

DECISION ON THE INTEGRATION OF THE NEW PARTNERSHIP FOR AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT (NEPAD) INTO THE STRUCTURES AND PROCESSES OF THE AFRICAN UNION INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEPAD PLANNING AND COORDINATING AGENCY (NPCA)

The Assembly,

1. **RECALLS AND REAFFIRMS** the Decision of the Second Session of the Assembly in Maputo of July 2003, the 13-Point Conclusions of the Algiers New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Brainstorming Meeting of March 2007 as endorsed by the Tenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly in Addis Ababa in February 2008 and the outcomes of the Dakar NEPAD Review Summit of April 2008 as the basis for the integration of NEPAD into the structures and processes of the African Union (AU);
2. **FURTHER RECALLS** the adoption of NEPAD as a programme of the AU by the Thirty-seventh Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the then Organization of African Unity (OAU) in Lusaka, Zambia, in July 2001 and **REITERATES** that the NEPAD vision and programme had since inception remained an intrinsic part of the African Union;
3. **NOTES** the key recommendations contained in the consultancy-study report on AU/NEPAD Integration commissioned in December 2008 and the similarity of views of the African Union Commission and the NEPAD Secretariat on the recommendations as well as the broad consultations with various African stakeholders;
4. **ENDORSES** the recommendations of the 21st NEPAD Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee (HSGIC) as re-submitted by the 22nd HSGIC on the integration of NEPAD into the structures and processes of the African Union;
5. **HEREBY APPROVES:**
 - a. **The establishment of the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) as a technical body of the African Union in replacement of the NEPAD Secretariat with the mandate to:**
 - i. Facilitate and coordinate the implementation of the continental and regional priority programmes and projects;

- ii. Mobilize resources and partners in support of the implementation of Africa's priority programmes and projects;
- iii. Conduct and coordinate research and knowledge management;
- iv. Monitor and evaluate the implementation of programmes and projects; and
- v. Advocate on the AU and NEPAD vision, mission and core principles/values.

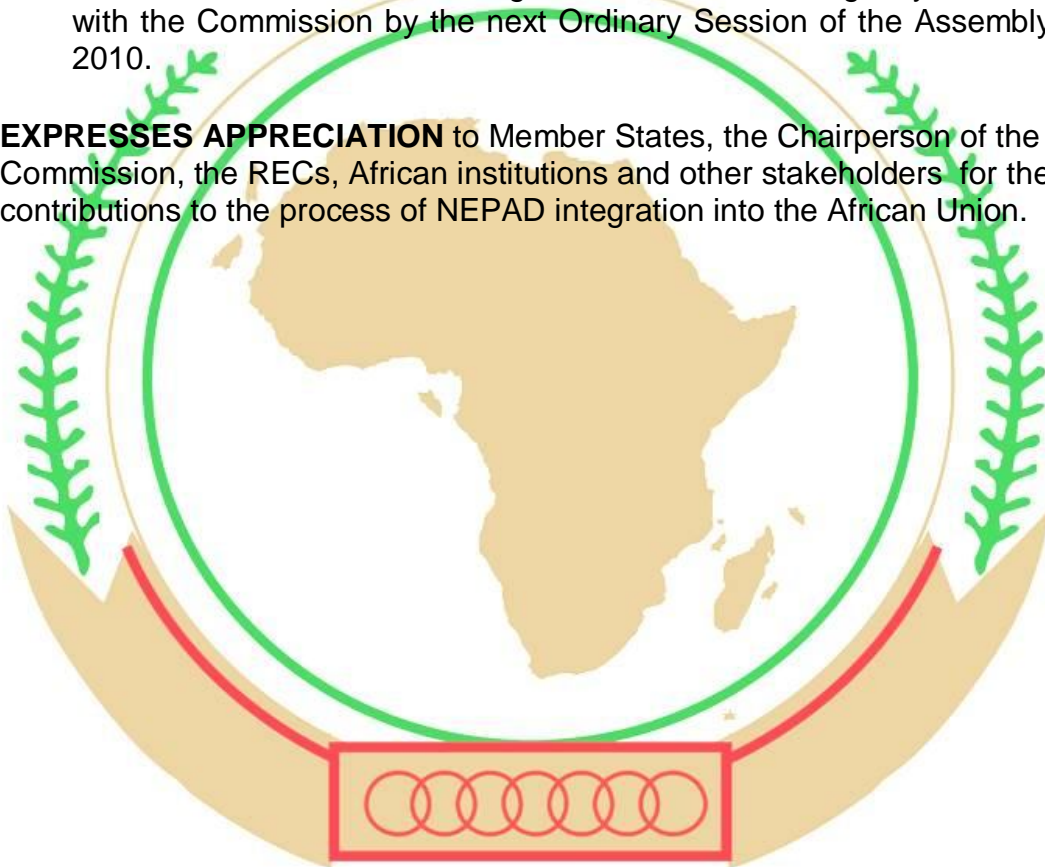
b. The main features of the NEPAD Governance structures:

- i. The NEPAD Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee (HSGIC), with a change of name to the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC);
- ii. The HSGOC is a sub-committee of the AU Assembly that provides political leadership and strategic guidance on the NEPAD Programme and reports its recommendations to the Assembly for endorsement;
- iii. The HSGOC is the essence and spirit of NEPAD with the lead function of high-level coordination of the NEPAD priority sectors;
- iv. An intermediary body to interface between the HSGOC and the new Agency, consisting of the NEPAD Steering Committee;
- v. The Chairperson of the African Union Commission exercises supervisory authority over the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency, whilst giving the new Agency adequate and necessary flexibilities to carry out its mandate and thereby maintaining the corporate brand identity of the NEPAD Programme within the African Union.

c. Financing the NPCA and its programmatic activities will be through:

- i. Established budget from the statutory sources of the African Union Commission;
- ii. Continuation of voluntary contributions by AU Member-States;

- iii. Additional budgetary support from Development Partners and the Private Sector in conformity with AU financial rules and regulations.
 - d. **URGES** the early conclusion of a permanent Host Agreement for the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) between the South African Authorities and the Commission, in consultation with the NEPAD entity;
 - e. The Chairpersons of HSGOC and the Commission should mandate the CEO of NEPAD to work out the modalities and roadmap for the effective and smooth take-off and functioning of the new NEPAD Agency in collaboration with the Commission by the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly in July 2010.
6. **EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** to Member States, the Chairperson of the Commission, the RECs, African institutions and other stakeholders for their contributions to the process of NEPAD integration into the African Union.



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