

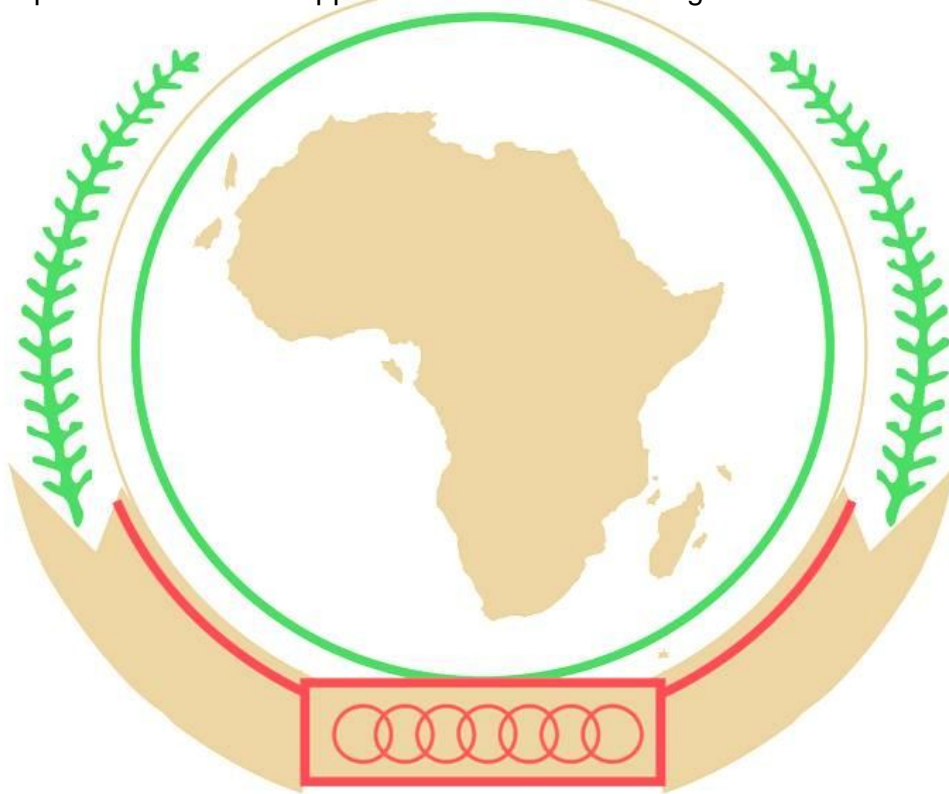
**DECISION ON THE AU CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR
THE PERIOD JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2010
Doc. EX.CL/ 535(XVI)d**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Draft 2010 Calendar of Meetings;
2. **REAFFIRMS** the relevant provisions of its two previous Decisions EX.CL/Dec.419(XIII) and EX.CL./Dec.458(XIV) adopted by its Thirteenth and Fourteenth Ordinary Sessions held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, from 27 to 28 June 2008 and in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 26 to 30 January 2009 respectively;
3. **WELCOMES** the efforts by the Commission and in particular the Conference Services Directorate (CSD) aimed at ensuring a timely rational and improved preparation of the Calendar of Meetings;
4. **ENDORSES** the Calendar of Meetings for the period January to December 2010;
5. **EMPHASISES** that all meetings of the Commission should be organised and serviced by CSD;
6. **STRESSES** the need to ensure that all meetings proposed for inclusion in the Calendar of Meetings are properly aligned with the objectives and priorities of the African Union as set out in the Strategic Plan of the African Union Commission 2009 – 2012;
7. **DECIDES** that programmes are first considered and approved by the Sub-Committee on Conferences and Programmes prior to their inclusion in the Draft Budget for consideration by the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC) Advisory Sub-Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters;
8. **FURTHER DECIDES** that for smooth consideration and adoption of the Draft Calendar of Meetings, the Commission should ensure that no single Department exceeds three (3) Ministerial Meetings in a year and that the principle of back-to back Meetings is strictly adhered to, where they are identical in terms of subject and participation;
9. **EMPHASISES** that meetings that are not in the approved Calendar of Meetings should be removed from the Programme Budget, and likewise,

meetings not included in the approved Programme Budget should not remain in the Calendar of Meetings.

10. **ALSO EMPHASISES** that whenever the Commission deems it necessary to organize additional meetings over and above what is contained in the approved Calendar of Meetings, such additional meetings should be submitted to the PRC through the Bureau of its Sub-Committee on Conferences and Programmes for approval;
11. **REQUESTS** the Commission to prepare and submit to the PRC Sub-Committee on Conferences and Programmes a quarterly report on the implementation of the approved Calendar of Meetings.



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