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1. Pursuant to Article 6.3 of the Constitutive Act of the African Union (AU), and Rule 5 (1), (2) and (3) of the Rules of Procedure of the African Union, the Republic of Rwanda is offering to host the Twenty-Seventh Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union (AU), the Twenty-Ninth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council and the Thirty Second Ordinary Session of the Permanent Representatives’ Committee in June/July 2016.

2. The Republic of Rwanda, has never hosted a summit of the continental Organization since inception of the Organization of African Unity and neither had the opportunity to house any organ of the African Union.

3. By offering to host the AU Summit, the Republic of Rwanda thus seeks to make her modest contribution to the process of consolidating the common vision of a united and strong Africa and to strengthening solidarity, cohesion between peoples of the continent, as well as to boosting the image of and popularizing the continental organization.

4. In offering to host the ordinary session of the Assembly, the Executive Council and Permanent Representatives’ Committee in June/July 2016, the Republic of Rwanda undertakes to make available all necessary facilities to the required standards, in compliance with Rules 5 (3) of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, to guarantee the successful holding of the said Sessions. Rwanda will further undertake to ensure the security and safety of invitees as well as an atmosphere of calmness, hospitality and fellowship, which are necessary for the proper conduct of the Summit.

5. Thus, pursuant to Rules 5 (2) of the Rules of the Assembly, the Republic of Rwanda will cover the additional expenses incurred by the African Union Commission as a result of holding the Summit outside the Headquarters and will sign a host agreement with the African Union Commission, in line with the current practice.

6. The Republic of Rwanda will in consultations with the Chairperson of the African Union and with the AU Commission at the appropriate time to fix dates for the Twenty-Seventh Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union, the Twenty-Ninth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council and the Fifteenth Ordinary Session of the Permanent Representatives’ Committee in June/July 2016.

7. The Republic of Rwanda, requests support of all Member States to host the Assembly of the African Union in June/July 2016.
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