

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE EIGHTH ORDINARY SESSION OF LABOUR
AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION OF THE AFRICAN UNION
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The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report and the Declaration of the Eighth Ordinary Session of the Labour and Social Affairs Commission of the African Union (LSAC8), held in Yaoundé, Cameroon, from 11 to 15 April 2011, and of the recommendations contained therein, as well as the Yaoundé Declaration on Promoting Employment for Social Cohesion and Inclusive Growth;
2. **ENDORSES** the decisions of the LSAC8, in particular, with regard to the following:
 - (i) Adoption of the Social Protection Plan for the Informal Economy and Rural Workers (SPIREWORK) towards the provision of social protection coverage for the informal economy, and rural workers and members of their families;
 - (ii) To reduce Youth and Women unemployment by at least two percent (2%) annually over the next five (5) years; in this regard, Member States and RECs should maintain, extend and harmonize Labour Market Information systems in support of employment policy formulation, implementation and evaluation;
 - (iii) The organization of a special session of LSAC on the progress of implementation of the Ouagadougou 2004 Declaration and Plan of Action;
 - (iv) Collaboration between the Commission and international partners in developing the youth employment initiative in support to post-conflict countries within the framework of the stabilization, reconstruction and development processes;
3. **WELCOMES** the offer by the Republic of Congo to host the Ninth Session of LSAC in 2013;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to follow-up on the implementation of the outcomes of the LSAC8 and report regularly to the Executive Council.

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