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CONFERENCES**

***(Item proposed by the Arab Republic Egypt)***

## **CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE FOR HOLDING AFRICAN CONFERENCES**

Many African countries are distinguished by a great ability and skills for the organization of international conferences. In fact a great number of ministerial meetings and summits have been held over various regions of the African continent either at the international or the African level.

During many years of experience, the joint African action has proved the existence of centres of excellence in Africa, able to host such of conferences with a high degree of competence.

For the prospect of inventorying of the numerous centres of excellence existing in the different African countries and to increasing the capabilities of all these countries to organize international conferences, it is necessary to draw up an inventory of the centres of excellence in Africa where African countries and/or conference centres that are able to host summits, ministerial conferences and other meetings of lesser importance can be identified.

That's why we have to identify the different types of conferences and the needs of each of them and to consider the agreements related to the reception and the organization of conferences through agencies of these countries to the African Union at Addis-Ababa.

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