

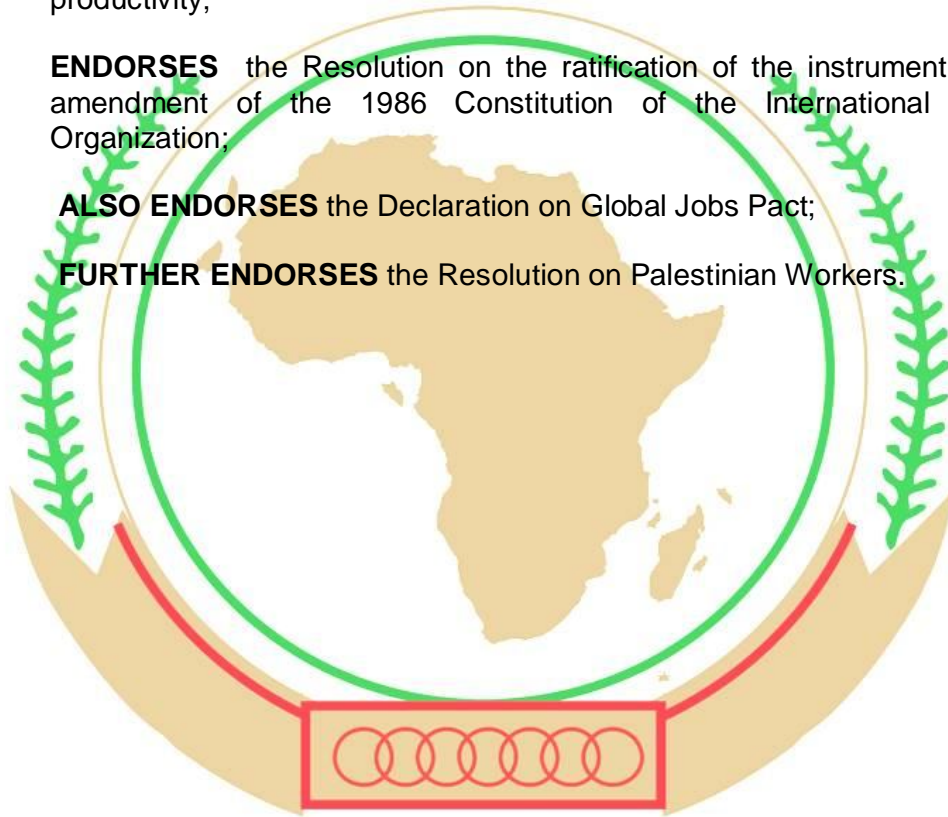
**DECISION ON THE SEVENTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE
AFRICAN UNION (AU) LABOUR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS
COMMISSION (LSAC) – Doc. EX.CL/555(XVI)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Seventh Ordinary Session of the African Union (AU) Labour and Social Affairs Commission (LSAC), held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 28 September to 02 October 2009;
2. **REQUESTS** the Commission to convene the Eighth Ordinary Session of the AU LSAC in April 2011;
3. **DECIDES** that the ordinary sessions of the AU LSAC will be organized every two (2) years in reference to the Executive Council Decision to reduce meetings and also to alternate with the ordinary sessions of the Ministers of Social Development which is also to be held every two (2) years;
4. **REQUESTS** Member States to accelerate the implementation of the Productivity Agenda for Africa and the Programme on upgrading the Informal Economy by mobilizing the necessary resources, including support from development partners.
5. **ALSO REQUESTS** the expert groups to immediately begin work on mechanisms for the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Agenda and the Programme on Upgrading the Informal Economy.
6. **FURTHER REQUESTS** Member States to Build capacities and enhance the skills of the workforce in the informal economy through the restructuring of vocational training for the youth and their integration into gainful employment
7. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the progress made in the implementation of the Ouagadougou Plan of Action as noted in the Report of the Chairperson of the AU Commission on Employment and Poverty Alleviation (2004-2009);
8. **REQUESTS** Member States to submit before the end of 2010 to the Commission their implementation report for the next biennale Ouagadougou Extraordinary Summit Report for the period 2009-2011;
9. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to launch at regional level, the AU Commission Initiative against Trafficking Campaign (AU.COMMIT) and **APPEALS** to Member States to facilitate the ratification of the AU and United Nations (UN) instruments on trafficking in human beings;
10. **CALLS ON** Member States to cultivate the necessary expertise to actively participate and influence deliberations within the Committees of the International Labour Conference and **REAFFIRMS** that the African Group

preparatory meetings should commence prior to both the official opening of the 99th International Labour Commission (ILC) and the pre-conference meeting of the Government Group.

11. **CALLS ON** Member States to elaborate authenticated and comprehensive data on effects of the crisis, as there is potential for exploitation of the crises by some employers in their dealings with unions and workers and **REQUESTS** Member States to give support to the informal economy which should be enhanced;
12. **CALLS ON** Governments, as well as workers and employers organizations to cooperate on efforts to improve health at work and thus increase productivity;
13. **ENDORSES** the Resolution on the ratification of the instrument for the amendment of the 1986 Constitution of the International Labour Organization;
14. **ALSO ENDORSES** the Declaration on Global Jobs Pact;
15. **FURTHER ENDORSES** the Resolution on Palestinian Workers.



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