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**REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
ON MULTILATERAL COOPERATION**

ON

**PARTICIPATION/REPRESENTATION IN PARTNERSHIPS
MEETINGS**

1. In accordance with Executive Council Decision No. EX.CL/Dec.1057(XXXV), taken during its thirty-fifth Session held on 4-5 July 2019, in Niamey, Niger, which reads as follows: “*RECALLS Executive Council Decision EX.CL/Dec.1031(XXXIV) of February 2019 on AU representation in partnership meetings and DECIDES to refer the item back to the PRC Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation for further consideration with a view to reaching consensus regarding this issue while continuing to apply all relevant Executive Council and Assembly decisions pertaining to this matter, namely Executive Council Decisions EX.CL/Dec.986(XXXII) of January 2018, EX.CL/Dec.942(XXX) of January 2017, EX.CL/Dec.899(XXVIII) of January 2016 and EX.CL/Dec.877(XXVII) of June 2015, Assembly/AU/Dec.131(VII) of June 2006 and Assembly/AU/Dec.635(XXVIII) of January 2017 on the Reform of the AU*”, the Sub-Committee of the Whole on Multilateral Cooperation held a meeting on 9 January 2020, to follow up on the above-mentioned Decision.

2. In that regard, the Sub-Committee of the Whole on Multilateral Cooperation proposes to the PRC to recommend to the Executive Council to submit to the Assembly of the Union for consideration and adoption the following:

- (i). **Recall** Assembly Decision No. Assembly/AU/Dec.635(XXVIII), Paragraph 5) c) v) taken in January 2017, which states that: “Partnership Summits convened by external parties shall be reviewed with a view to providing an effective framework for African Union partnerships. Africa will be represented by the Troika, (namely the current, incoming and outgoing Chairpersons of the African Union), the Chairperson of the AU Commission, and the Chairpersons of the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) as well as the Chairperson of the NEPAD”, and Executive Council Decision No.: EX.CL/Dec.877(XXVII)) (Paragraph 10), taken in June 2015, which “Reaffirms the right of the AU Member States to participate without discrimination in all meetings, activities and events organized within the framework of the partnership in which the AU is a stakeholder”;
- (ii). **Reaffirm** the right of all AU Member States to participate in Statutory Meetings, related to partnerships between the African Union/African Continent and another Continent or Regional Organization;
- (iii). **Decide** that African Union/African Continent shall be represented at the Statutory Meetings of partnership between the African Union/African Continent and a partner country by the Members of the Bureau of the Assembly of the Union, the Chairpersons of Regional Economic Communities (RECs), the Chairperson of the Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC) of AUDA-NEPAD and the Chairperson of the AU Commission;
- (iv). **Further Decide** that the internal preparatory process of the Statutory Meetings between the African Union/African Continent and a partner country shall be inclusive with the participation of all AU Member States;
- (v). **Request** the PRC in collaboration with the Commission to define the mandate for representatives in Statutory Meetings between African Union/African Continent and a partner country, for consideration by the Executive Council, in June/July 2020.

**DRAFT DECISION
ON PARTICIPATION/REPRESENTATION IN AU PARTNERSHIPS MEETINGS**

The PRC Sub-Committee of the Whole on Multilateral Cooperation proposes that the PRC recommends to the Executive Council to submit to the Assembly of the Union for consideration and adoption the following:

- (i). **Recall** Assembly Decision No. Assembly/AU/Dec. 635(XXVIII), Paragraph 5) c) v) taken in January 2017, which states that: “Partnership Summits convened by external parties shall be reviewed with a view to providing an effective framework for African Union partnerships. Africa will be represented by the Troika, (namely the current, incoming and outgoing Chairpersons of the African Union), the Chairperson of the AU Commission, and the Chairpersons of the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) as well as the Chairperson of the NEPAD”, and Executive Council Decision No.: EX.CL/Dec.877(XXVII) (Paragraph 10), taken in June 2015, which “Reaffirms the right of the AU Member States to participate without discrimination in all meetings, activities and events organized within the framework of the partnership in which the AU is a stakeholder”;
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