The conference room is designed to hold hybrid meetings.
- 172 The proposed AMA HQ is still under construction: many of the expected security features and installations not yet installed, unmarked parking space exists; no smoke detectors, fire alarm or intrusion system are installed; there are no jersey-type barricades to block access into the

premises entrance, office buildings and facilities as the building is still under construction. There is not yet the requisite additional security access control system to reinforce critical areas (the server room, office of the head of mission, security equipment control room, finance office and laboratory) as the building is still under construction.

Proposed Land for the Permanent AMA Secretariat and Laboratory

- 173 The land proposed for the construction of the AMA Laboratory and the permanent AMA Secretariat is located near the Uganda National health laboratories facility in Kampala (GPS location -0.311269, 32.659310). The plot has an area of more than 10 hectares, although the actual area located to AMA was not clarified. The proposed AMA Secretariat is located within a 5km and 5 minutes' drive to the nearest police, firefighter's station and hospital.

Proposed DG Residence

- 174 The residential house for the Director General proposed by the Government of Uganda is located in a high class residential neighbourhood where residences of different embassies are situated (GPS location 0.33806173705429327, 32.59466719965077). The proposed house is a one story property owned by the Government with three (3) bedrooms, a vast compound, and a well maintained garden. The property features include a plot area of 2000m²; three (3) bedrooms, one (1) of which was a self-contained master bedroom and the other two (2) bedrooms had a shared toilet; lounge and dining area; kitchen and pantry; self-contained servant quarters; laundry area; parking space for more than six(6) cars; 6,000L of water reservoir; solar power for backup. The structure of the building is intact and the house was under renovation at the time of assessment.
- 175 At the time of the assessment, the DG's residence was not yet equipped with telecommunication line.
- 176 At the proposed residence for the DG most of the safety and security requirements are in place. However, some additional requirements were unavailable such as fire extinguisher; smoke detectors, fire alarm and intrusion system and CCTV control room. The proposed AMA Secretariat is located within a 5km and 5 minute drive to the nearest police, firefighter's station and hospital.
- 177 **Importation of VSAT and its accessories**-The importation of VSAT and its accessories is allowed. AMA will have full control in terms of importation, installation and service provider.

Conference Centre

- 178 There are several conference and meeting facilities in Kampala which are mostly available in the hotels as per details provided in the national report.

Referral Hospital and Cold Chain Facilities

- 179 Uganda offers well equipped referral hospitals in Kampala and suitable cold chain facilities at the Entebbe International Airport.

Hotels and Housing

- 180 Kampala has a range of 3-5 stars hotels as per details provided in the national report. Suitable housing (3 and 4 bedrooms) and apartments (1 to 3 bedrooms) are available for international staffs, which cost between 300 to 700 USD.

Banking Sector, Tax and Customs

- 181 At the general level, the relevant international instruments and tax and customs laws of Uganda are applied to accord tax and customs exemptions, privileges and immunities to diplomatic representations and international organizations and their staff. The privileges and immunities include: exemptions from both direct taxes on incomes and profits; exemptions from indirect taxes on goods, works and services procured locally and internationally and reclaim of VAT refund within 6 months from the date of transactions.
- 182 International staff will be issued Tax Identification Numbers (TIN) to claim VAT based on VAT registered receipts while AMA will submit official communication with all relevant receipts/documents for VAT refund. All VAT refund documents will be submitted through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for onward transmission to the appropriate authority for processing.
- 183 Western Union and Money Gram transfer services are available to send and receive money. International staff are allowed to open accounts in both foreign and local currencies and to withdraw the same. ATM cards are used to withdraw with some restrictions; however, there is no restriction when withdrawing at the bank. International staff has access to a loan with interest but there is no waiver on bank charges. Bank charges and interest on loan vary from bank to bank.

Political Atmosphere and Status of Relevant Treaties

- 184 As of the last day of the in-country assessment, the status of relevant treaties and AU sanctions for Uganda is reflected in Table 12.

Table 12. Status of relevant treaties for the Republic of Uganda as of 21 March 2022

	AMA TREATY	OAU GENERAL CONVENTION	VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS	VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS	ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE OAU GENERAL CONVENTION	STATUS OF SANCTIONS
UGANDA (as of 21.03.2022)	03/12/2021	25/10/1965	15/04/1965	10/11/2021	NO	NONE

Visa Requirements

- 185 The African Union passport is recognized in the country. The visa policy allows nationals of eighteen (18) African Union Member States to enter Uganda without a visa. No exit visa is

needed to depart the country for staff who have completed their contracts. Resident permits are issued also for international short-term staff.

viii. Republic of Zimbabwe

Proposed Temporary premises for the AMA Secretariat and Laboratory

- 186 Zimbabwe has proposed two identical buildings co-located in an office park called Celestial, where other offices are also situated and owned by the National Social Security Agency, to temporarily host the AMA Secretariat and Laboratory buildings. The GPS coordinates of the buildings location is - 17.786237, 31.076808.
- 187 During the assessment, it was confirmed that each of the buildings had the following spaces and facilities: 3 floors in total (G+2); each floor has area of 600 m² and total area of 1,800 m² with open space layout. A parking space of 53 cars allocated in the adjacent parking area; properly demarcated toilets for males and females without disability access; split type HVAC system for select spaces are installed; CCTV systems; 30 KVA generator dedicated to the office building and 500KVA backup generator for the whole park; solar panels on the roof only feed to the UPS of the server; 10,000 litres water reservoir with ground water. There are kitchenettes on each floor. Waste from the buildings is directly connected to the municipality sewerage line.
- 188 The buildings are structurally intact and only need partitioning and other functional modifications.
- 189 At the time of the assessment, one of the proposed buildings was in use and has working IT infrastructure. The Internet Service Provider companies in Zimbabwe are able to provide a dedicated Internet link with a static IP of 100Mbps up to 1Gbs.
- 190 The proposed temporary premises have a server room with air conditioning, a smoke detector, an automatic fire extinguisher, and a backup power system. The server is secure with smart access (smart card, fingerprint, and access code), inside and outside cameras.
- 191 The proposed server room does have hardware equipment. The Wi-Fi Access Points were installed. Every wiring cabinet is equipped with a backup power supplies (UPS) and the office has two or more power and network outlets.
- 192 The proposed temporary AMA office and laboratory buildings are within an office park, adequately spaced not to cause security threat. The buildings are on a one-way street. The perimeter fence needs to be reinforced with additional security features like barbed wire, electric wire and intruder detection alarm system. There are no jersey type/barricade reinforcement at the entrance gate. Both buildings do not have security screening machines at the entrance.

Proposed Land for the Permanent Premises for the AMA Secretariat and Laboratory

- 193 The land proposed for the construction of the permanent AMA secretariat and laboratory is in a new development area of the city of Harare where other international and government offices

are planned to be relocated. At the time of the assessment, a parliament project was in the final stages of construction. The total plot area allocated for the new city development is 700 hectares, of which the Government of Zimbabwe offers a ten (10) hectares for construction of the permanent headquarters and laboratory of AMA. The GPS coordinates of the land is - 17.715305, 30.942234.

Proposed DG Residence

- 194 The residential house proposed for the Director General of AMA is located in a diplomatic zone inside a high class sub-urban residential compound called Borrowdale Brooke. Golf course, sports fields, shopping and dining facilities are available in the compound. The area is located 10 kilometres from both the city centre and temporary AMA Secretariat and Laboratory. The GPS location of the plot is - 17.709977, 31.142756.
- 195 The residential house has the following facilities: 1,400 m² plot area; approximately 450 m² of built-up area; 4 self-contained (ensuite) bedrooms; living room; lounge and dining area; kitchen and pantry; auxiliary family lounge; expansive outdoor terraces; swimming pool; 2 car garage and parking lots for 4 additional cars.
- 196 At the time of the assessment of the proposed DG's residence, the building had undergone renovation and has provision for internet and telephone lines but these were not yet installed.
- 197 The estate also offers a wide range of facilities including centralized security for the estate, golf course, basketball court, shopping and dining facilities.

Importation of VSAT and its accessories

- 198 Zimbabwe allows the importation and operation of VSAT and its accessories, there are no specific restrictions on non-commercial VSAT equipment.

Conference Centre

- 199 The Harare International Conference Centre offers conference facilities that have several meeting, conference and multipurpose halls that can flexibly be used for various setups. All the rooms have advanced conference systems and are able to host hybrid meetings.

Referral Hospital and Cold Chain

- 200 Zimbabwe offers well equipped referral hospitals in Harare and suitable cold chain facilities at the Robert Mugabe International Airport.

Hotels and Housing

- 201 Harare has a range of 3-5 stars hotels as per details provided in the country report. Suitable housing (3 and 4 bedrooms) and apartments (1 to 3 bedrooms) are available for international staff, which cost between 450 to 1000 USD.

Banking Sector, Tax and Customs

- 202 Tax exemptions for international and diplomatic institutions extend to their staff in terms of procurement of goods, works and services locally and overseas. Staff are given exemptions for normal consumption of fuel through claims and refunds.
- 203 There are no restrictions on banking transactions, except for the cash. It has been specified that for international organizations there are no cash restrictions but there is a daily limit of USD 1,000 on cash withdrawals by staff.

Political Atmosphere and Status of Relevant Treaties

- 204 As of the last day of the in-country assessment, the status of relevant treaties and AU sanctions for Zimbabwe is reflected in Table 13.

Table 13. Status of relevant treaties for the Republic of Zimbabwe as of 22 April 2022

	AMA TREATY	OAU GENERAL CONVENTION	VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS	VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS	ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE OAU GENERAL CONVENTION	STATUS OF SANCTIONS
ZIMBABWE (as of 22.04.2022)	17/09/2021	NO	13/05/1991	13/05/1991	NO	NONE

Visa Requirements

- 205 Seventeen (17) AU Member States do not need a visa to enter Zimbabwe; ten (10) AU Member States can obtain a visa on arrival; and the remaining 38 AU Member States require a visa to enter the country prior to departure for Zimbabwe. However, this is the general visa regime which would not apply for AU events whereby all Member States would obtain visa on arrival.
- 206 Resident permits for international/diplomatic short-term staff whose contract is less than one year is provided. With regards to the processing time for an entry visa for staff members and experts on mission for an international organization, the normal delay is one (1) to two (2) days and the maximum amount of time that it could take would be 3 days.

b. Technical Scoring of the Candidate Member States

207 Total scores of the candidate Member States are provided in Table 14; while detailed scoring is provided in Annex 11. Scores per candidate ranged from 66.65 to 86.96. The candidate Member state with the highest total score is Rwanda and in decreasing order followed by Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Tanzania and Egypt.

Table 14. Total scores for candidate Member States by department assessed

Department	Maximum score	Algeria	Egypt	Morocco	Rwanda	Tanzania	Tunisia	Uganda	Zimbabwe
Facilities Management Services	41,00	33,62	20,56	34,70	36,89	28,05	34,77	29,12	30,36
Management of Information Systems	13,23	12,56	5,33	9,56	13,23	6,50	10,40	10,24	13,23
Safety and Security Services	16,77	15,27	7,45	12,79	15,14	12,27	11,87	11,86	10,60
Office of the Legal Counsel	11,00	9,35	9,35	6,60	11,00	7,98	9,35	9,35	6,60
Finance Directorate	12,00	8,75	9,25	9,00	7,00	7,75	9,25	8,75	9,50
Protocol Services	5,00	3,88	3,62	3,37	4,54	4,10	4,67	4,35	3,93
All departments	99,00	83,43	55,56	76,02	86,80	66,65	80,31	73,67	74,22

208 Additional facilities offered and pledged are provided in Table 15.

Table 15. Additional facilities offered and pledges

	Candidate Member State	Additional Offers and Commitments
1	Algeria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide financial assistance for the operationalization of AMA that covers most of its needs for a period of 2 years • Ensure establishment and equipment of AMA control laboratories • Provide USD 20 million for construction of AMA laboratory • Provide access and circulation modalities dedicated to individuals with reduced mobility, as well as elevators at each building of the AMA headquarters • Equip AMA headquarters with a high performance data center • Offer a larger official residence to the AMA Director General that is fully furnished and equipped, and that comprises at least four large rooms and a living room • Strengthen the security of both accesses to the AMA headquarters by installing obstacles to prevent crossing such as lifting barriers and retractable bollards against intrusion leaving the ground with a hydraulic system • Dedicate to AMA a cold room at the Algiers airport, if needed
2	Egypt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocate an amount of USD10 million as an operating budget (low interest loan) to be used to establish the AMA headquarters and its laboratory • Designate a premise in the diplomatic district in the new administrative capital to be the headquarters of AMA, along with an elite residence for the Director General, complements of the Egyptian government
3	Morocco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicate a total budget of USD150 million to the establishment of AMA secretariat and laboratories • Offer a temporary building for AMA secretariat • Dedicate part of the national laboratory located at 2, Rue Lamfadal Cherkaoui in Rabat as a temporary laboratory for AMA, with total area of 320 m² being allocated to AMA • Technical experts with the National Drug Control Laboratory, the National Pharmacovigilance Centre and two reference laboratories for biological tests • Equipping the headquarters and laboratory with all equipment, reagents, reference materials and communication and data management tools • Ensure total safety and security of AMA's people and property

	Candidate Member State	Additional Offers and Commitments
4	Rwanda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide partitioning and equipment for the Alliance Investment Plaza according to AMA requirements and needs • Cover electricity, water, internet connection, security, and service and maintenance fees for both the office and DG's residence for a period of 5 years • Purchase land, construct and equip new AMA's laboratory facilities • Provide a team of 10 seconded staff in key areas such as procurement, ICT, finance/accounting, HR, protocol, and a regulatory expert, paid by the Government of Rwanda • Provide a modern SUV vehicle for the DG of AMA • Hire a personal driver for the DG of AMA for a period of 5 years • Provide 10 SUV vehicles for AMA staff • Provide conference facilities with all amenities for AMA meetings, conferences and events for a period of 5 years • Provide the DG of AMA+2 with a 5 year golf membership at Kigali Golf Club and offer corporate rates to the rest of the AMA staff • Provide the DG of AMA and 9 members of AMA management team, memberships at a sporting facility for a period of 5 years • Purchase 100 computers including laptops and desktops for AMA staff • Purchase 10 printers for AMA headquarters • Purchase security equipment, including a luggage scanner, metal detector and vehicle x-ray
5	Tanzania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal tourism at local rates during holiday time • Annual membership to social clubs such as golf, yacht and gym
6	Tunisia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ministry of Health commits to carry out work necessary for the commissioning of the various buildings proposed, in the Tunisia offer, to host the headquarters of the African Medicines Agency • Additional accommodation/residence for another AMA staff member • Vehicles to meet transport needs of AMA, 3 cars and a minibus, if required • Provide furniture and desks for the AMA laboratory • Provide facilities for holding conferences and seminars

	Candidate Member State	Additional Offers and Commitments
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow AMA to benefit from services of technoparks and laboratories that deal with biotechnology and experts who have returned to the Tunisian territory • Medical care to be provided by the Tunis military hospital which is a flagship of medical facilities in Tunisia • Offer free admission to the museums and cultural sites in Tunisia • For children of AMA staff, priority registration with free tuition fees in Tunisian schools and universities • A headquarters agreement will be established between Tunisia and AMA with all the benefits accorded to diplomatic missions and international organizations based in Tunisia, and covering immunity and tax exemption.
7	Uganda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of communication and security systems at the proposed premises of the DG of AMA and at the National Drug Agency premises as detailed in the letter of offer
8	Zimbabwe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant up to USD 1 million per annum to AMA to promote research for a period of up to three years • Increased the offer of land for the construction of the AMA headquarters from 1 hectare up to 10 hectares • Construct AMA complex within a year • Cede ownership of the two blocks currently offered for temporary office and laboratory to AMA • Refurbish the offices within a month • Renovation and equipping of the laboratory will be completed within 90 days taking into account the need to consult AMA and procure equipment • Commit to make right and rectify any shortcomings to meet AMA standards and requirements as observed by the assessment mission • Provide free accommodation within the diplomatic zone for the top three officials of AMA for the first 5 years • Provide 5 utility vehicles to be used by AMA for the first five years • Free electricity, water and internet bills for official residence, laboratory and offices of the Agency for the first three years • Cover maintenance costs of the interim office accommodation and laboratories used by the Agency

X. Conclusion

- 209 In undertaking the assignment, the Assessment Team was well aware and particularly cognizant that each Member State that has made significant investment to offer a bid, and had done so with deep affection, love, commitment and belief not only in the objectives of the AMA but more broadly, in the overall aspirations of the African Union. As such the eight (8) candidate Member States have made great sacrifices to the continent and should therefore be commended accordingly. The Assessment team is particularly appreciative of these sacrifices and the cooperation received from the respective Member States in the course of the technical evaluation missions.
- 210 The eight (8) Member States that submitted the bids to host the AMA headquarters were assessed by the Assessment Team against the approved criteria. The technical aggregate score for the assessed Member States is summarized in Table 16:

Table 16. Ranking of the Member States by technical score

Member States	Score
Rwanda	86,80
Algeria	83,43
Tunisia	80,31
Morocco	76,02
Zimbabwe	74,22
Uganda	73,67
Tanzania	66,65
Egypt	55,56

- 211 Based on the approved minimum and essential criteria set for the hosting of the AMA Headquarters, the proposal of the Republic of Rwanda had the highest technical aggregate score.

XI. Annexes

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 - viii. Republic of Zimbabwe

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2. Note Verbal to the final eight (8) candidate Member States on the composition of the assessment team (HHS/PMPA/47/063.22)
3. Note Verbal of 15 September 2021 (HHS/PMPA/47/166.21)
4. Note Verbal of 04 August 2021 (HHS/PMPA/47/91.21)
5. Note Verbal of 28 January 2022 (HHS/PMPA/47/011.22)
6. Note Verbal of 1 February 2022 (HHS/PMPA/47/016.22)
7. Note Verbal of 7 March 2022 (HHS/PMPA/47/069.22)
8. Note Verbal of 10 March 2022 (HHS/PMPA/47/072.22)

XIII. Cited Decisions

1. Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC)
 - i. (PRC/Rpt(XLII)Rev.1 Report Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) on 06 September 2021
2. Executive Council
 - a) EX.CL/Dec.857 (XXVI) on the establishment of AMA
 - b) EX.CL/Dec.229 (VII) on the Criteria for Hosting AU Organs
3. Assembly
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Question #	Maximum Score	Algeria	Egypt	Morocco	Rwanda	Tanzania	Tunisia	Uganda	Zimbabwe
1. In which city will the designated headquarters premises be hosted?		Algiers	Cairo	Rabat	Kigali	Arusha	Tunis	Kampala	Harare
2. Is the host country providing an exclusive permanent premises immediately?	0,75	0,75	0,25	0,50	0,75	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50
3. Is the host country transferring the ownership of the exclusive premises to AMA?	2,00	0,00	0,00	2,00	2,00	1,34	0,66	1,34	1,34
4. Does the facility exist or is it to be constructed by the host country per the outlined specifications and agreed to parameters in the host agreement?	2,00	2,00	0,66	0,66	2,00	0,66	0,66	0,66	0,66
5. Can the dedicated exclusive building for office accommodate at least 100 staff?	1,00	1,00	0,33	1,00	1,00	0,67	1,00	1,00	1,00
6. Is the host country providing the furniture for the building(s), according to AU requirements? Which furniture does the host country intend to provide (e.g., Office equipment such as desks, chairs, screens, laptops, desktops, printers...etc.)?	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	0,67	1,00	1,00	1,00
7. Can the identified premises or space accommodate a fully functioning regulatory laboratory at a minimum of level 4 maturity?	Duplicate with Q10								

Question #	Maximum Score	Algeria	Egypt	Morocco	Rwanda	Tanzania	Tunisia	Uganda	Zimbabwe
8. Is the host country providing an exclusive space or building to co-locate the AMA Secretariat and the AMA Laboratory in one space or separate locations?	Duplicate with Q9								
9. Is the host country providing a co-located space with the AMA Secretariat or a separate land or space to accommodate the AMA laboratory?	1,00	1,00	0,33	1,00	0,33	0,33	0,67	1,00	1,00
10. Can the identified premises or space accommodate a fully functioning regulatory laboratory at a minimum of level 4 maturity?	5,00	5,00	1,65	3,35	3,35	5,00	5,00	1,65	5,00
11. Does the identified space have provision for the establishment of a secure database (electronic or paper based) of all medical products batches tested and maintained on site?	0,25	0,25	0,08	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,08	0,25
12. If the identified laboratory space is an existing building, does the identified space have a dedicated supply and exhaust air as well as vacuum lines and decontamination systems? If not, will the host country make provisions to retrofit the building to this standard?	0,50	0,34	0,50	0,17	0,34	0,34	0,50	0,50	0,34

Question #	Maximum Score	Algeria	Egypt	Morocco	Rwanda	Tanzania	Tunisia	Uganda	Zimbabwe
13. Will the secretariat and the lab be exclusively co-located or be hosted separately?	Duplicate with Q9								
14. What is the distance (in Km) from the international airport to the location of the proposed building? Provide the GPS location and google map of the location to be attached	0,75	0,25	0,00	0,00	0,25	0,00	0,50	0,00	0,00
15. Is the access road in good condition?	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00
16. Is the access road to the proposed office tarmac with drainage and sewage facilities?	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00
17. If it is tarmac road, how many lanes does it have (both up and down)?	0,25	0,17	0,25	0,25	0,08	0,08	0,17	0,08	0,08
18. Is the proposed office close to the city centre? What is the distance in km?	0,50	0,34	0,00	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,34	0,50	0,34
19. How is the safety and security of the surrounding area to the office?	Duplicate with safety and security								
20. Is the building(s) provided with a demarcating security fence of at least 2.7 meters height? Is the demarcating security fence equipped with blade wire, security	Duplicate with safety and security								

Question #	Maximum Score	Algeria	Egypt	Morocco	Rwanda	Tanzania	Tunisia	Uganda	Zimbabwe
camera, security post, connectivity to the main Closed-circuit television (CCTV) room from cameras at the gates?									
21. Is the building equipped with telecommunication services (telephone line, telephone extensions and broadband internet line)?	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	0,67	1,00
22. Does the building have a standby generator(s) with a minimum capacity of 3500 kVA to handle both electrical and Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC)?	1,00	0,67	0,33	1,00	0,33	0,00	1,00	0,33	0,00
23. Does the building have additional backup generator(s) with a minimum capacity of 3500KVA to handle both electrical and Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC)?	Duplicate with Q22								
24. Does the building have centralized cooling and Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system?	1,00	0,67	0,67	1,00	1,00	0,00	1,00	1,00	0,67
25. Is a water reservoir with a minimum of 100,000 liters capacity available?	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	0,33	1,00

Question #	Maximum Score	Algeria	Egypt	Morocco	Rwanda	Tanzania	Tunisia	Uganda	Zimbabwe
26. What is the number ablution facilities on each floors for both gender and with disability access? Are the facilities equipped with sceptic tank or sewage line system?	1,00	0,67	0,67	1,00	1,00	0,67	1,00	1,00	0,67
27. Is there a space available for storage for stock item, non-stock item and medical item (cold room)? What is the surface area of the storage? What type of storage is available? (Especially for medical usage – refrigerated room; with smoke and fire sensor, water or gas sprinklers; extinguishers)	0,50	0,34	0,00	0,34	0,34	0,17	0,50	0,17	0,17
28. Is there a space for kitchen and cafeteria? What is the surface area?	1,00	1,00	0,00	0,67	0,67	0,00	0,67	0,67	0,33
29. Does the building(s) have enough parking space minimum for 100 cars? What is the distance of the parking space from the building(s)? The minimum requirement is for a parking area to be 500 meters from the building(s) and underground parking is not appropriate.	1,00	1,00	0,67	1,00	1,00	0,33	0,67	1,00	0,33
30. Does the building(s) have disability accesses?	1,00	0,33	0,67	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	0,33

Question #	Maximum Score	Algeria	Egypt	Morocco	Rwanda	Tanzania	Tunisia	Uganda	Zimbabwe
31. Does the building have space of a minimum of 600 square meters for safeguarding of information - documentation, filing and record keeping or archiving for both physical and electronical?	0,50	0,17	0,00	0,50	0,50	0,00	0,50	0,17	0,50
32. Does the host country have adequate conference and meeting facilities for up to 10 concurrent events with up to 50 participants?	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	0,67	1,00	1,00
33. Are these facilities within the AMA office compound or outside? If outside, what is the distance of the external facilities in km? Provide the GPS Location for these facilities.	1,00	1,00	0,33	0,33	1,00	0,67	0,33	0,33	0,33
34. Does the host country have other conference facilities for big meetings for up to 1000 people?	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00
35. Are these facilities within the AMA office compound or outside? If outside, what is the distance of the external facilities in km? Provide the GPS Location for these facilities.	Duplicate with Q33								
36. Does the identified conferencing facilities within the premises have video Conferencing capacity (both software and hardware) with hybrid capability (analogic and digital) with Internet protocol suite (TCP/IP))?	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	0,80	1,00

Question #	Maximum Score	Algeria	Egypt	Morocco	Rwanda	Tanzania	Tunisia	Uganda	Zimbabwe
37. Does the identified conferencing facilities outside the premises have video Conferencing capacity (both software and hardware) with hybrid capability (analogic and digital) with Internet protocol suite (TCP/IP)?	Duplicate with Q36								
38. Is the wired network cabling infrastructure and Wi-Fi network infrastructure of the premises/building(s) designed based on a 2-tier or 3-tier architecture model?	1,00	1,00	0,00	1,00	1,00	0,00	1,00	1,00	1,00
39. Does the building have a central server room with appropriate air conditioning system and back-up power supply?	1,00	1,00	0,33	0,33	1,00	0,00	0,33	0,67	1,00
40. Is the premises network infrastructure connected to Internet service provider with a static IP address of 100Mbps?	3,00	3,00	3,00	3,00	3,00	3,00	3,00	3,00	3,00
41. Is there an access control, physical and perimeter security management put in place?	1,00	0,75	0,00	0,25	0,75	0,00	0,25	0,75	1,00
42. Does the building have a fire fighting system, smoke detection and dry extinguisher?	0,23	0,23	0,00	0,23	0,23	0,00	0,23	0,23	0,23
43. Is there a minimum of two power and two RJ45 network outlets in each office, with power outlets that are compatible with the system used in the country, i.e Schuko, 3-pin, etc.....?	2,00	2,00	1,00	1,50	2,00	0,50	2,00	1,50	2,00

Question #	Maximum Score	Algeria	Egypt	Morocco	Rwanda	Tanzania	Tunisia	Uganda	Zimbabwe
44. Does the building provide a standard technology for network, IP, telephone and servers?	1,00	1,00	0,00	0,50	1,00	0,00	0,50	1,00	1,00
45. Is there a high density Wi-Fi connectivity in each meeting room inside the premises with highly flexible CISCO AP4800/3800 Access Points to support the high density?	1,00	1,00	0,00	0,33	1,00	0,00	0,67	0,67	1,00
46. Is there a backup power supply (UPS) for each wiring cabinet of the network infrastructure?	1,00	1,00	0,00	0,00	1,00	0,00	0,00	0,50	1,00
47. Do the country Regulations on licensing for Very-small-aperture terminal (VSAT) services allow the importation of VSAT equipment into the country?	1,00	0,33	0,00	0,67	1,00	1,00	0,67	1,00	1,00
48. What is the distance in km to a nearby firefighter's stations not more than 10 minutes in traffic peak hours? Provide the GPS Location details of the fire-fighter's station	0,47	0,47	0,24	0,47	0,47	0,47	0,47	0,47	0,24
49. What is the distance in km to a nearby Special Police response teams and Bomb Squad not more than 10 minute in traffic peak hours? Provide the GPS Location details of the Special Police response teams and Bomb Squad Team.	0,47	0,47	0,35	0,47	0,47	0,47	0,35	0,47	0,35

Question #	Maximum Score	Algeria	Egypt	Morocco	Rwanda	Tanzania	Tunisia	Uganda	Zimbabwe
50. What is the distance in km to a nearby Hospital not more than 10 minutes in traffic peak hours? Provide the GPS Location details of the Hospital.	0,47	0,47	0,35	0,47	0,47	0,47	0,47	0,47	0,35
51. Are there international organizations or multinational companies within the 5km from the proposed AMA Headquarters? And what is the indicative number in km?	0,12	0,12	0,03	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12
52. Are there International Diplomatic Missions within the 5km from the proposed AMA Headquarters? And what is the indicative number in km?	0,12	0,12	0,03	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12
53. Are there standard licensed private security companies within the 5km from the proposed AMA Headquarters? And what is the indicative number in km?	0,12	0,12	0,03	0,12	0,09	0,12	0,09	0,12	0,12
54. Are the adjacent buildings and surrounding areas safe and secured? [e.g. government buildings, busy market, industrial zone that can be subject to attract threat...etc); Close to dangerous instillation (e.g., fuel depot)].	Not scored								
55. Does access to the proposed AMA Headquarters have multiple routes to access	0,47	0,35	0,47	0,47	0,47	0,47	0,35	0,24	0,24

Question #	Maximum Score	Algeria	Egypt	Morocco	Rwanda	Tanzania	Tunisia	Uganda	Zimbabwe
the premises, International Airport and City Centre?									
56. Provide photos of the of the road conditions in the surrounding of the Proposed AMA Headquarters as well as Google Maps	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12
57. Are the office premises located on a one-way street?	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,06	0,06	0,06	0,06	0,06
58. Is the perimeter clearly defined by a perimeter fence?	0,47	0,47	0,47	0,47	0,47	0,47	0,47	0,47	0,47
59. Is the minimum Height of the fence not less than 2.7m?	0,47	0,47	0,47	0,35	0,24	0,47	0,12	0,35	0,35
60. Is there additional security deterrence system on the top of the wall fence (razor wire, electric wire, Perimeter intruder detection alarm)?	0,23	0,23	0,23	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,23	0,00
61. Is there more than one vehicle entrance to the premises?	0,47	0,35	0,47	0,35	0,35	0,47	0,35	0,35	0,24
62. Is the accesses to the premises fortified with jersey-type barricades to block access into the premises' entrance, office buildings and facilities?	0,12	0,12	0,00	0,00	0,12	0,12	0,00	0,00	0,00

Question #	Maximum Score	Algeria	Egypt	Morocco	Rwanda	Tanzania	Tunisia	Uganda	Zimbabwe
63. Is the entire premises well lighted with weather and tamper-resistant bulbs?	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,00	0,12
64. Are the exterior parts of the perimeter wall, including entrance points sufficiently lighted to discourage unlawful entry attempts or placement of explosives against the walls?	0,23	0,23	0,23	0,23	0,23	0,23	0,23	0,23	0,23
65. Is the exterior perimeter wall at a safe distance from trees and poles to prevent intrusion?	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12
66. Is there a minimum of 50m standoff distances to the building from perimeter fence and roadways?	0,47	0,35	0,24	0,24	0,12	0,12	0,24	0,12	0,12
67. Are there a minimum of two guard houses with adequate space to perform security screening?	0,47	0,35	0,35	0,12	0,47	0,35	0,24	0,24	0,35
68. Is the security entrance point equipped with security screening equipment (baggage scanner, metal detector, walk through machine, vehicle screening equipment, access control card, pin or/and, fingerprint reader)?	0,47	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,47	0,47	0,12	0,12	0,12
69. Is there additional security access control system to reinforce Critical areas (the server room, Head of mission office, security	0,12	0,09	0,06	0,12	0,12	0,03	0,09	0,03	0,06

[illegible]

Question #	Maximum Score	Algeria	Egypt	Morocco	Rwanda	Tanzania	Tunisia	Uganda	Zimbabwe
79. Are exit signs illuminated and visible?	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,00	0,00
80. Are there designated safe havens within the site? (inner room with strong door or basement)	0,12	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
81. Is the entire building's fire safety certified by local authorities?	0,12	0,12	0,00	0,00	0,12	0,00	0,12	0,00	0,12
82. Are fire alarms and PA systems available and functioning properly?	0,23	0,23	0,00	0,23	0,23	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
83. Are there adequate and currently maintained fire extinguishers installed in the buildings?	0,23	0,23	0,23	0,23	0,23	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,23
84. Is there a Safety and security control room for Closed-circuit television (CCTV) and alarm monitoring?	0,23	0,23	0,00	0,00	0,23	0,23	0,00	0,00	0,23
85. Are manuals like maintenance, operations, as-built- drawing available for the entire safety and security system equipment?	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,00	0,12
86. Does exterior Landscape (bollards, site elevation, or declination) impede a vehicle from being driven into the building?	0,12	0,12	0,00	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,00	0,00	0,00
87. Are all exterior doors at least solid core wood, metal clad, or metal?	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,00	0,12	0,00	0,12	0,12	0,00

Question #	Maximum Score	Algeria	Egypt	Morocco	Rwanda	Tanzania	Tunisia	Uganda	Zimbabwe
88. Are all hinge pins internally located, welded, or otherwise treated to prevent easy removal?	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,00	0,12	0,12	0,00
89. Are exterior locks designed or exterior doorframes built so that the door cannot be forced by spreading the frame?	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,00	0,12	0,12	0,00
90. Are windows protected with Locking Devices / Metal Bars / Mesh / Intrusion Alarm Systems?	0,12	0,12	0,00	0,00	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,00
91. Is the roof accessible by intruders using Fire Escape / Another Building / A Pole Tree?	0,23	0,23	0,23	0,23	0,23	0,23	0,23	0,23	0,23
92. Are openings to the building (e.g., tunnels, utility manholes, culverts, and service ports) properly secured?	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12
93. Are individuals and their belongings screened at entry point?	0,12	0,23	0,23	0,00	0,23	0,23	0,00	0,00	0,00
94. Is there a single point of entry and exit and to each building facility?	Duplicate with Q77								
95. Are there emergency exit to each building facility?	Duplicate with Q78								

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96. Does the host country have exemptions, for both Direct taxes on Income and Profit and Indirect taxes on goods, works and Services, for international and diplomatic institutions relating to the goods/ works/ services they procure locally/overseas?	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00
97. Do international Institutions first Pay Taxes for all their Procurements of goods, works and services locally and then claim back a refund on those taxes or are exempt at point of sales?	1,00	0,50	1,00	0,50	0,50	1,00	1,00	0,50	0,75
98. In cases where international and diplomatic institutions pay and claim Taxes, what is the maximum allowable period in Months within which all Tax Refunds should be submitted to the Relevant Tax Authorities otherwise those rights are forfeited?	1,00	0,25	0,25	0,50	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,50
99. Do the host country's tax exemptions for international and diplomatic institutions extend to their Staffs' procurement of goods/works/services locally/overseas?	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00
100. How many international flights does the city where the office is to be located have in a week? What are the International airlines currently servicing the city?	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,34	0,50	0,50	0,50

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101. How many direct flights does the city, where the office is to be located, have from other African locations in a week?	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,34	0,50	0,50	0,50
102. Does the airport have cargo cold chain facilities for both goods and medical stocks?	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,17	0,50	0,50	0,50
103. Is the country under intermediate or comprehensive sanctions for non-payment of arrears or sanctions for unconstitutional change of government?	1,10	1,10	1,10	1,10	1,10	1,10	1,10	1,10	1,10
104. Are there any public transports available (e.g. buses, metro, tram...etc)?	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00
105. Is there frequent interruption of power and water supply?	1,00	1,00	0,67	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00
106. What levels of hospitals are available in the city where the AMA secretariat and laboratory are to be located? How many?	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,34	0,17	0,50	0,50	0,50
107. Does the host country have referral hospitals? How many internal referral hospitals are available in the city where the headquarter and the laboratory are located? What type of medical evacuation logistics are in place in the host country?	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	0,67	1,00	1,00	1,00

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108. Is medical specializations available and accessible in the city the headquarters and the laboratory are hosted? Provide detail	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00
109. How many public hospitals are available in the city where the office and laboratory is to be located?	0,50	0,34	0,50	0,34	0,50	0,17	0,50	0,50	0,17
110. How many 5 star-Hotels available in the city where the office is to be located?	0,25	0,12	0,25	0,18	0,12	0,06	0,25	0,06	0,06
111. How many 4 star-Hotels available in the city where the office is to be located?	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,12	0,06	0,25	0,12	0,06
112. How many 3 star-Hotels available in the city where the office is to be located?	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,06	0,25	0,25	0,12
113. What is the average rate of the rooms for each of the hotels categories above in USD?	0,75	0,68	0,68	0,68	0,55	0,75	0,75	0,75	0,75
114. What is the average monthly cost in USD for renting a family residential house of three bedrooms in the city where the office is to be located?	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,25
115. What is the average monthly cost in USD for renting an apartment of three bedrooms in the city where the office is to be located?	0,25	0,25	0,18	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,18

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116. How many international banks do you have in the city where the office is to be located?	1,00	1,00	1,00	0,75	0,75	1,00	1,00	1,00	0,50
117. Which International Bank is the Biggest International Bank? What is its Total Asset, contributed (Paid up Capital), number of its Correspondent banks in Africa and other Continents Stated separately?	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	0,25	0,25	1,00	1,00	1,00
118. How many local commercial banks do you have in the city where the office is to be located?	1,00	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,25
119. Which Local Bank is the Biggest Local Bank? What is its Total Asset, contributed (Paid up Capital), number of its Correspondent banks in Africa and other Continents Stated separately?	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	0,25	0,25	1,00	1,00	1,00
120. Are these banks allowed to carry out international banking services including sending and receiving funds (wireless transfers)?	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00
121. How many international money transfer services, (sending/receiving money) overseas, operate in the city where the office is to be	1,00	0,25	0,25	0,50	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,25	1,00

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located? Please list. E.g. MoneyGram, Western Union, etc?									
122. What other banking services, loan, Interest on deposits, Bank Charge waivers...etc are available to International Organizations and their staff?	1,00	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50
123. What Restrictions are there on the financial transactions of International Organizations and their staff in terms of Limits on: Transfer amount/frequency, amount to be withdrawn in cash, transfers between Accounts maintained in foreign and local Currencies?	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00
124. Is the host country providing a dedicated residential building for the Director General of the AMA Secretariat?	1,00	0,67	0,00	1,00	1,00	0,67	0,67	0,67	0,33
125. How many rooms does the identified residential building have?	1,00	0,33	N/A	1,00	1,00	0,67	1,00	0,33	0,67
126. Is the host country providing the furniture for the residence according to AU requirements? Which household furniture does the host country intend to provide (e.g., living area furniture such as sofas, kitchen utensils, tables, cupboards...etc.)?	0,50	0,50	N/A	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50

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127. What is the distance (in Km) from the international airport to the location of the proposed residence?	0,50	0,00	N/A	0,00	0,34	0,00	0,17	0,00	0,00
128. What is the distance (in Km) from the proposed residence to the city centre?	0,50	0,17	N/A	0,50	0,34	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,34
129. What is the distance (in Km) between the proposed residence and office location?	0,50	0,17	N/A	0,50	0,34	0,50	0,34	0,50	0,34
130. Is the building provided clearly defined by a physical fence?	Duplicate with safety and security								
131. Is the height of the fence at least 2.7m	Duplicate with safety and security								
132. Is there additional security measure on the top of the fence (razor wire, electric pulse alarm, Perimeter intruder detection)? Does the fence structure include security posts?	Duplicate with safety and security								
133. Is the building equipped with telecommunication services? (Telephone, internet and WIFI)	1,00	1,00	N/A	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	0,00	1,00

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134. Does the building have a standby generator?	0,50	0,50	N/A	0,50	0,50	0,17	0,50	0,34	0,17
135. Is water reservoir available at the residence?	0,50	0,50	N/A	0,50	0,50	0,34	0,50	0,17	0,50
136. Is there enough space for parking? If yes, for how many vehicles?	0,50	0,50	N/A	0,34	0,34	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50
137. What is the distance (in km) to nearby firefighter's stations not more than 10 minutes in traffic peak hours? Provide the GPS Location details of the fire-fighter's station.	0,47	0,47	N/A	0,47	0,47	0,47	0,47	0,47	0,24
138. What is the distance (in km) the distance to a nearby Police response teams not more than 10 minutes in traffic peak hours? Provide the GPS Location details of the fire-fighter's station	0,47	0,47	N/A	0,47	0,47	0,47	0,47	0,47	0,35
139. What is the distance (in km) to a nearby Hospital not more than 10 minutes in traffic peak hours? Provide the GPS Location details of the fire-fighter's station	0,47	0,35	N/A	0,47	0,35	0,47	0,47	0,47	0,35
140. Is the adjacent buildings and surrounding area safe and secured? Is the residence close to sensitive locations [e.g. government buildings, busy market, industrial zone that can	Not scored								

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be subject to attract threat?), Close to dangerous instillation (e.g., fuel depot)].Is the surrounding area secure?									
141. Provide photos of the road conditions in the surrounding of the proposed residence as well as Google Maps	0,12	0,12	N/A	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12
142. Is the Residence located in safe residential area?	0,12	0,12	N/A	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12
143. Is the perimeter clearly defined by a fence?	0,47	0,47	N/A	0,47	0,47	0,47	0,47	0,47	0,47
144. Is the Height of the fence not less than 2.7 m?	0,47	0,47	N/A	0,35	0,47	0,47	0,47	0,47	0,12
145. Are there barbed wire or electric wire with an alarm to protect the residence from intrusion?	0,23	0,23	N/A	0,00	0,23	0,23	0,23	0,23	0,23
146. Are there more than one entrance to the premises?	0,12	0,09	N/A	0,06	0,12	0,06	0,06	0,06	0,06
147. Is the entire premises well lighted with weather resistant bulbs?	0,12	0,12	N/A	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12
148. Are there adequate security watch rooms?	0,12	0,12	N/A	0,12	0,12	0,00	0,12	0,12	0,12

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149. Are there adequate parking spaces in the premises of the residence?	0,23	0,23	N/A	0,23	0,23	0,23	0,23	0,23	0,23
150. Is the premises monitored by Closed-circuit television (CCTV)?	0,12	0,12	N/A	0,12	0,12	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
151. Are all exterior and interior doors strong enough to prevent burglary and theft?	0,12	0,12	N/A	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12
152. Are all exterior doors at least solid core wood, metal clad, or metal?	0,12	0,12	N/A	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12
153. Are all hinge pins internally located, welded, or otherwise treated to prevent easy removal?	0,12	0,12	N/A	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12
154. Are exterior locks designed or exterior door frames built so that the door cannot be forced by spreading the frame?	0,12	0,12	N/A	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12
155. Are windows protected with locking devices, metal bars, mesh and intrusion Alarms system?	0,12	0,12	N/A	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12
156. Is the roof accessible by intruders using another building or pole or tree?	0,23	0,23	N/A	0,23	0,23	0,23	0,23	0,23	0,23
157. Is there a designated safe haven within the residence?(inner room with strong door or basement	0,23	0,00	N/A	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,23	0,00	0,00

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166. Has the host country signed/acceded to/domesticated the Additional Protocol to the OAU General Convention on Privileges and Immunities?	1,65	0,00	0,00	0,00	1,65	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
167. Does the host country recognize the AU Official Travel Documents in line with Assembly of Heads of State and Government Decision AHG/OAU/AEC/Dec.1 (II) No.5 on Free Movement held in Ouagadougou 8 - 10 June, 1998 which stipulates "... holders of the official travel documents of these institutions, should be exempt from visa requirements during travels within Member States.	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,00	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50
168. If not, how many AU Member States are exempted from visa?	0,50	0,00	0,00	0,34	0,50	0,17	0,17	0,17	0,17
169. Does the policy of the host country provide for visas on arrival? If yes, are there any exceptions?	0,50	0,50	0,17	0,00	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50
170. Is there a dedicated office within the Ministry of Foreign affairs that deals with these issues?	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50
171. Does the Member State provide resident permits for short-term staff	0,25	0,25	0,00	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,25

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(international/diplomatic) whose contract is less than one year?									
172. What is the processing time for an entry visa?	0,50	0,08	0,34	0,17	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,34
173. Does the Member State require exit visas for staff members to leave the country?	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,25
	99,00	83,43	55,56	76,02	86,80	66,65	80,31	73,67	74,22

Draft Executive Council Decision on the Host for the Headquarters of the African Medicines Agency (AMA)

The Executive Council,

RECALLS the February 2022 Assembly decision Assembly/AU/Dec. 830(XXXV) authorizing “*the 41st Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in July 2022, to take a decision on behalf of the Assembly on the host of the AMA HQ based on the recommendation of the Conference of State Parties of the AMA*”;

COMMENDS the tremendous work of the Assessment Team, and the Africa Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) in the support towards and completion of the assessment missions;

FURTHER COMMENDS all candidate Member States that offered to host the AMA Headquarters for the strength of their offers and **CALLS** on all candidate Member States to support the operationalization of the AMA;

TAKES NOTE of the Assessment report on the hosting of the African Medicines Agency (AMA) Headquarters and the report and recommendation of the First Ordinary Session of the Conference of the States Parties to the AMA Treaty;

DECIDES the Headquarters of the African Medicines Agency to be located in ...

REQUESTS the Commission to continue providing support to the Conference of the States Parties to the AMA Treaty and the selected host Member State for the AMA Headquarters, in the operationalization of the African Medicines Agency (AMA), and the establishment of the Headquarters at the earliest;

ENCOURAGES member states that have signed on to the Treaty to ratify; and **CALLS ON** other member states to sign and ratify the Treaty to safeguard public health, safety and security by ratifying the AMA Treaty and operationalizing a medicines regulatory agency that will improve access to quality, safe and efficacious medicines and medical products on the continent.

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Report of the Conference of State Parties of the African Medicines Agency (AMA) on the hosting of the AMA Headquarters

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