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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The fifth meeting of the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC) Sub-Committee on NEPAD was held on 20 June 2012 at the African Union Commission in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

II. ATTENDANCE

2. The meeting was attended by the representatives of the following Member States: Algeria, Burundi, Chad, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Tunisia and Uganda.

3. The African Union Commission and the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency were also represented.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

4. The agenda adopted was as follows:

- i) Adoption of the agenda;
- ii) Introductory remarks by the Chairperson;
- iii) Activity Report of the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) for the first half of 2012;
- iv) Monitoring of activities planned by the NEPAD Coordinating Unit for 2012;
- v) Information on the PRC working visit to the NPCA on 20 and 21 April 2012;
- vi) Africa's participation at the G8 Summit;
- vii) Information on the post-Busan partnership process;
- viii) Any Other Business.

IV. OPENING

5. In his opening remarks, His Excellency Abd-El-Naceur BELAID, Ambassador of the People's Republic of Algeria and Permanent Representative to the African Union, thanked members of the Sub-Committee and commended them for their presence at the fifth meeting of the PRC Sub-Committee on NEPAD despite the PRC's busy schedule. He stressed that the fifth meeting of the Sub-Committee on NEPAD was

holding in a special context marked by four major international events that have dominated the news in recent months, the themes of which were consistent with the implementation of NEPAD. These include in particular the meetings of the G8 held in Camp David, the G20, Rio+20 and the post-Busan partnership process. He underscored NEPAD's strategic character in African Union partnerships for Africa's development and integration. He finally noted the importance of the meeting in terms of ensuring consistency and harmonization of NEPAD Agency activities with those of the Commission through the Coordination Unit, among others,

V. CONDUCT OF THE MEETING

1. Activity Report of the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency for the first half of 2012

Presentation

6. Before presenting the Activity Report, the representative of the Agency commended the Sub-Committee's continued and full commitment to support the Agency in the implementation of NEPAD. In his presentation, he mentioned the effort made by the Agency during the first half of 2012 to effectively carry out its mandate which is to: (i) Facilitate and coordinate the implementation of priority programmes and regional projects; (ii) mobilize resources and partners in support of programmes and project implementation; (iii) monitor and evaluate the implementation of programmes and projects; (iv) conduct and coordinate research and knowledge management; and (v) conduct advocacy on the vision, mission and core values of the African Union and NEPAD. He further stressed that the first half of 2012 witnessed a number of landmark events oriented towards the implementation of NEPAD programmes and projects, such as the Symposium commemorating NEPAD's tenth anniversary, held in March 2012 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; the first working visit of members of the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC) to the NEPAD Agency in April 2012, in Midrand, South Africa, and the Regional Dialogue organized by the Agency in collaboration with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) on 6 and 7 June 2012 in Durban, South Africa. This regional meeting brought together NEPAD national and regional focal points. The representative of the NEPAD Agency stated that the activities carried out by the Agency in connection with the implementation of NEPAD during the reporting period were mainly related to the following areas:

- *Agriculture, food security and nutrition*, particularly through sustenance of the CAADP momentum, efforts undertaken by the Agency to encourage the private sector to invest in African agribusiness and support to Africa's participation in the G8 Summit at Camp David which resulted in the adoption of the New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition in respect of African agriculture. Also in this area, the NEPAD Agency through the "TerrAfrica" programme on agriculture and climate change, mobilized a sum of 300,000 euros from Norway. In collaboration with AU Commission, it further considered the AU-NEPAD Environment Action Plan taking into account the conclusions of the Rio+20 Summit;

- *Regional integration and infrastructure.* In this area, the NEPAD Agency helped to develop the PIDA and Presidential Infrastructure Champion Initiative (PICI) monitoring and implementation framework as well as the progress report for all PICI projects. Similarly, with ECA, ACBF and UNDP support, the NEPAD Agency mobilized a total sum of US\$137 million under the South Sudan Infrastructure Development Initiative. The Agency also launched two studies funded by EU, covering eleven countries in Central Africa and fourteen in West Africa, on regional cross-border projects, geographic information systems and regulatory frameworks for cross-border land networks;
- *Human development.* In this regard, the NEPAD Agency mobilized stakeholders and launched the Medicines Registration Harmonization (MRH) Project for the East African Community in Dar-es-Salaam in April 2012;
- *Capacity building with national ownership of the Africa Platform for Development Effectiveness* extended to the Francophone community in March 2012. Similarly, the AU capacity building framework underway in ECOWAS and COMESA has been extended to the East Africa Community (EAC) and SADC to cover the tripartite arrangement. NEPAD Agency is also working closely with the AU Commission to coordinate Africa's participation in the post-Busan process of the Global Partnership for Development Effectiveness;
- *Gender* with the implementation of women's empowerment projects financed by the Spanish Fund;
- *Knowledge management, strategy and policy development.* In this area, the AU Commission and the NEPAD Agency have intensified their cooperation to achieve higher levels of coordination, coherence and synergy in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of regional and continental programmes. To this end, the Agency hosted the third session on programmes harmonization between the NEPAD Agency and the AU Commission from 14 to 16 March 2012. The Agency has also established a special monitoring and internal evaluation team to develop an internal policy framework to ensure a better grasp of institutional capacity;
- *Partnership and resource mobilization.* In this regard, the NEPAD Agency provided technical support to African processes within the framework of international forums, including the G8 Summit in Camp David, United States, and the G20 in Los Cabos, Mexico. The Agency also signed a memorandum of understanding with "Ecobank Transnational Incorporated" in March 2012 to attract African private sector investors to NEPAD regional projects. Following the decision taken by AU Heads of State and Government at their 18th Summit, the NEPAD Agency, in collaboration with ECA, started the study on domestic resource mobilization for the implementation of NEPAD regional projects and

programmes. The interim report of this study will be presented at the next AU summit.

Summary of discussions

7. The Sub-Committee took due note of the progress report of the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency for the first half of 2012 and thanked the representative of the Agency for the clarity of his presentation.

8. During the ensuing debate, some Sub-Committee members noted that they could not properly utilize the activity report because all versions were not available at the same time. The French version of the progress report was received by members of the Sub-Committee only on the eve of the meeting. In response to this concern of the Sub-Committee, the representative of the NEPAD Agency explained that the delay was due to several factors beyond the control of the Agency, especially challenges in collecting primary data and the late receipt of the French translation of the report. The Sub-Committee also expressed its desire for the NEPAD Agency's progress report to lay greater emphasis on quantitative information. The NEPAD Agency took due note of this concern and promised to take the remarks of the Sub-Committee into account in future reports. The issue of consistency of the NEPAD Agency's action plan with the AU Commission's strategic plan was also discussed. In this regard, the Agency's representative replied that the process of harmonizing strategies and programmes with those of the AU Commission was underway. The Agency was currently working with the Commission to harmonize activities in various fields, particularly in the areas of agriculture and infrastructure. As regards harmonization, the Agency was working very closely with the AU Commission to develop African Union's strategic plan. Within this context, the AU Commission and the NEPAD Agency conducted the first joint visit to SADC. The Sub-Committee welcomed the good relations of cooperation between the AU Commission and the NEPAD Agency in the area of harmonization, thus helping to avoid duplication of work and waste of resources. It urged the Agency and the AU Commission to continue their efforts at ensuring consistency and harmonization of their activities. In conclusion, the representative of the NEPAD Agency appealed to the Sub-Committee for enhanced support in the popularization of NEPAD and the accomplishment of the human resource strategy, implementation of which was underway at the Agency.

Recommendations

9. Following the discussions, the Sub-Committee recommended that:

- The NEPAD Agency and the AU Commission should pursue their efforts to ensure consistency and harmonization of their activities.
- The NEPAD Agency's progress report should lay greater emphasis on quantitative information.

2. Monitoring of activities planned by the NEPAD Coordinating Unit for 2012

Presentation

10. The representative of the NEPAD Coordinating Unit presented the matrix of actions carried out during the period January to June 2012. He stated that the Unit had conducted several activities during the reporting period, including the organization of the third session on the harmonization of work programmes between the AU Commission and the NEPAD Agency, the organization of the working visit of PRC members to the headquarters of the NEPAD Agency in Midrand, the organization of the mission to audit the NEPAD Agency accounting system, the NEPAD symposium, attendance at meetings of the Regional Coordination Mechanism of United Nations agencies and organizations working in Africa in support of the AU and its NEPAD programme, monitoring the implementation of the ten-year capacity building programme for the African Union and NEPAD, monitoring the Capacity Development Initiative, the Africa Platform for Development Effectiveness, participating in the post-Busan process of the Global Partnership, participating in the Africa Partnership Forum as well as preparing for and attending meetings of NEPAD governing bodies (the Steering Committee and the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC)).

11. With respect to programmes harmonization, the NEPAD Coordinating Unit organized the third session on the harmonization of work programmes between the AU Commission and the NEPAD Agency on 24, 25 and 26 March 2012 at the headquarters of the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency in Midrand, South Africa. This session resulted in agreement on the format of harmonization sheets, the ToR of the clusters and assignment of responsibility for certain common activities to be undertaken by the six established clusters, namely: Strategic Management; Agriculture, Nutrition and Environment; Infrastructure; Human Development; Economic Development; and Cross-cutting Issues. The NEPAD Coordinating Unit plans, within the next six months, to organize a harmonization session devoted to the training of cluster members on the harmonization process and the monitoring, coordination and development of periodic reports on activities undertaken by the clusters.

12. The NEPAD Coordinating Unit also organized the working visit of PRC members to the headquarters of the NEPAD Agency in Midrand, South Africa, from 20 to 21 April 2012. The visit provided the PRC members the opportunity to gain greater insight into the activities of the NEPAD Agency and the constraints faced by the Agency in the implementation of NEPAD programmes and projects.

13. As part of the harmonization of administrative, accounting and financial procedures between the AU Commission and the NEPAD Agency, the NEPAD Coordinating Unit, in collaboration with the Directorate of Internal Audit of the Commission conducted a mission from 27 May to 2 June 2012 to audit the accounting system of the NEPAD Agency in Midrand, South Africa. This audit mission made it possible to measure the progress recorded by the NEPAD Agency in the harmonization

of financial procedures since the decision by the Heads of State and Government to integrate NEPAD into African Union structures and processes. The audit mission also offered an opportunity for the Agency's financial staff to familiarize themselves with the financial rules and procedures of the AU Commission.

14. With regard to the activity on the Regional Coordination Mechanism of UN agencies and organizations operating in Africa in support of the African Union and its NEPAD programme, the representative of the Coordinating Unit mentioned the holding of several coordination meetings in cooperation with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the NEPAD Agency, particularly the Regional Dialogue held in Durban on 6 and 7 June 2012, which brought together NEPAD national and regional focal points. It also allowed the development of terms of reference for United Nations support to the NEPAD Agency under the ten-year capacity building programme. Actions planned under this activity for the next six months include participation in meetings of the AU-ECA Joint Secretariat of the Regional Coordination Mechanism and monitoring the study on the capacity building needs of the NEPAD Agency.

15. The Coordinating Unit also participated in the deliberations of the post-Busan interim working group on the development of the proposed architecture and monitoring mechanism of the Global Partnership on Development Effectiveness. In the coming six months, the Coordinating Unit will, in collaboration with the NEPAD Agency, UNDP and the Working Party on Aid Effectiveness, follow up on the actual implementation of the Global Partnership. The Coordinating Unit also coordinated AU Commission's participation at the 18th Africa Partnership Forum held in Paris on 24 and 25 November 2012. Furthermore, during the past six months, the NEPAD Coordinating Unit participated in the preparation and organization of various meetings of the NEPAD governance structures, notably the NEPAD Steering Committee meeting and the summit of NEPAD Heads of State and Government which took place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in January 2012..

Summary of discussions

16. The Sub-Committee took note of the presentation by the representative of the NEPAD Coordinating Unit on the matrix of actions undertaken by the Unit over the period January to June 2012.

17. No questions were raised on this item given the link between it and the upcoming items. The Sub-Committee therefore preferred to reserve its comments and concerns for the upcoming items. However, the Sub-Committee welcomed the fact that the NEPAD Coordinating Unit had taken into consideration all recommendations made at the last Sub-Committee meeting by developing the matrix presented, including the master plan containing indicators that can help monitor the activities undertaken by the Unit.

Recommendation

18. After discussion, the Sub-Committee recommended that:

- The other members of the PRC should be updated on the harmonization work undertaken by the Commission and the NEPAD Agency.
3. **Information on the working visit of the PRC Sub-Committee on NEPAD to the Agency headquarters in Midrand, South Africa**

Presentation

19. The representative of the Coordinating Unit presented the report on the working visit of the PRC Sub-Committee on NEPAD to the Agency headquarters in Midrand. The report entitled: *"Working visit of the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC) Sub-Committee on NEPAD to the NEPAD Agency, 20-21 April 2012, Midrand, Johannesburg, South Africa"*, containing details of the conduct of the working visit, is in the annex. In his presentation, the representative of the Coordinating Unit stated that the working visit of the Sub-Committee on NEPAD to Midrand took place from 20 to 21 April 2012. Thirteen Ambassadors and representatives of Member States, members of the PRC Sub-Committee on NEPAD, took part in the visit. The visit started with a documentary video that highlighted the successes scored in the implementation of NEPAD over the past decade and the challenges and prospects of achieving the NEPAD vision. In their opening remarks, Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki, Executive Director of the NEPAD Agency and His Excellency Bassirou Sène, Ambassador of the Republic of Senegal to Ethiopia and Vice Chairperson of the PRC Sub-Committee on NEPAD, respectively, described the visit as historic and an opportunity to learn more about NEPAD flagship programmes. The working session that followed the opening remarks reviewed, respectively, all operations, including the mandate, core functions and strategic guidelines of the NEPAD Agency; the process of harmonization and planning of programmes initiated by the NEPAD Agency and the AU Commission; NEPAD flagship programmes and projects and the working relationship between the Agency and the AU Commission; the draft organizational structure of the NEPAD Agency; and the various NEPAD financing funds, including the 2013 draft budget and the Agency's business plan. PRC members who participated in the working visit to the NEPAD Agency headquarters expressed their satisfaction with the conduct and deliberations of the working session. They called for the revitalization of NEPAD in the post-integration period through the Agency's commitment at national and regional levels. The working visit of the Sub-Committee concluded with a cocktail hosted by Ms. Zulu, Special Adviser to the President of South Africa on NEPAD issues, which was attended by members of the Sub-Committee on NEPAD, and also by the Ambassadors of AU Member States accredited to South Africa.

Summary of discussions

20. After thanking the representative of the NEPAD Coordinating Unit for the presentation of the report on the Sub-Committee's working visit, the Sub-Committee welcomed the successful conduct of the visit and recognized its importance and usefulness.

21. In the ensuing debate, the floor was given to the Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Uganda who made a presentation on the strategic scope and significance of NEPAD. He recalled the principles of NEPAD which in particular include: leadership, partnership, governance, harmonization, development and regional integration. He underscored NEPAD's central role in the Continent's integration and development process, adding that to carry through with this challenge, NEPAD Agency should be more creative and place a premium on quality in the implementation of projects. In conclusion, the Deputy Permanent Representative expressed gratitude to NEPAD Agency for the warm welcome extended to PRC members during the Sub-Committee's working visit to Midrand.

Recommendations

22. After deliberation, the Sub-Committee recommended as follows:

- Another working visit should be undertaken, if necessary to the Headquarters of NEPAD Agency, to enable PRC members to gain greater insight into the Agency's field activities as well as their harmonization with those of AU Commission;
- Explicit reference should be made to the report on the working visit in the report of the Sub-Committee to be adopted, for use in future work of the PRC Sub-Committee on NEPAD and that of the PRC.

4. Africa's Participation in G8 Summits

Presentation

23. The representative of NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency presented the conclusions of the G8 Summit held in Camp David, USA, from 18 to 19 May 2012.

24. He informed the Sub-Committee that President Obama invited four (4) African Heads of State and Government to the Summit, namely: the Current Chairperson of the African Union, His Excellency Boni Yayi, President of the Republic of Benin; His Excellency Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Chairperson of NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation

Committee; His Excellency John Atta Mills, President of the Republic of Ghana; and His Excellency Jakaya Kikwete, President of the United Republic of Tanzania.

25. The representative of NEPAD Agency observed that initiatives had been put in place every year, but were unfortunately not implemented. He informed the Sub-Committee that, in the area of food security and nutrition, the 2009 L' Aquila (Italy) initiative had not been totally adopted by the G8 Summit. However, the G8 Heads of State and Government committed to launch the *new alliance for food security and nutrition* to fast track private sector capital flow to the agricultural sector in Africa. This initiative would help to lift 50 million people out of poverty over the next ten years. G8 Heads of State also recognized the important role played by official development assistance in poverty reduction and in attaining the Millennium Development Goals. In this regard, they welcomed and endorsed the Camp David report on mutual accountability. With respect to energy and climate change, the G8 Heads of State recognized the need to pursue and promote clean energies and policies geared to realizing low carbon emissions as a way of addressing the global challenges in the area of climate change. To this end, they also committed to support the Durban conclusions. The G8 Heads of State further committed to eliminate the obstacles to infrastructure development at global level. To achieve this, they committed to sharing best practices in the area of energy production.

Summary of discussions

26. The Sub-Committee took due note of the presentation made by the representative of the Agency on the conclusions of the G8 Summit held at Camp David from 18 to 19 May 2012. The Sub-Committee questioned the inclusion of a reference to NEPAD's Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) in G8 documents. In response, the Agency's representative updated the Sub-Committee by confirming that a reference to CAADP had been made in the conclusions of G8 and that G8 Member States would continue to be engaged in the implementation of CAADP. He also indicated that the EU and the World Bank would finance CAADP to the tune of 50 billion dollars, adding that implementation of CAADP would constitute one of the pillars of the partnership with the G8. The Sub-Committee expressed the wish that the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Committee would be involved as appropriate in the implementation of the partnership with the G8.

27. Some members of the Sub-Committee wanted to know what NEPAD was doing to palliate the economic and humanitarian situation prevailing in the Sahel region, notably in Niger. In response to this concern, the representative of NEPAD Agency briefed the meeting on NEPAD's involvement in various forums over this issue. NEPAD participated in a forum held in Niger to attract investors. The staff of NEPAD Agency also undertook a visit to Niger to extend support to the Government in the area of agriculture and help it to change the face of agriculture in the country. Preparation of a draft document on this issue was in progress, in collaboration with the Agriculture Department of the AU. The Sub-Committee recommended that NEPAD should go beyond bilateral exchanges and assist countries to assume their responsibility by

boosting their productive capacities. It recognized that CAADP was one of NEPAD's most successful projects, and so should be accorded the place it deserves.

Recommendations

28. After deliberation, the Sub-Committee recommended as follows:

- NEPAD should go beyond bilateral exchanges and help countries to take care of themselves by building their productive capacities.
- NEPAD should be deeply involved in the partnership with the G8, one of whose pillars is the CAADP;
- Member States should more actively integrate NEPAD at national and regional levels.

5. Information on the post-Busan Global Partnership on Development Effectiveness

29. Presentation 29. The representative of the NEPAD Coordinating Unit made a presentation on the progress achieved in the preparation of the proposed architecture of the global partnership for development effectiveness to be adopted by the Working Group on Development Effectiveness at the meeting to be held on 28 and 29 June 2012 in Paris.

30. In his presentation, he dilated on the objectives of the Busan Global Partnership, the mandate of the governance structures, their composition and the steps taken by the African Union Commission and the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency to ensure adequate representation of Africa in the governance structures of the Global Partnership.

31. He indicated that the Busan partnership agreement, also known as the Busan Partnership for effective cooperation in the service of development was the outcome of an inclusive process of consultation and negotiation that took shape on 29 November 2011 in Busan, South Korea. This agreement is a joint political declaration that focuses on implementation at national level. It is open to all stakeholders to support the political implementation of the commitments and ensure their accountability. The Working Group on Development Effectiveness (WP-EFF) was commissioned in Busan following the signing of the agreement to develop, by June 2012, an architecture and a monitoring mechanism for the global partnership. To this end, the WP-EFF has set up an ad hoc group called the Interim post Busan group (*GIAB*) composed of a small number of WP-EFF membership, to develop a project that should be presented for validation at the meeting of the Working Group on Development Effectiveness to be held on 28 and 29 June 2012 in Paris. The ad hoc committee for the preparation of the architecture project, successively held three meetings on 13 and 14 February, April 4 and 5, and on 21 and 22 May 2012. The draft document will be submitted for consideration and

approval at the plenary meeting of the WP-EFF to be held in Paris on 28 and 29 June 2012. Once the document is approved, the WP-EFF will cease to exist and the global partnership will enter into force as set forth in the agreement reached at the Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Busan.

32. The global partnership aims to: (i) maintain and strengthen the political momentum for effective cooperation for development, (ii) ensure accountability with respect to the implementation of the Busan commitments, (iii) facilitate knowledge exchange and lessons sharing, and (iv) support the implementation of the Busan commitments at global level. It is a key forum for political dialogue on issues related to the effectiveness of development cooperation and will work hand in hand with other international forums. The governance structure of the global partnership is as follows: A ministerial level, the functions of which are: (i) review progress in implementing the Busan commitments (ii) review of key questions arising from national factual data (iii) the sharing of experience on the different modalities of cooperation, (iv) the study of new opportunities for effective development cooperation for development, and (v) the approval of the composition of the Steering Committee. The ministerial meetings will be held at intervals of 18 and 24 months. The Steering Committee comprising 18 members, the three co-chairs of which should meet every 6 to 12 months, has the main function to: (i) direct the work of the ministerial meeting, (ii) to act as ambassadors of the global partnership with other international and regional processes, (iii) guide the work of the secretariat, and (iv) perform such other duties as may be decided at the ministerial meetings. The steering committee is supported by a secretariat comprising the OECD and UNDP.

33. The composition of the steering committee of the global partnership is as follows: the three co-chairs drawn from the development cooperation beneficiary countries; the beneficiary and provider of development cooperation, and the provider of development cooperation, respectively. As regards the other members, five (5) must be representatives of development cooperation beneficiaries, one of whom should be a representative of the g7 + group of fragile or conflict affected States; one (1) representative of development cooperation beneficiaries and providers; three (3) representatives of development cooperation providers; one (1) private sector representative, one (1) representative of the parliamentarians; one (1) representative of the civil society, one (1) representative of multilateral development banks; one (1) representative of UNDP and a representative of OECD Development Assistance Committee.

Summary of discussions

34. The Sub-Committee took note of the presentation made by the NEPAD Coordination Unit on the Busan Process. Some members of the Sub-Committee requested for clarification on Africa's participation in the Steering Committee of the Global Partnership. In response, the representative of the NEPAD Coordination Unit explained that Africa would appoint at least two representatives to the Steering Committee for each cycle of 18 or 24 months. Africa's representation on the Steering

Committee would be on rotational basis and the representatives would be drawn from the pool of countries designated by the deans of each region to be part of the Busan Process. For the first cycle of participation in the Steering Committee, the AU Commission had addressed notes verbale to the deans of the two regions that were not adequately represented in the Busan Process so that they would each designate two countries. The regions concerned were Central Africa and Southern Africa.

35. The Sub-Committee also enquired about the issues that would be considered by the Steering Committee of the Global Partnership. It emphasized that the new paradigm was aimed at shifting from aid effectiveness to development effectiveness. In response to the concerns expressed by the Sub-Committee, the representative of the NEPAD Agency provided some clarifications by informing the Sub-Committee that the Busan Partnership was a new partnership which placed premium on development. In the view of the NEPAD Agency, Africa should wean itself from dependence on aid; and it was in pursuance of this objective that the Agency collaborated with the AU Commission to prepare a strategic framework document for capacity building which had been adopted by the Heads of State and Government of the African Union as the reference and framework policy document for building capacities in Africa. To implement the reference strategy, the Agency, in collaboration with the AU Commission, had established a multi-sectoral forum on development effectiveness based on three pillars: South-South cooperation; aid effectiveness; and capacity building as the main engine. The South-South Cooperation Platform allows for knowledge sharing among institutions, countries and continents. The Platform on aid effectiveness would enable the stakeholders to make efficient use of development assistance resources in order to build their productive capacities. The Platform on capacity building would allow for systematic improvement in individual and institutional capacities based on an effective policy framework.

Recommendation

36. After discussions the Sub-Committee recommended that:

- The AU Commission and the NEPAD Agency should further coordinate their efforts and be deeply involved in the implementation of the new global framework in order to coordinate and consolidate Africa's positions.

VI. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

37. Under this item, the representative of the NEPAD Coordination Unit informed the Sub-Committee that the Sub-Committee on Structures and Reform was in the process of considering the proposed organizational structure of NEPAD Agency. The Sub-Committee took note of the information and recalled the relevance of the recommendations it had put forward in this regard at its previous session.

VII. CLOSING

38. The Chairperson thanked all the members of the Sub-Committee, the AU Commission, the NEPAD Agency and the interpreters for their active participation and contribution, all of which ensured the success of the Fifth session of the PRC Sub-Committee on NEPAD. He expressed his gratitude to the members of the Sub-Committee in particular for participating actively in the meeting. He welcomed the efforts deployed by the AU Commission and NEPAD Agency to harmonize their activities in order to avoid duplication and wastage of resources. He expressed satisfaction that the work of integrating NEPAD into the structures and processes of the AU entrusted to the PRC on NEPAD was progressing steadily. He commended the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency as well as the NEPAD Coordination Unit at the Commission for the task accomplished during the period and encouraged them to maintain and reinvigorate the momentum. In conclusion, he reiterated the importance of NEPAD in Africa's development and integration, and in this regard, underscored its central position in the promotion and enhancement of relations between Africa and her external partners

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