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ADDIS ABABA 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2018**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. Pursuant to the June 2015 Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.572(XXV), the Committee of Ten Heads of State and Government as African champions of Education, Science and Technology met in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2018.

**II. PARTICIPATION**

2. The meeting was held under the Chairmanship of H.E. President Macky SALL of Senegal, in his capacity as the President of the Committee. It was attended by the following countries: Chad, Egypt, Gabon, Kenya, Namibia, Malawi, Mauritius, Sierra Leone, and Tunisia.

**III. OPENING REMARKS**

3. The meeting started with the Welcome remark of H.E. Mr. Moussa Faki Mahamat, chairperson of the African Union Commission delivered by his representative, the Commissioner for Human Resources Science and Technology followed by the opening speech of the chair of the Committee, H.E. Mr. Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal.

**IV. DELIBERATION**

4. The Committee discussed the agenda items and came to the following conclusions:

5. Adoption of the rules of procedure for the committee of 10 Head of State and Government Champion for Education Science and Technology.

6. The Committee put in place a Bureau composed of:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Region</b>
President	Senegal	West Africa
First Vice-President	Tunisia	North Africa
Second Vice-President	Malawi	Southern Africa

- 7.** The Committee agreed to hold its first extra ordinary session in Malawi, which will focus on mobilizing resources for promotion of education, science and technology in the continent. The date will be provided in Malawi's formal submission.
- 8.** The next meeting of the committee will take place in the margins of the AU Summit.
- 9.** The Committee adopted the meeting report as well as the attached draft decision which will be presented at the AU Summit for adoption.
- 10.** After the deliberation the Chair delivered his closing remarks.

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**DECISION OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF**  
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**CHAMPIONS OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
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**The Assembly,**

1. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.572 (XXV) whereby the Assembly committed to establishment of a team of ten Heads of State and Government as African champions of Education, Science and Technology;
2. **CONGRATULATES** H.E. Mr. Macky Sall President of Senegal as the first Chair, and **ENDORSES** H.E President Beji Caïd Essebsi of Tunisia as the first Vice Chair, and H.E President Peter Mutharika of Malawi as the second Vice Chair of the Committee of Ten;
3. **REITERATES** the core value of Education, Science and Technology as a formidable tool for achieving Agenda 2063, *the Africa We Want* of a people driven inclusive prosperity, peace and integration;
4. **FURTHER REITERATES** the need to enhance investments in Education, Science and Technology as pillars for harnessing demographic dividends;
5. **ENDORSES** the list of ten Heads of State and Government as the first team of ten champions for Africa’s Education, Science and Technology;

<b>Northern Africa</b>	<b>Central Africa</b>	<b>West Africa</b>	<b>East Africa</b>	<b>Southern Africa</b>
•Egypt •Tunisia	•Gabon •Chad	•Senegal •Sierra Leone	•Kenya •Mauritius	•Namibia •Malawi

6. **COMMENDS** the ten Heads of State and Government for accepting this important responsibility;
7. **FURTHER COMMENDS** the Republic of Malawi for offering to host the first Education Summit of the committee of ten.

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