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ESTABLISHMENT OF A POST OF MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

(Item proposed by the Great Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)

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Request by the Great Jamahiriya to include an item in the agenda of the 4th Ordinary Session of the Conference of the African Union, to be held in Abuja, 30-31 January, 2005 and the explanatory Memorandum justifying the inclusion of this item:

First: The item, proposed to be incorporated in the agenda of the session. In accordance with the sub-paragraph [2/H] of Article 8 of the AU Conference Procedures Regulations, the Great Jamahiriya requests the inclusion of an item in the agenda of the 4th Ordinary Session of the African Union Conference, to be held in Abuja, 30-31 January, 2005 entitled (Unification of transportation in the States of the AU to be under the competence of the African Union which will include: 1. airports and main ports of the African Capital cities, highways, inter-State railways, State-owned Airline companies which is to become a single African airlines company of the Union as well as means of land transport where buses are used. 2. Central post in the Member States top most of which is the African satellite (GAF) and the creation of a post of Minister of Transportation and Communications).

Second: The explanatory memorandum explaining the reasons behind the item's inclusion.

The activation of the institutions of AU and the completion of their construction necessarily require that the Union have central competences to operate accordingly. This will include the unification of the infrastructures within the States of the Union such as airports and main ports of the African capital cities, highways, Inter-State railways, State-owned Airlines companies and means of land transport where buses are used to be the exclusive competence of the African Union.

As the Great Jamahiriya is requesting the inclusion of this item in the agenda of the 4th Ordinary Session of the Union, to be held in Abuja, 30-31 January 2005, it is prompted by the spirit which has driven the effective political will of the African Leaders as they were responding to the call for the establishing the Great African Union based on the historic Sirte Declaration in 9/9/99 and the Summits of Durban and Maputo in which the AU entered into force.

The inclusion of this item and its actual approval are dictated by the interest of the Continent in completing the construction of the institutions of the Great African Union and the activation thereof so that transportation and communications, post, airports, main ports, highways and others within the

Member States will be unified and will be subject to the competence of AU exercised by the Minister of Transportation and Communications of the Union.

In compliance with the Constitutive Act of the AU in its Articles: 3, sub-para. E, X and Article 13 sub-para. A owing to the relationship between the sector of transporation and communications and the development and promotion of foreign trade and sub-para. of the same article and Article 14 sub-para. Z, the proposal of the Great Jamahiriya to this session with regard to this item is congruent with those terms and calls for the development of the institutions of the African Union to become a concrete reality to be lived by the peoples of the Continent which will bring about actual integration among Member States and will create appropriate conditions for better exploitation of the infrastructures existing in the vitally important areas contained in the proposal.

The unification of these infrastructures shall remove causes of isolation among Member states of the Union and opens the road for a real integration with which our Continent will confront the challenges imposed on it in a time of the formation of international and regional spaces with (Unions) as their existing political tools.

In order to reinforce this orientation which expresses the demand of integration by the peoples and States of the Continent which requires the unification of post among Member states and requires that the AU should have one Satellite through which communication among Member States could be maintained and which will strengthen its integration. For all those reasons, the Great Jamahiriya proposes the inclusion of the above-mentioned item which is in the substance of this note.

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