

**DECISION ON THE EVALUATION OF THE GLOBAL REVIEW OF
AFRICA'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHER
PARTS OF THE WORLD
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The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC) on the Activity Report of its Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation relating to Africa's Strategic Partnerships;
2. **WELCOMES** the efforts by the PRC through, its Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation, and the Commission to implement Executive Council Decisions EX.CL/Dec.512(XV) on Multilateral Cooperation adopted by the Fifteenth Ordinary Session held in Sirte, Libya in July 2019 and EX.CL/Dec.646(XIX) on Structural Reforms adopted by the Nineteenth Ordinary Session held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2011 as well as to complete the evaluation of the Review;
3. **ENDORSES** the Recommendations contained in the Report, in particular those relating to:
 - i) The Principles Governing the Establishment of Strategic Partnerships;
 - ii) The Categories and Classification of Africa's various Strategic Partnerships;
 - iii) The Criteria proposed for establishing Strategic Partnerships between Africa and Other Parts of the World;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission and PRC to ensure that the above principles, criteria and categorisation are taken into account in the process of establishing any new partnerships. Such partnerships should be based on decisions of the organs of the Union and should also be aligned to the needs of the respective regions of Africa;
5. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission and the PRC, through its Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation, to undertake an in-depth reflection on ways and means to ensure compliance with the Banjul Formula;
6. **UNDERScores** the need to promote continent-wide approach and the African Union vision in the conduct of such partnerships, rather than the bilateral cooperation dimensions;
7. **ENCOURAGES** Member States to participate in the partnerships preparation processes through the PRC and the Senior Officials meetings, and establish a mechanism to facilitate the effective participation of African Groups in the various partnerships.
8. **REQUESTS** the Commission to undertake a speedy implementation of Council Decision EX.CL/Dec.646(XIX) with a view to completing the establishment of the Partnerships Management and Coordination Division

- (PMCD) for effective and efficient management of the various Partnerships, including their monitoring, evaluation and assessment;
9. **EXPRESSES** its appreciation to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for the assistance provided to the Commission in its efforts to establish PMCD, and **URGES** UNDP to continue extending its support with a view to strengthening capacities for Partnerships management and coordination at continental, regional and national levels;
 10. **REQUESTS** the Commission, to report on regular basis on the implementation of this Decision through the PRC.



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