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INTRODUCTION:

1. The Decisions taken by the Policy Organs, namely: the Executive Council and the Assembly of the Union during their Ordinary, Extraordinary and Special Sessions, constitute the legal basis upon which the Commission and the other organs of the Union as well as other stakeholders and Partners such as Regional Economic Communities (RECs) derive the authority and mandate to carry out activities aimed at fostering the continental integration process and global networking.

2. RULE 4 1(b) of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly states: << The Assembly shall monitor the implementation of Policies and Decisions of the Union as well as ensure compliance by all Member States through appropriate mechanisms; ...">>. In a similar provision, RULE 5 1(d) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council states: << The Executive Council shall monitor the implementation of the Policies Decisions and Agreements adopted by the Assembly>>. Furthermore, one of the recommendations of the Panel on the Audit of the African Union which was endorsed by the Assembly has insisted on the need to report to each session of the Assembly for it to ensure that its Decisions are fully enforced. Reporting on the implementation of previous decisions of the Assembly and the Executive Council has therefore become a mandatory feature on the agendas of these two organs during their Ordinary Sessions as this constitutes an effective mechanism in ensuring that there is a follow up on decisions taken.

3. In the light of the foregoing therefore, and conscious of the concerns expressed by both the Assembly and the Executive Council on the need to improve on both the content and format of the report (the quality of information captured and the reader-friendliness of the document), the Commission has focused on the Decisions taken at the 16th Summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in January 2011 and at the 17th Summit in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, in June/July 2011, which have been consequently presented in a simplified manner.

4. The compiled report summarizes progress made on the implementation of Decisions of the Executive Council and the Assembly of the Union for the period under review and provides information on actions taken to promote and facilitate cooperation among Member States, especially in the areas relating to Peace and Security, Administration, Finance, Social-economic, Scientific, Cultural and Political matters in which the Commission was required to take action.

5. It is worth mentioning that the majority of Decisions are expected to be implemented by the Member States themselves. To facilitate the reporting on these Decisions, the Commission took the initiative to identify the pertinent provisions of the Decisions which are to be implemented by the Member States for the last two Summits

(Malabo, June/July 2011 and Addis Ababa, January 2011). The Commission forwarded these Decisions to Member States, requesting them to submit relevant information on the status of their implementation, by 1st September 2011. As of the time of finalizing this report, only one Member State (Burkina Faso) made a submission. A reminder note was sent by the Commission to sensitize Member States on the issue.

6. An analysis of the information on the implementation of previous Decisions reveals that a number of technical, human, material and financial challenges were encountered and were largely responsible for the partial implementation or in some cases the non-implementation of some decisions. In this regard, the Commission would like to draw the attention of the Assembly and the Executive Council to the recommendations on how to overcome these challenges, thus contributing to the overall improvement of implementation of Decisions.

7. The Commission on its part, would continue to work closely with the Permanent Representative's Committee (PRC) and to explore ways and means of improving on the format of the report as well as on timely reporting. In the same vein and following the adoption in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea in June/July 2011, of the Guidelines on elaboration of Decisions and time frame for reporting, the number of Decisions taken by the Policy organs in future Summits is expected to reduce significantly.

IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS OF THE 19TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**MALABO, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, 26-28 JUNE 2011****A. Decisions of the Executive Council**

NO.	DECISION NO.	ACTION REQUIRED	ACTION TO BE UNDERTAKEN AND TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBILITY
1st.	EX.CL/Dec.605(XVIII) Decision on the Calendar of Meetings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Commission to ensure that programmes are considered and approved by the Permanent Representatives' Committee through its Sub-Committee on Programmes and Conferences prior to the preparation of the Calendar of Meetings and to include such programmes in the Draft Budget for consideration by the PRC through its Advisory Sub-Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters; 2. The commission to ensure that the Sub-Committee on Programmes and Conferences handles in an equal manner both aspects of its mandate-Programmes and Conferences 3. The Commission to scrupulously observe the two (2) months deadline for the submission of documents to the CSD for processing and ensure that such documents do not exceed a maximum of twelve (12) pages except where the Chairperson of the Commission decides otherwise 4. The Commission to ensure that the number of CSD staff servicing meetings is determined by the CSD in accordance with international standards that obtain in similar organizations to ensure smooth and effective conduct of such meetings; 	<p>In the process of being implemented.</p> <p>This is reflected again in the draft Decision on the Calendar to be presented to the Executive Council in January 2012</p> <p>In the process of being implemented.</p> <p>Partly Implemented.</p> <p>Documents that exceed 12 pages are returned to Departments. The 2 months deadline for the submission of documents is still not observed by Departments</p> <p>Partially implemented</p> <p>Implemented</p>	DCMP and all concerned Departments

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		<p>5. The Commission to ensure that once funds have been committed and budget codes for document processing and interpretation determined, they are not used for any other activities;</p> <p>6. The Commission to report regularly on the implementation of this Decision.</p>	<p>The DCMP has devised a cost estimation template which includes the number of staff that should service each type of meeting and all departments are now aware of it. The cost estimate template was widely used as a guide in costing the meetings in the 2012 calendar of meetings Implemented.</p> <p>Reports on Decisions on the Calendar of meetings are prepared regularly and presented to the Executive Council</p>	
2nd.	EX.CL/Dec.644(XIX) on the Contribution of the Member States to the 2011 Budget of the African Union	<p>1. DECIDES to maintain the temporary lifting of sanctions on the Democratic Republic of Congo so long as it continues to honor its commitments in compliance with the agreed payment schedule;</p> <p>2. DECIDES to lift the sanctions imposed on the Republic of Guinea Bissau pursuant to the payment of its arrears;</p> <p>3. DECIDES that sanctions imposed on Central African Republic be maintained.</p>		PBFA
3rd.	EX.CL/Dec.645(XIX) on the Budget of the African Union for the 2012 Financial Year	<p>1. REQUESTS the Commission to submit to Member States supporting documents provided for in Article 36 of the Financial Rules and Regulations in a timely manner to facilitate consideration by the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters.</p>		PBFA & SPPMERM
4th.	EX.CL/Dec.646(XIX) on Structural	<p>1. DECIDES to create the Division of Strategic Partnerships in the Office of the Chairperson of</p>		AHRM

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	Reforms	<p>the Commission, with the following structure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) Head of Division (P5) • Four (4) Senior Policy Officers (P3) • Five (5) Policy officers (P2) • One (1) Secretary (GSA4) • One(1) Mail Runner (GSB6) <p>2. REQUESTS the Commission to implement this Decision gradually by recruiting staff for the Structure over a period of three (3) years, starting January 2012;</p> <p>3. FURTHER REQUESTS the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Structural Reforms to finalize its work on the other structures proposed by the Commission and other organs, and submit appropriate recommendations to the Assembly, through the Executive Council, in January 2012.</p>		
5th.	EX.CL/Dec.647(XIX) on the Nineteenth Ordinary Session of the African Union Conference of Ministers of Industry – Doc. EX.CL/600(XIX)	<p>1. FURTHER ENDORSES the recommendations of the Conference, in particular on the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework; the Resource Mobilization Strategy; the Steering Committee Framework; and the sectoral themes - Adding value to commodities through agribusiness value chain development (3ADI); Mineral Resources Processing in Africa; and improving access to essential medicines by African pharmaceutical industries;</p> <p>2. ENDORSES the vote adopted in Algiers,</p>	This is an ongoing process: in pursuing the implementation of this decision, the Department of Trade and industry provided strong leadership and continued support to consistently put the implementation phase of the Action Plan of the Accelerated Industrial Development of Africa (AIDA) as high priority, especially the very beginning of this phase: the internalization process at Regional Economic Communities.	DTI

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		<p>Algeria, on 31 March 2011, calling on the United Kingdom of Great Britain to re-consider its decision of withdrawing its membership to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO);</p>	<p>In this context, the following activities were implemented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -On June 2011, the Department of Trade and Industry in close collaboration with UNIDO, RECs organized the internalization workshop of AIDA; -On September 2011 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, the Department has organized a consultative meeting between chair of CAMI Bureau, Algeria and UNIDO, the objective of the event was to consult and discuss the preparatory arrangements for the launching of the African Steering Committee of AIDA (ASC-AIDA). -The AUC coordinated the organization of the first CAMI-19 Bureau meeting, December 2011 in Vienna, Austria. The Bureau Meeting aimed at to review and discussion of the status of the preparation of the proposed projects under AIDA by each REC and modalities for launching the African Steering Committee (ASC-AIDA). -The Bureau also discussed the process of prioritizing projects/ activities proposed by RECs as well as plans for funds mobilization. -During December 2011, working sessions with REC's, namely, COMESA, SADC, EAC, ECOWAS and ECCAS were held to fast track finalizing their own projects fiches, which will be then implemented 	

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		<p>3. CALLS ON Member States, the Commission, the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), the private sector institutions, development partners and other stakeholders, to take necessary measures for the effective implementation of AIDA;</p> <p>4. REQUESTS the Commission, in collaboration with RECs, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and other African and international partners to mobilize resources through the framework of the resource mobilization strategy for Africa's industrialization;</p> <p>5. WELCOMES the offer by the Republic of Kenya to host the Twentieth Session of CAMI in 2013;</p> <p>6. REQUESTS the Commission to follow-up on the implementation of the outcomes of the Conference and to report to the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in January 2012</p>	under AIDA	
6th.	EX.CL/Dec.648(XIX) on the Report of the Eighth Ordinary Session of Labour and Social Affairs Commission of the African Union	1. 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;	The AUC is preparing a Campaign Strategy for the implementation of the SPIREWORK. The Campaign will commence in 2012, as it has been included in the Annual Work Plan and Programme Budget for 2012.	DSA
		2. To reduce Youth and Women unemployment by at least two percent (2%) annually over the next	• The 1 st Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Project on the	

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		<p>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;</p> <p>3. The organization of a special session of LSAC on the progress of implementation of the Ouagadougou 2004 Declaration and Plan of Action;</p> <p>4. 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;</p> <p>5. WELCOMES the offer by the Republic of Congo to host the Ninth Session of LSAC in 2013;</p> <p>6. REQUESTS the Commission to follow-up on the implementation of the outcomes of the LSAC8 and report regularly to the Executive Council.</p>	<p>Harmonization and Coordination of the Labour Market Information Systems (Addis Ababa, October 2012) adopted the Minimum List of Labour and Employment Indicators and proposed that Labour Force Surveys are conducted by MS by 2013 in accordance with this Minimum List and an agreed Methodology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The outcome of the Meeting will be reported to the AU Conference of Ministers of Finance in March 2012 • The discussion is ongoing with the Bureau of the 8th Session of the LSAC for the preparation of the Special Session • The Initiative was finalized by the DSA and will be shared with the development partners for its implementation, following consultation with the DPS and concerned MS. 	
7th.	EX.CL/Dec.649(XIX) on the Report of the Fifth Ordinary Session of the African Union	<p>1. REQUESTS the Commission to facilitate implementation of the recommendations of CAMH5;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note Verbales and a concept note were sent to Member States urging them to commemorate CARMMA week. Reports from Member States on how they celebrated the week are 	DSA

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	<p>Conference of Ministers of Health</p>	<p>2. To organize a CARMMA week in November 2011;</p> <p>3. WELCOMES the offer by the Republic of Algeria to host the Sixth Session of the CAMH in 2013;</p>	<p>being awaited.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the support and participation of the AUC, Tunisia commemorated CARMMA Week from 24 to 25 November 2011 by inviting 17 Member States to Tunis to share experiences in reducing maternal mortality. • A note verbale and activity timeline have been sent to the Republic of Algeria on hosting of the CAMH6 and response is being awaited. • The piloting of the reviewed indicators for the Maputo plan of Action and Abuja Call has commenced • The AUC has developed a plan of action for the 2011-2021 African Traditional Medicines Decade • The AUC has started preparing the annual report for updated the AU Assembly on the commitments of the 15th Ordinary Session on Maternal Newborn and Child Health. • The AUC is preparing a Campaign Strategy for the implementation of the SPIREWORK. The Campaign will commence in 2012, as it has been included in the Annual Work Plan and Programme Budget for 2012. • The 1st Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Project on the Harmonization and Coordination of the Labour Market Information Systems (Addis Ababa, October 2012) adopted the Minimum List of 	

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		<p>4. REQUESTS the Commission to follow-up on the implementation of the outcomes of the Conference and report regularly to the Executive Council.</p>	<p>Labour and Employment Indicators and proposed that Labour Force Surveys are conducted by MS by 2013 in accordance with this Minimum List and an agreed Methodology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The outcome of the Meeting will be reported to the AU Conference of Ministers of Finance in March 2012 	
8th.	<p>EX.CL/Dec.650(XIX) on the Conclusions of the Third Joint Retreat between the Permanent Representatives Committee and the African Union Commission</p>	<p>1. ADOPTS the Guidelines on the preparation, adoption and reporting on the implementation of Decisions;</p> <p>2. REQUESTS the Commission, in close collaboration with the PRC, prepares guidelines/criteria on minimum requirements for the Hosting of Summits (Standard Host Agreement), holding of side events during Summits, and submission of items proposed by Member States;</p>		OSGC & all Concerned Departments
		<p>3. CALLS UPON the Commission and the PRC to strengthen their working relations aimed at attaining an effectively and efficiently run organization in accordance with all the Regulations and Rules of the African Union;</p> <p>4. URGES all Member States and the Commission to adopt concrete measures to operationalize without delay, decisions so far taken on the issue of alternative sources of funding the activities of the Union;</p>		

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		<p>5. One Theme per year should be retained at the January Session and would be the same also for Africa Day (25 May);</p> <p>6. The PRC should be part of the evaluation mission in the preparation of Summits through its Representative;</p> <p>7. Adherence to criteria for proposing items by Member States as spelt out in the Guidelines on the preparation and adoption of Decisions. The Commission and the PRC should act as the clearing house for these items;</p> <p>8. Harmonization should be ensured and duplication with existing Decisions and Programmes avoided. Member States and Line Departments should work in close collaboration in this respect;</p> <p>9. The Legal, financial and structural implications of proposed Decisions should be established prior to their adoption in accordance with the Rules of Procedure;</p> <p>10. The procedure and timing for reintroducing items for which Decisions have been taken should be worked out.</p> <p>11. Addressing the Assembly or the Executive Council by Guests and Observers should be done in strict observance of Rule 10 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and Rule 11 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council.</p>		
		<p>12. REQUESTS the Commission in collaboration with the PRC that in the on-going preparatory process for the celebration of the OAU/AU, should consider the possibility of publishing a "Jubilee Book" which would encompass the achievements of the Organization in political,</p>		

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		<p>economic and social fields, the challenges encountered and future prospects; in implementation of the January 2011 Summit Decision on the celebrations of the 50th Anniversary of the OAU/AU;</p> <p>13. REQUESTS the Commission to propose practical modalities for the rationalization of Sectoral Ministerial Conferences in view of the fourteen (14) Specialized Technical Committees (STCs) created by Assembly Decision/AU/Dec.227 (XII) of January 2009;</p> <p>14. FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission in consultation with the PRC to identify issues to be discussed during the January/February and June/July Summits respectively and to make appropriate recommendations to the Executive Council at its 20th Ordinary Session in January 2012;</p> <p>15. REQUESTS the Commission to initiate a review of the class of travel and payment of per diem to members of the PRC and representatives of Member States on official mission of the AU so as to ensure harmony with conditions offered to AUC officials;</p> <p>16. FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission, in collaboration with the PRC, to report on the implementation of the various recommendations of the PRC-AUC Retreat held in Nazareth from 31 March to 2 April 2011, including the preparation of the various above-mentioned guidelines/criteria, at the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in January 2012.</p>		
9th.	EX.CL/Dec.651(XIX) on the Status of Signature and	1. REQUESTS the Commission to expedite the implementation of previous decisions on the review of OAU/AU Treaties;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The process of reviewing the treaties has been initiated and will be finalized in 2012. 	OLC

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	Ratification of OAU/AU Treaties	<p>2. FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission to follow up on this matter and report regularly to the Executive Council on the implementation of this Decision.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All OAU/AU treaties were reviewed in May 2004 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and the Executive Council adopted decision EX.CL/Dec/129(V) in July 2004. Most Departments have been implementing the decisions in respect of treaties falling within their competence for example, Charter for African Cultural Renaissance, Revised African Maritime Transport Charter, Constitution for the African Civil Aviation Commission - AFCAC (revised version), etc. 	
10th.	EX.CL/Dec.652(XIX) on the Situation in Palestine and the Middle East	<p>1. REQUESTS the resumption of peace talks between the Palestinians and Israelis and REAFFIRMS its support for a peaceful solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict on the basis of the principles of the international law and all relevant United Nations (UN) resolution, with an emphasis on the establishment of an independent Palestinian state existing on the borders of 4 June 1967, with Al-Quds Al-Sharif (Jerusalem) as its capital;</p> <p>2. CALLS UPON all Members States, especially those Members of the United Nations Security Council, to support the Palestinian efforts during the next session of the UN General Assembly to obtain full membership to the UN for the State of Palestine based on the 1967 lines with East Jerusalem as its capital, and URGES all Member</p>		DPA

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		<p>States which have not yet done so to recognize the State of Palestine to do so as soon as possible;</p> <p>3. CALLS UPON the UN Security Council to convene an emergency session to address the status of the Palestinian State.</p>		
11th.	<p>EX.CL/Dec.653(XIX) on the Humanitarian Situation in Africa</p>	<p>1. REQUESTS the Commission to explore the possibility of directly arranging the procurement of relief materials and in collaboration with partners arrange direct emergency response;</p> <p>2. URGES Member States and the Commission to examine various lasting solutions and make appropriate recommendations to Council in accordance with the Implementation of the Action Plan of the African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala Convention);</p> <p>3. CALLS UPON the Commission to explore new avenues for raising extra-budgetary resources to supplement Member States efforts in the implementation of the Plan of Action on the Outcomes of the 2009 Kampala AU Special Summit on Refugees, Returnees and IDPs and report back on the developments to the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in January 2012.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing implementation. Started embarking on the exercise with AU partners and other relevant humanitarian agencies especially after the Pledging Conference on Drought and Famine in the Horn of Africa that was held on 25 August 2011 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. • On-going implementation. Various lasting solutions were made in several consultative meetings and seminars/workshops. To date 32 countries have signed the Convention while 7 countries ratified and 7 countries deposited instruments with Legal Counsel of the Commission. • A Pledging Conference on Drought and Famine in the Horn of Africa was held on 25 August 2011 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to raise funds for victims of drought and famine in the Horn of Africa in particular Somalia. However, it is expected that a formal 	DPA

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		<p>4. CALLS UPON relevant development oriented organizations and agencies to review and enhance their capacities to respond promptly and adequately to the demands of the ever changing humanitarian situations for the forced displacement of populations</p> <p>5. COMMENDS the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC) through its Sub-Committee on Refugees for its work in furthering the protection of forced displacement populations in accordance with its Programme of Activities and STRESSES the need to continue addressing the problem in practical terms and to present the true picture of humanitarian issues in the Continent.</p>	<p>resource mobilization as well as communication strategies will be developed in the context of the African Humanitarian Policy Framework, which is currently being developed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-going implementation. Efforts continue to take place in collaboration with relevant partners in different meetings and workshops. • On-going implementation. The PRC Sub-Committee on Refugees visited countries faced with the problem of forced displacement and appreciated what is obtained on ground. Furthermore, they participated in various meetings concerning forced displacement. They used the opportunity to sensitize the international community on their plight which was clearly evidenced during the Pledging Conference on Drought and Famine in the Horn of Africa that was held on 25 August 2011 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Report of activities to be presented to Co 	

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		<p>6. FURTHER COMMENDS the five (5) Member States that have so far ratified the Kampala Convention and APPEALS once again to Member States that have not yet done so to consider signing and or ratifying the Convention as soon as possible, and adhere to all its provisions.</p> <p>7. NOTES the progress made by the Commission in carrying out its programmes and activities in the area of forced displacement and REQUESTS the Commission to exert further efforts in accordance with the various decisions of the Executive Council.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-going implementation. To date 32 countries have signed the Convention while 7 countries ratified and 7 countries deposited instruments with Legal Counsel of the Commission. Target is to have the Convention come into force latest by June 2012. • On-going implementation. All efforts were exerted to implement Declarations, decisions, resolutions on forced displacement especially with AU Partners. This culminated into organizing the first ever Pledging Conference on Drought and Famine in the Horn of Africa that was held on 25 August 2011 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. • Pledges were made which was to the tune of US\$ 351.7 million in cash and US\$ 28.8 million in-kind. It was in addition to the early contributions from the Commission's funds and Staff as well as PRC. More contributions are forthcoming. 	
12th.	EX.CL/Dec.654(XIX) Decision on African Union-United	1. REQUESTS the Commission to report regularly to the Executive Council on the programme and that such report focus more on results and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a critical first step in the process of elaborating such a capacity building work programme, a retreat 	BDCP

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	<p>Nations Ten Year Capacity Building Programme</p>	<p>concrete deliverables beyond the institutional and organizational issues.</p>	<p>was organised on 7th to 9th September, 2011, at the behest of the AU Commission and under the aegis of the RCM Joint [AU/UN] Secretariat. It was attended by a high number of AU staff, drawn from the majority of departments and divisions of the Commission, as well as by representatives of the NPCA, APRM, and the RECs. Also in attendance were representatives of the UN system. Its purpose was to familiarise participants with the issues involved in the elaboration of such a programme, thus laying the foundation for a needs- assessment exercise which was about to be undertaken through a process of engagement between a team of consultants [working under the guidance of the RCM Joint Secretariat] with departmental programme managers of the Commission, regarding their capacity building needs. This departmental needs-assessment exercise which then followed, was undertaken from September to November 2011, according to the principle of AU ownership of the implementation of the TYCBP. It was thus based broadly on the Strategic Plan, as well as departmental work plans and priorities. Consequently there was a break with the past,</p>	

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			<p>given that the AU Commission was provided with an opportunity to identify its capacity building needs itself. The outcome of the needs -assessment exercise was a report which will constitute the core of a programme of support to be instituted by the UN for the AU's capacity building efforts. The report was then considered at a special session of the Commission held in November 2011, just prior to the 12th session of the RCM .It was chaired by the Chairperson. The report was subsequently submitted to the high level 12th Session of the RCM, held in Addis Ababa from 21st to 22nd November 2011, and co-chaired by the Deputy Chairperson of the Commission and the Deputy Secretary General of the UN. The 12th session of the RCM endorsed the report and requested the agencies and organisations of the UN system [which are grouped in clusters],to fully incorporate the outcome of the needs- assessment exercise aimed at building the capacity of the AU ,in their work plans, given that it was based on the AU Commission's own requests. The RCM also reiterated its decision that all the members of the AU family, including the NPCA, APRM, AU organs, and the RECs ,should be included in the second phase of the</p>	

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	<p>EX.CL/Dec.654(XIX) DECISION ON AFRICAN UNION- UNITED NATIONS TEN YEAR CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME Doc. EX.CL/671(XIX)</p>	<p>2. REQUESTS The Commission and the Regional Economic Communities/Regional Mechanisms for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution (RECs/RMs), to accelerate the operationalization of the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA)</p>	<p>capacity building needs - assessment exercise/ elaboration of the capacity building work programme; and that this second phase should be completed by November,2012</p> <p>The AU and the RECs/RMs have finalized the African Peace and Security Architecture Roadmap for the period 2011-2013, which sets goals and processes to accelerate the operationalization of APSA.</p> <p>The Roadmap is accompanied by an Action Plan, which sets out the specific activities to be undertaken to facilitate the operationalization of APSA.</p>	
13th.	<p>EX.CL/Dec.655(XIX) on the Report of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare</p>	<p>1. REQUESTS the Commission to implement Decision EX.CL/Dec.441(XIII) adopted by the Thirteenth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council held in Sharm El Sheikh from 24 to 28 June 2008 to allocate a separate budget to</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When the Decision was adopted, the 2012 budget had already been finalized and submitted, the ACERWC will submit an 	ACERWC & DSA

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	of the Child	<p>ACERWC starting from 2012 financial year;</p> <p>2. ALSO REQUESTS the Commission to involve ACERWC in negotiations and field missions in conflict areas which might have impact on children rights;</p> <p>3. ADOPTS the Theme of the Day of the African Child for 2012: "The Rights of Children with Disabilities: The Duty to Protect, Respect, Promote and Fulfill";</p> <p>4. REQUESTS ACERWC to submit a report on its activities in June/July 2012.</p>	<p>autonomous/separate budget for 2013 financial year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A memo has been sent to the Department of peace and security to request that necessary actions be taken to involve the ACERWC in the field missions in conflict area which might have impact on children rights • A concept note has been drafted and sent to all Member States as a guide on the objectives of the theme and the expected activities to be undertaken for the Day of the African Child • Report due in June/July 2012 	
14th.	EX.CL/Dec.656(XIX) on the Report of the Economic, Social and Cultural Council of the Union (ECOSOCC)	<p>1. REQUESTS the Standing Committee as the coordinating unit of ECOSOCC to accelerate and consolidate these efforts and submit a framework report to the Ordinary Session of Council in June/July 2012;</p> <p>2. ALSO REQUESTS the Standing Committee to take appropriate steps to facilitate the mid-term elections of the Bureau and Standing Committee as well as subsequent elections into the General Assembly in 2012 in accordance with the Statutes of ECOSOCC;</p> <p>3. ENCOURAGES ECOSOCC delegates in Member States of the Union to liaise with and take advantage of ECOSOCC National Chapters, where they exist, as outreach facilities to</p>		ECOSOCC & CIDO

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		<p>disseminate information about the activities of ECOSOCC and the African Union</p> <p>4. CALLS UPON Member States of the Union and the Commission to support ECOSOCC in achieving these objectives.</p>		
15th.	EX.CL/Dec.657(XIX) on the Activities of the African Union Advisory Board on Corruption	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CALLS ON all stakeholders, including Member States, the Commission and other relevant AU policy organs to strengthen the financial and human resources of the Secretariat to enable the Board to fulfill its mandate in an efficient manner; 2. URGES Member States that have not yet signed and ratified the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption to do so, and inform the Commission of their designated National Anti-Corruption Authority; 3. ALSO URGES States Parties to the Convention to set up and empower National Anti-Corruption Bodies as required under Article 20 of the Convention; 4. REQUESTS the Board to report on progress made to the ordinary session of the Executive Council in June/July 2012. 		AUABC &DPA
16th.	EX.CL/Dec.658(XIX) on the Report of the African Union Commission on International Law (AUCIL)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. REQUESTS AUCIL to submit its proposals on its work programme and its 2010-2013 Strategic Plan to the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC) through its Sub-Committee on Programmes and Conferences; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The AUCIL Strategic Plan for 2012-2013 was circulated to the PRC Subcommittee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters during the consideration of the AUCIL 2012 budget. • The Strategic Plan and work plans is also expected to be submitted to the 	AUCIL & OLC

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		<p>2. ALSO REQUESTS AUCIL to submit a report on its activities to the Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in June/July 2012.</p>	<p>PRC Sub-Committee on Programmes and Conferences in 2012 should the schedule of the Committee allow it. At the time of reporting however, this had not been done</p>	
17th.	<p>EX.CL/Dec.659(XIX) On the activities of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights</p>	<p>1. REQUESTS the immediate implementation of the 2011 budget of AfCHPR with regards to the status of Judges; 2. REQUESTS the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC) through its Sub-Committee on Structural Reforms to consider the Court's proposal on the new structure of its Registry and submit appropriate recommendations for consideration by the Executive Council at its next session in January 2012; 3. REITERATES its appeal to Member States which have not yet done so to sign and ratify the Protocol on the Establishment of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights;</p>		
		<p>4. INVITES States Parties to the Protocol, which have not yet done so, to make the declaration accepting the jurisdiction of the Court to receive applications from individuals and non-governmental organizations, and allow them access to the Court, after they have exhausted national remedies; 5. ENCOURAGES AfCHPR and the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights</p>		

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		<p>(ACHPR) to work in close collaboration in their respective mandates to promote and protect human rights on the continent;</p> <p>6. REQUESTS the Commission in collaboration with AfCHPR to finalize the process of examining the implications of AfCHPR being empowered to try international crimes and report thereon to the Assembly, through the Executive Council in January 2012.</p>		
18th.	Ex. CL/655(XIX)ii Decision on Structural Reforms	1. To implement this Decision gradually by recruiting staff for the Structure over a period of three (3) years, starting January 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiatives being taken and Term of References for the Head of Division, one Senior Policy Officer and one Policy Officer have been completed and the posts' announcement is being published 	
19th.	EX.CL/Dec.655(XIX)ii i on Multilateral Cooperation	<p>1. REQUESTS the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation and the Commission to work with the Government of India to revise the existing Joint Plan of Action within six months to fully reflect the Enhanced Framework for Cooperation, with a follow-up mechanism;</p> <p>2. ALSO REQUESTS the Commission in collaboration with the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation to make concrete proposals for inclusion in the revised Joint Plan of Action;</p> <p>3. ENDORSES the proposal to hold the Third Africa-India Forum Summit in India in 2014;</p> <p>4. FURTHER REQUESTS the PRC, in collaboration with the Commission, to complete the Global Studies on Africa's Strategic Partnership and on the Representational Offices and submit a report thereon to the Executive Council in January 2012;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The AU and India have met and revised the Joint Plan of Action to fully reflect the Africa-India Framework for Enhanced Cooperation • Initiatives take on the revision of the Plan and concrete proposals have been made from both the African and Indian sides • Both Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation and the Commission have met several times and the Review on Global Studies on Africa's Strategic Partnership and the Representational Offices have been completed 	BCP

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		<p>5. URGES the PRC, through its Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation, and the Commission to deploy concerted efforts, in consultation with all stakeholders, to prepare for the Third Africa-South America (ASA) Summit in the last quarter of 2011.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only the Senior Officials and the Ministerial Meetings took place from 22 to 25 November 2011, in Malabo 	
20th.	<p>EX.CL/Dec.661(XIX) on the Report of the Ministerial Panel for the Election of Members of the Commission</p>	<p>1. ADOPTS the Modalities for the Election of Members of the Commission;</p> <p>2. URGES all Member States to adhere to the timeframe for the elections process set out in the Modalities for the Election of Members of the Commission;</p> <p>3. AUTHORIZES the necessary expenditure for the work of the Ministerial Panel and the related activities to be funded from virement or arrears of contributions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By 15 September 2011 candidatures were received for the positions of Members of the Commission; • Candidatures received for posts of Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Commissioners, were circulated to Member States; • Meeting of Team of Consultants to assist the Ministerial Panel on election of members of the Commission convened from 14 to 18 November 2011 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; • The Meeting of the Ministerial Panel on Elections of Members of the Commission was convened on 23 November 2011 in Malabo., Equatorial Guinea to carry out the shortlisting exercise. • The Budget for this activity was finalized and adopted by the Permanent Representatives' of the Members of the Ministerial Panel and adopted by the Sub-Committee in November 2011. 	OLC
21st.	<p>EX.CL/Dec.664(XIX) on African</p>	<p>1. To support various candidatures endorsed by the Executive Council;</p>		DPA

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	Candidatures for Posts within the International System			
22nd.	EX.CL/Dec.665(XIX) on the candidature of Algeria to the Chairmanship of the 77 and China Group	1. REQUESTS the African Group in New York to take the necessary steps to notify the present decision to the Chairman of the Group of the 77 and China well ahead of the thirty-fifth annual ministerial meeting of the Group.		DPA
23rd.	EX.CL/Dec.666(XIX) on the Activity Report of the African Commission on Human and People's Rights	1. DECIDES to defer consideration of the Activity Report of the ACHPR to its next Ordinary Session scheduled to hold in January 2012.		ACHPR
24th.	EX.CL/Dec.667(XIX) on the Report of the Pan-African Parliament	1. RECALLS its previous Decisions relating to structural and financial matters and REQUESTS the Permanent Representatives' Committee through its Sub-Committee on Structural Reforms and its Advisory Sub-Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters to study the PAP proposals and submit appropriate recommendations to the next ordinary session of the Executive Council in January 2012; 2. REQUESTS PAP to report on its activities to the Executive Council in June/July 2012.		PAP
24th	Executive Council Decision on the Report of Member States' Experts Consultation on the theme of the 16 th Summit "Towards Greater Unity and Integration through Shared Values	Launch of the African Governance Platform Undertake Periodic Reviews and coordinate the monitoring of compliance to AU Instruments on shared Values Ensure greater synergies and coherence between the African Governance Architecture and the Peace and Security Architecture Implement 2012 as the year of shared values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Platform will formerly be launched in December 2011. It is anticipated that the platform will adopt its work plan for 2012. • The Commission has initiated a reflection process to develop a framework to undertake periodic review of Member states' compliance to AU instruments on shared values. It is anticipated that by the end of the 	DPA

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			<p>year, a draft framework will be developed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The DPA convened a retreat between the PSC and AU organs with a formal mandate in democracy, governance and human rights to reflect on how these organs can support the PSC to deliver on its mandate as embodied in article 3f and 7m of the PSC protocol. • The DPA in consultation with other departments, RECs, AU Organs, CSOs and partners, have developed a work plan for commencing implementation of activities of the year of shared values in January 2012. 	

B. Decisions of the Assembly**IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS OF THE 17TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY****MALABO, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, 30 JUNE – 1 JULY 2011**

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25th.	Assembly/AU/Dec. 337 (XVI) on the African Charter on the Values and Principles of Public Service and Administration	<p>1. CALLS ON all Member States to take the necessary measures, as soon as possible, to sign and ratify the African Charter on the Values and Principles of Public Service and Administration.</p> <p>2. REQUESTS the Commission to take the necessary measures to disseminate and popularize the Charter among the people of Africa as well as assist Member States in its domestication and implementation.</p> <p>3. ALSO REQUESTS the Commission to report regularly on the implementation of this Decision to the Assembly, through the Executive Council.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-going implementation. Fourteen Member States (Burundi, Congo, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic, Senegal, Togo, Zambia and Mauritius) have already signed the Charter. Two countries (Kenya and Namibia) have ratified while two other countries (Mauritius and Republic of Congo) are in the process of finalizing the ratification. • On-going implementation. From March to December 2011, the Commission organized three popularization meetings (Libreville, Gabon: 18-20 March; Balaclava, Mauritius: 15-16 September; Brazzaville, Congo: 5-7 December). The Commission organized the signing ceremony of the Charter for Member States in May in Nairobi, Kenya; in July in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea and in September in Balaclava, Mauritius. It printed and distributed a considerable number of 	DPA

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26th.	Assembly/AU/Dec.36 3(XVII) On The Theme: “Accelerating Youth Empowerment For Sustainable Development” Doc. Assembly/AU/2(XVII)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the Commission in collaboration with its partners should elaborate a Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) framework, addressing specifically the domains of Agriculture and ICT, while accelerating the implementation of the Youth Decade Plan of Action; 2. the Commission to lead the organization of a Side event on “Accelerating youth empowerment for Sustainable Development” under the leadership of the Chairperson of the AU, during the United Nations High-Level Meeting on Youth in July 2011 at the UN Headquarters whose theme is <i>“Cooperation towards Financing Youth Development and Empowerment in Africa”</i>; 3. the Commission to organize on the margins of every June/July Summit a training programme for the Youth Volunteers; 4. all trained Young Volunteers should be deployed as soon as possible after their training including placement in the AU organs and the Regional Economic Communities as part of capacity building for young professionals 5. the Commission to report yearly on the <i>implementation</i> status of the youth development programmes, at all levels, with contribution from all Member States, Regional Economic Communities, the Pan African Youth Union and its organs; 6. the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) to incorporate the monitoring of the implementation of the African Youth Charter and the plan of Action of the Youth Decade 	copies of the Charter.	HRST

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		with specific focus on youth social, political and economic development within Member States as also a basis for evaluation;		
		<p>7. Member States to develop and implement strategies and mechanisms for strengthening Public Private Partnership (PPP) in stimulating domestic resources for implementing Youth Programs, especially targeting employment creation;</p> <p>8. All partners and stakeholders to align all youth-related development programs with the Youth Decade Plan of Action (2009-2018).</p>		
27th.	Assembly/AU/Dec.36 4(XVII) on Alternative Sources of Financing the African Union - Doc. EX.CL/656(XIX)	<p>1. REQUESTS the Commission to actively pursue the effective implementation of the various decisions of the Assembly on alternative sources of financing the AU;</p> <p>2. REQUESTS the Commission to expedite the process of setting up the Panel and take all necessary measures to facilitate its work;</p> <p>3. REQUESTS the Panel to undertake the consultations in a timely manner and report to the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly through the Executive Council, in January 2012;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The panel has been set up and an inaugural meeting held to review the financing options • Consultations will commence in October 2011 and an interim report submitted to the Assembly in January 2012 • Final report will be submitted to the Assembly in June/July 2012 	DEA
28th.	Assembly/AU/Dec.36 5(XVII) on the Specialized Technical Committees-Doc. EX.CL/666(XIX)	<p>1. DECIDES that each STC should meet at the level of ministers and experts once every two years, except the STC on Finance, Monetary Affairs, Economic Planning and Integration, the STC on Gender and Women Empowerment and the STC on Defense and Security which shall meet once a year in ordinary session and an extra Ordinary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The exercise to determine the financial implications of meetings of each STC will be finalized in 2012, since decision Assembly/AU/Dec.365(XVII) was taken in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, to the effect that the STCs would be operationalized from 2013. 	OLC

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		<p>Session if need be;</p> <p>2. REQUESTS the Commission in collaboration with the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC) through its Sub-Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters to determine the financial implications of meetings of each STC;</p>		
		<p>3. DECIDES that the Coordinating Mechanism of the STCs shall be made up of the Bureaus of the various STCs in order to ensure that the STCs take a global view of the policies, programmes and activities of the Union and AUTHORISES that it meets once every year and that the Chairpersons of the various STCs attend the sessions of the Executive Council;</p> <p>4. ALSO DECIDES that the Commission will be responsible for convening and servicing all the meetings of the STCs in order to ensure synergy with other Organs and institutions and ultimately with the Executive Council;</p> <p>5. REQUESTS the Commission to operationalize the STCs from January 2013 and that thereafter the Sectoral Ministerial Conferences be abolished.</p>		
29th.	<p>Assembly/AU/Dec.36 6 (XVII) on the implementation of the Assembly Decisions on the International Criminal Court - Doc. EX.CL/670(XIX)</p>	<p>1. STRESSES the need to pursue all efforts and explore ways and means of ensuring that the request by the African Union (AU) to the United Nations (UN) Security Council to defer the proceedings initiated against President Bashir of The Sudan, in accordance with Article 16 of the Rome Statute of ICC on deferral of cases by the UN Security Council, be acted upon,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No action required from the Commission. • Constraint- Members of the UN Security Council did not agree to consider the request for a deferral of proceedings against President Bashir of the Sudan; • To continue dialogue with the 	<p>OLC</p>

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		<p>and in this regard, REITERATES its request to the UN Security Council; and REQUESTS the African members of the UN Security Council to place the matter on its agenda of the Council;</p>	<p>Members of the UNSC with more commitment from African Members of UNSC to overcome that constraint;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time frame- one year. 	
		<p>2. ALSO STRESSES the need to pursue all efforts in ensuring that the request by the African Union (AU) to the UN Security Council to defer the investigations and prosecutions in relation to the 2008 post-election violence in Kenya under Article 16 of the Rome Statute to allow for a National Mechanism to investigate and prosecute the cases under a reformed Judiciary provided for in the new constitutional dispensation, in line with the principle of complementarity be accepted by the UN Security Council;</p> <p>3. EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN at the manner in which the International Criminal Court (ICC) Prosecutor handles the situation in Libya which was referred to the ICC by the Security Council through Resolution 1970 (2011). The Assembly NOTES that the warrant of arrest issued by the Pre-Trial Chamber concerning Colonel Qadhafi, seriously complicates the efforts aimed at finding a negotiated political solution to the crisis in Libya, which will also address, in a mutually-reinforcing way, issues</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No action required from the Commission; • To continue dialogue with the Members of the UNSC with more commitment of African Members of UNSC; • Time frame- one year 	

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		<p>relating to impunity and reconciliation. In this regard, the Assembly DECIDES that AU Member States shall not cooperate in the execution of the arrest warrant, and REQUESTS the United Nations Security Council to activate the provisions of Article 16 of the Rome Statute with a view to deferring the ICC process on Libya, in the interest of Justice as well as peace in the country;</p> <p>4. REQUESTS the Group of African States Parties in New York and in the Hague to closely follow-up on the implementation of the Assembly's Decisions on ICC;</p>		
		<p>5. ALSO REQUESTS the Commission in collaboration with the Permanent Representatives' Committee to reflect on how best Africa's interests can be fully defended and protected in the international judicial system and to actively pursue the implementation of the Assembly's Decisions on the African Court of Justice and Human and Peoples' Rights being empowered to try serious international crimes committed on African soil;</p> <p>6. REQUESTS the Commission to follow-up on this matter and to report regularly on the implementation of the various Assembly decisions on ICC.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Seminar on the technical aspects of the Rome Statute and the practice of the ICC took place in Addis Ababa from 18 to 19 July 2011 in order to build the capacity of the Representatives of AU Member States. • The Commission prepared the Draft amendments to the Protocol and the Statute of the Court which were submitted to the Government Experts for consideration. The Experts considered and adopted the Draft Protocol and Statutes. • The African Union was represented at the 10th Session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute held in New York from 12 to 21 December 2011 	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constraints <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Observer status of the African Union to the Conference of the Assembly of State Parties(ASP); ii. African States Parties do not speak with one voice; • To overcome this constraint, the Group of African States Parties should speak with one voice by supporting the Decisions adopted by Assembly of the Union on the International Criminal Court. <p>A Progress Report has been prepared and will be submitted to the AU Policy Organs in January 2012</p>	
30th.	<p>Assembly/AU/Dec. 367(XVII) on the Report of the Implementation of the Roadmap and Global African Diaspora Process - Doc. EX.CL/686(XIX)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. REQUESTS that the Commission and the Republic of South Africa continue their collaboration to ensure the successful planning and conduct of the Diaspora Summit; 2. FURTHER REQUESTS that such efforts should include the continuation of regional Consultative Conferences, the revitalization of Diaspora Regional Networks in the various regions of the world where the African Diaspora population lives and feasibility studies on bankable projects; 3. DECIDES that the outcomes of the Technical Committee Meeting on the Diaspora be submitted for consideration to a Diaspora Ministerial Conference to be held on the side-lines of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, USA in September 2011 in preparation for the Global Diaspora Summit; 		CIDO & South Africa

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		4. REAFFIRMS the Decision that the Diaspora issue remains a standing agenda for Summit meetings and DECIDES to convene the Global Diaspora Summit in 25 May 2012;		
		5. CALLS UPON Member States, AU Partners and the Diaspora communities worldwide to support this agenda and facilitate the implementation of the Roadmap and the Global Diaspora Summit.		
31st.	Assembly/AU/Dec. 368(XVII) on the theme, date and venue of the Eighteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union	<p>1. ENDORSES the recommendation of the Executive Council regarding the necessity to have henceforth one theme per year and CONFIRMS that the above-mentioned theme will be for the whole year of 2012 including for the celebrations of Africa Day on 25 May 2012;</p> <p>2. DECIDES that the dates of the Eighteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly which will hold in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, shall be the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Twenty-third Ordinary Session of the Permanent Representatives Committee: 23 and 24 January 2012; ii) Twentieth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council: 26 and 27 January 2012; iii) Eighteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly: 29 and 30 January 2012. 		OSGC & concerned Departments
2nd.	Assembly/AU/Dec. 369(XVII) on the report of the Peace and Security Council on its activities and the state of peace and security in Africa - Doc. Assembly/AU/4(XVII)	<p>Follow up of the various conflict and crises situations on the Continent</p> <p>1.1. SADC and the AU to continue to work together to find a consensual and sustainable solution to the crisis in Madagascar, and to mobilize the support of the international community, including through the early holding of a meeting of the International Contact Group on Madagascar (ICG-M)</p>	<p>Convening of a meeting of the Peace and Security (PSC) of the AU on Madagascar, on 6 and 12 July 2011.</p> <p>Letter dated 11 November 2011 from the Chairperson of the Commission to the Executive Secretary of SADC, to commend SADC on its efforts and reiterate AU's commitment to enhance</p>	P&S

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		<p>1.2. Called upon the Comorian stakeholders to persevere in their efforts to consolidate the gains made after the completion of the implementation of the 16 June 2010 Agreement on the management of the interim period in the Comoros.</p> <p>Reaffirmed that Mayotte belongs to the Union of the Comoros.</p>	<p>collaboration with SADC towards ending the crisis in Madagascar.</p> <p>Communiqués of the Chairperson of the Commission urging the Malagasy parties to speed up the implementation of the Roadmap and continued interaction with the Malagasy parties.</p> <p>Meeting of the PSC, on 8 December 2011, to review the situation following the signing of the Roadmap, the appointment of the Prime Minister, the formation of the Government and the establishment of the Transition Congress and the High Council of Transition.</p> <p>6th meeting of the ICG-M in Addis Ababa on 8 December 2011, to mobilize international support for the transition in Madagascar.</p> <p>The AU, in particular through its Liaison Office, continues to support the Comorian stakeholders in their efforts to consolidate the progress registered in the national reconciliation process.</p> <p>Comoros requested, on 5th November 2011, the urgent reactivation of the “Committee of the 7” on Mayotte issue.</p> <p>The PSC continued to be actively</p>	

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		<p>1.3. Called on the UN Security Council to authorize the deployment of a UN peace keeping operation in Somalia and, in the meantime, to provide a more adequate support to AMISOM</p> <p>1.4. The Commission to closely follow the situation regarding the Djibouti and Eritrea border dispute,</p>	<p>seized with the situation in Somalia, with several meetings held during the period under review.</p> <p>Tremendous progress achieved, as demonstrated by the forced withdrawal of Al-Shabaab from Mogadishu and the Joint KDF/TFG forces in South Central Somalia.</p> <p>Continued calls being made for the provision of adequate support to AMISOM and the deployment, in due course, of a UNPKO.</p> <p>Continued strengthening of AMISOM with the deployment of additional troops from current TCCs, as well as from Djibouti, and plans to rehat the Kenyan troops operating jointly with the TFG forces in South Central Somalia</p> <p>Political progress with the adoption, in Mogadishu, in early September 2011, of a Roadmap for the implementation of the Kampala Agreement of June 2011,.</p> <p>Continued consultations between the AU and the UN, as well as between the AU and other partners, to enhance the</p>	

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		<p>and make every effort to facilitate progress in the scrupulous implementation of the 6 June 2010 Agreement concluded under the auspices of Qatar.</p> <p>1.5. The Commission to pursue its efforts, including holding consultations with all stakeholders, to develop a regional approach to the challenges of peace, security and stability in the Horn of Africa, with a view to facilitating the early convening of the envisaged regional conference on peace, security, stability and development in the Horn of Africa</p> <p>1.6. The AU High-Level Implementation Panel</p>	<p>support package to AMISOM. Efforts underway to finalize a strategic concept, to be endorsed by the PSC, that would form the basis for a new request to the UN Security Council for the enhancement of the support package to AMISOM Joint AU.</p> <p>Letter to the Chairperson from the Djiboutian Foreign Minister regarding the issue of Djiboutian prisoners in Eritrea, on 4 October 2011.</p> <p>Letter dated 15 November 2011 from the Chairperson of the Commission to the Foreign Minister of Djibouti, assuring him of AU's commitment to assist in whatever way possible in handling this issue.</p> <p>Letter dated 15 November 2011 to the Foreign Minister of Eritrea bringing to his attention the issue of the Djiboutian prisoners and AU's readiness to assist.</p> <p>Response dated 29 November 2011 from the Eritrean Foreign Minister to the Chairperson, stating that whatever complaint or problem is raised by any of the parties should be directed to the Emir of Qatar and that no parallel mediation should be created.</p>	

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		<p>(AUHIP) to continue to support the Sudanese parties to complete the implementation of the CPA and finalize the post-referendum negotiations in the spirit of creating two viable States, mutually supportive and at peace with one another.</p> <p>1.7. Welcomed the adoption of resolution 1990 (2011) authorizing the deployment of a United Nations interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA)</p> <p>1.8. Endorsed the Framework Agreement on Political Partnership and Political and Security Arrangements in Blue Nile and Southern Kordofan, signed on 28 June 2011 by the GoS and the SPLM (North), and called upon them to immediately cease</p>	<p>Continued consultations on how best to proceed</p> <p>The AUHIP convened a number of rounds of negotiation between the Governments of Sudan and South Sudan, to assist in reaching agreement on outstanding CPA issues and post-secession arrangements. Some progress has been made, but a number of issues are still outstanding.</p> <p>The AUHIP mandate was renewed for one year, and it is continuing to engage the Parties, and to also ensure that international efforts are deployed in support of the Sudanese parties.</p> <p>AUHIP, supported by AUBP and international partners, is assisting the Parties to reach agreement on an administrative border line to facilitate deployment of UNISFA along the border. AUHIP is also working to persuade the Parties to redeploy from Abyei.</p> <p>The AU continued to work with the Parties to address larger issues of democratization and governance in</p>	

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		<p>hostilities.</p> <p>1.9. The Commission to vigorously pursue the implementation of the conclusions of the technical workshop on Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development (PCRD), held in Addis Ababa from 2 - 3 June 2011, including the holding of an African Solidarity Conference</p> <p>1.10 Requested the Commission and the Panel of the Wise to support the electoral processes in DRC and Liberia and make contributions towards their success, including in the context of the follow-up on the recommendations of the Panel on election-related conflict and violence, as endorsed by the 13th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union held in Sirte, in July 2009.</p> <p>1.11 On the relations between CAR, Sudan and Chad, the Commission to work towards effective implementation of the regional approach and to discuss with the three countries the modalities of support to cross-border cooperation initiatives.</p>	<p>conditions of diversity.</p> <p>UNISFA has partly deployed in Abyei, but has not yet deployed the border monitoring support mission.</p> <p>The Framework Agreement has not been implemented and fighting has increased since its initial signing.</p> <p>Technical team of experts was deployed from August to October 2011 to ascertain priorities with countries concerned.</p> <p>Project document being prepared in view of the envisaged African Solidarity Conference in First Quarter of 2012.</p> <p>The Panel of the Wise undertook an information mission to the DRC on 6-8 October 2011, with high level representatives of relevant RECs.</p> <p>The Chairperson of the Commission, accompanied by Mrs. Brigalia Bam, on behalf of the Panel of the Wise, undertook a follow up visit to that country one month later, from 6 to 8 November 2011.</p>	

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		<p>1.12. In relation to the LRA activities, the PSC was requested to swiftly authorize the proposed operation in all its components, including the Regional Task Force (RIF), the Joint Operations Centre (JOC) and the Joint Coordination Mechanism (JCM)</p>	<p>The PSC was briefed on the outcome of both missions and issues a communiqué appealing to the Congolese stakeholders to work towards successful polls.</p> <p>The Commission, through the Liaison offices in CAR, Sudan and Chad, has conducted informal consultations with the competent authorities of the concerned countries, and all believe that the idea to have a regional approach should be encouraged.</p> <p>As far as cross-border cooperation is concerned, the AU is planning to organize early 2012, a meeting with experts from the three countries as well as Representatives from the concerned RECs/RMs.</p> <p>The Chairperson of the Commission submitted a report to the PSC meeting of 22 November 2011, which authorized the implementation of the Regional Cooperation Initiative on the LRA.</p> <p>Appointment of Ambassador Francisco Madeira, Director of the Algiers- based African Centre for the Study and Research on Terrorism, as the interim AU Special Envoy for LRA.</p> <p>Mobilization of resources for the launching of the Initiative, in particular from the European Union under the</p>	

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		<p>1.13 Requested the Commission, in consultation with ECOWAS and other partners, to accelerate the implementation of the measures envisaged under the relevant decisions of the PSC to support the process underway in Côte d'Ivoire, including support for the Dialogue, Truth and Reconciliation Commission, reform of the security sector, the implementation of pending aspects of the Ouagadougou Political Agreement and socio-economic recovery, through the dispatch of an assessment mission and the holding of an African Solidarity Conference.</p> <p>1.14 Urged the international partners to continue</p>	<p>African Peace Facility.</p> <p>Participation in the two Security Council meetings on the issue of the LRA, in July and November 2011.</p> <p>Participation in the ICGLR meeting in Kigali, in September 2011, which, among others, discussed the LRA issue.</p> <p>Interaction with bilateral partners.</p> <p>Implementation process of the RCI-LRA currently under way.</p> <p>Mission du Conseil de paix et de sécurité (CPS), du 25 au 30 juillet.</p> <p>Participation du Bureau de Liaison et de 2 experts de l'UA au pré-séminaire RSS/DDR de Grand-Bassam, du 21 au 23 septembre 2011.</p> <p>Mission d'évaluation de la situation humanitaire, sur le terrain, par le COREP, du 31 octobre au 6 novembre, avec don de 100 000 dollars au HCR au titre de l'assistance aux déplacées internes.</p> <p>Mission d'évaluation post-conflit, par les experts multisectoriels de l'UA, du 5 u 12 novembre.</p>	

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		<p>their support to Guinea Bissau, in particular through the holding, as soon as possible, of the Round Table of Donors.</p> <p>1.15 The Commission to continue to support the on-going efforts in Tunisia</p> <p>1.16 The Commission to spare no efforts in supporting and accompanying the transition in Egypt, building notably on the outcome of the visits undertaken by the Chairperson and the Panel of the Wise to Egypt,</p> <p>1.17 Welcomed the significant progress made in the implementation of the AUBP, including the successful celebration of the First <i>African Border Day</i>, as well as support to field efforts on the delimitation/demarcation of boundaries, promotion of</p>	<p>Dons par l'UA, de 100 000 dollars à la CEI, contribution au scrutin législatif du 11 décembre.</p> <p>Participation du Bureau de Liaison au séminaire d'imprégnation des enjeux de la justice transitionnelle, par la Commission dialogue, vérité et réconciliation, du 16 au 18 novembre.</p> <p>AU Liaison Office in contact with the authorities to see how best to support</p> <p>Observation of the 23 October 2011 Constituent Assembly elections.</p> <p>Visit of Chairperson of the Commission to Tunisia from 11 to 14 November 2011.</p> <p>Continued monitoring of the situation in Egypt</p> <p>Meeting of the PSC on 22 November 2011 to review the situation in Egypt, on the basis of the update provided by the Commission and the Permanent Representative of Egypt.</p>	

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		<p>cross-border cooperation and building capacities of Member States.</p> <p>Decided, in view of the many challenges yet to be overcome and on basis of the recommendation made by the Commission, to extend the initial deadline of 2012 to 2017, for the completion of the delimitation/demarcation of all African borders, where such an exercise has not yet been completed.</p> <p>1.18 On the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism, the Commission to disseminate promptly and as widely as possible to all stakeholders the Model Law. The Commission was also requested to avail the expertise required to Member States that need technical assistance.</p>	<p>Support to Member States for land and maritime boundaries delimitation and demarcation.</p> <p>Support to the AUHIP in the negotiation of a border agreement between the Republics of Sudan and South Sudan.</p> <p>Support for cross-border cooperation initiatives.</p> <p>Design of Border Management strategy.</p> <p>Development of training curriculum to enhance border management.</p> <p>Development of Boundary Commission models.</p> <p>Generation of best practices in boundary delimitation/ demarcation</p> <p>Establishment of a Boundary Information System (BIS), which will also serve as a depository of information on all African borders.</p> <p>Member States informed of the new deadline.</p> <p>Member States reminded to submit critical information needed to determine resources needed to demarcate all African boundaries</p>	

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		<p>1.19 On the 2004 Protocol on the prevention and Combating of Terrorism, called on all Member States to expeditiously become parties to the Protocol and fully implementing the provisions contained therein.</p> <p>1.20 On the African Nuclear Weapon Free Zone Treaty (Treaty of Pelindaba) called on all Member States who have not done so yet, to take the required steps to become parties to the Treaty and its Protocols without further delay.</p> <p>1.21 With respect to the draft AU Strategy on Small Arms and Light Weapons, Ammunitions, Explosives and related Materials, the Assembly looked forward to the meeting of Member States planned for the third quarter of 2011. The Commission is also requested to facilitate the elaboration of an African Common Position on the Arms Trade Treaty, including the convening of a meeting of Member States experts, ahead of the UN-sponsored Conference on the issue, to be held in New York, in July 2012.</p>	<p>within the new deadline.</p> <p>The Commission disseminated the Model Law to all Member States and informed them that technical support will be provided for the incorporation and implementation of the Model Law.</p> <p>The Commission will further proceed with putting in place a team of legal experts to provide technical assistance to interested Member States</p> <p>The Commission continued to popularize and encourage ratification of the Protocol.</p> <p>In collaboration with the Office of the Legal Counsel, the Protocol featured in a workshop on the ratification and domestication of AU instruments, held in South Africa in December 2011.</p> <p>Continued calls to Member States that have not yet done so to sign and adopt the Treaty.</p> <p>Recruitment process of the Executive Secretary for AFCONE underway.</p> <p>The Commission convened a meeting of AU Member States' Experts from 26 – 29 September 2011, in Lome, Togo,</p>	

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			<p>to consider the AU Draft Strategy on the Control of Illicit Proliferation, Circulation and Trafficking of Small Arms and Light Weapons, and to Elaborate an African Common Position on an Arms Trade Treaty (ATT).</p> <p>The meeting adopted the Draft African Union Strategy on the Control of Illicit Proliferation, Circulation and Trafficking of Small Arms and Light Weapons and also examined the Draft African Common Position on the proposed ATT. The documents will be submitted to the Executive Council.</p>	
33rd.	<p>Assembly/AU/Dec. 370 (XVII) on the Report of the Chairperson of the Committee of Ten on the UN Reforms-Doc. Assembly/AU/6(XVII)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. REAFFIRMS the Ezulwini Consensus and Sirte Declaration on the Reform of the UN Security Council containing the African common position; 2. REQUESTS the African Permanent Representatives of the Committee of Ten in participating in the on-going intergovernmental negotiations on the Security Council reform to work closely with other African Permanent Representatives to the United Nations and the African Permanent Representatives to the AU, and to continue to dialogue with and engage other Member states and interest groups in the reform process, with a view to building more alliances in support of the African common position; 		DPA & New York Office
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. ALSO REQUESTS the Committee of Ten Heads of State and Government to continue to intensify its efforts in advocating, canvassing and promoting the African common position as 		

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		<p>well as endeavouring to reach out at the highest political levels for the purpose of garnering more support for the African common position and of galvanising the required political will to keep the reform process moving forward;</p> <p>4. FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission to continue to facilitate the activities of the African Permanent Representatives of the Committee of Ten to the UN in the intergovernmental negotiations on UN Security Council reform and related consultations thereon;</p> <p>5. CALLS ON the Committee of Ten to remain seized of this matter until Africa achieves its objectives on the reform of the UN Security Council, and to report to the Assembly on progress made at the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly in January 2012 and on any further guidance deemed necessary in furtherance of its mandate.</p>		
34th.	Assembly/AU/Dec. 371(XVII) on the Hissene Habre Case - Doc. Assembly/AU/8 (XVII)	<p>1. CALLS ON other Member States, Parties to the United Nations Convention against Torture willing to try Hissene Habre to notify the Commission of their willingness to do so and to take necessary measures to put Hissene Habre on trial;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No action required from the Commission. • In implementing the Assembly Decision, the Commission approached the Government of the Republic of Rwanda in July 2011 because of its wide experience in undertaking trials for international crimes; • Subsequently, the Government of the Republic of Rwanda informed the Commission vide a letter dated on 27 July 2011 that Rwanda is willing to handle the trial of Mr. Hissene Habre. Discussions on the modalities of the organization of the trial in Rwanda 	OLC

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		<p>2. REQUESTS the Commission to closely monitor the implementation of this Decision and to report to the next ordinary session of the Assembly in January/February 2012.</p>	<p>have not yet started.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A progress Report was prepared for consideration by the current session of the Assembly; 	
35th.	<p>Assembly/AU/Dec. 372 (XVII) on the transformation of the African Union Commission into the African Union Authority - Doc. Assembly/AU/9(XVII)</p>	<p>1. DECIDES to defer consideration of this item to the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly in January 2012.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No action required from the Commission. • A report summarizing the whole process of the Transformation of the AU Commission into AU Authority will be submitted to the Assembly through the Executive Council to allow for the Assembly to assess the process and make appropriate decisions. 	OLC
36th.	<p>Assembly/AU/Dec. 373 (XVII) on the allocation of the Pan African University Institute on Water and Energy Science, including Climate Change</p>	<p>1. DECIDES, based on the agreement between the North African region countries, to allocate the Pan African University Institute on Water and Energy Science, including climate change, to Algeria;</p> <p>2. REQUESTS the Commission to take, in collaboration with the Algerian Government, all the necessary measures to ensure the establishment of this institute.</p>		HRST
37th.	<p>Assembly/AU/Dec. 374 (XVII) on the budget of the African Union for the 2012 Financial Year - Doc. EX.CL/657(XIX)</p>	<p>1. DELEGATES its power to adopt the 2012 budget to the Executive Council;</p> <p>2. AUTHORIZES the Executive Council to convene an extraordinary session in September 2011 to consider and adopt the said budget.</p>		PBFA

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38th.	Assembly/AU/Dec. 375(XVII) on Africa's preparation for COP17/CMP7, Durban, Republic of South Africa, November-December 2011-Doc. Assembly/AU/7(XVII)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. URGES CAHOSCC to convene a meeting to consider and take forward the Updated African Common Position on Climate Change to COP17/CMP7, which the African Ministerial Conference on Environment (AMCEN) will have considered and endorsed at its Extra-Ordinary Session to be held in September 2011. 2. URGES all the Member States to attend and participate in COP17/CMP7 in large numbers and, individually and collectively, provide support to the Presidency of South Africa in order to ensure the success of the Conference. 3. CALLS ON African negotiators to concentrate on completing the negotiations on climate finance in Durban and in that regard build on work of the Transitional Committee and other experts to ensure adequate resources flows to address Africa's Climate Change challenge. 4. CALLS ON the African Development Bank to complete the design of the African Green Fund ahead of Durban and to engage in consultation with African countries to ensure adequate voice for Arica in the governance of the Fund. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CAHOSCC session was convened on 16th November 2011 at the AUC headquarters under the Chairmanship of H.E. Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the Coordinator of CAHOSCC. 2. The AUC sensitized Member States during the AMCEN Extraordinary meeting in Bamako, and also during the Rio+20 preparatory meeting in Addis Ababa held in October 2011. AUC also sensitized Member States during the 1st Conference on Climate Change and Development held in Addis Ababa in October 2011. The sensitization also continued when the African Union Permanent representative Office in Brussels held a retreat of African Ambassadors in Europe. 3. The Bureau of the African Negotiators, supported by the African Union, deliberated on climate finance in Durban, and this proceeded at the AMCEN Extraordinary Session in Bamako in September 2011. 	DREA
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. ENCOURAGES the African Development Bank to coordinate its design of the Africa Green 		

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		<p>Climate Fund in consultation with Member States and obtaining insights from the Africa Group representatives to the Transitional Committee designing the Green Climate Fund.</p> <p>6. REQUESTS the African Development Bank to accordingly present a report reflecting modalities and progress in the design of the African Green Climate Fund to the next meeting of African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN);</p> <p>7. FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission to report to the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly in January 2012.</p>	<p>1. Report has been submitted.</p>	
39th.	<p>Assembly/AU/Dec. 376 (XVII) on the implementation of the Great Green Wall Program - Doc. EX. CL/656 (XIX)</p>	<p>1. CALLS ON the Commission to play its coordinating role in mobilizing resources for the GGW and provide the necessary support to the Executing Agency of the GGW;</p> <p>2. FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission and the Agency to monitor, evaluate the project and report regularly.</p>	<p>1. The Commission in partnership with the EU has launched the AU/EU project for the implementation of the Great Green Wall in September 2011</p> <p>2. Enhanced collaboration with the Executing Agency of the Great Green Wall through the implementation of the FAO Technical Cooperation project and the AU/EU project. Joint launching of the Technical Steering Committee and Expert Group in September 2011</p> <p>1. A joint report on the implementation of the Great Green Wall will be submitted to January 2011 Summit;</p> <p>2. The Commission participated at the</p>	DREA

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			Experts and Ministerial meetings organized by the Agency in Khartoum in November 2011.	
40th.	Assembly/AU/Dec. 379 (XVII) on the African union decision-making process, lack of implementation of decisions, and the need to uphold and respect the integrity of Assembly Decisions by all Member States - Doc. Assembly/AU/12 (XVII) Add.1	1. DECIDES to defer consideration of the item proposed by Namibia to its next ordinary session in January 2012.		OSGC
41st.	Assembly/AU/Dec. 380(XVII) on the conclusions of the International Symposium on the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Independence of African countries - Doc. Assembly/AU/12 (XVII) Add.2	1. RECOGNIZES the crucial importance of the cooperation agreements established between Member States of the African Union and other regions of the world with a view to strategic partnership. 2. ADOPTS the proposal of Benin and REQUESTS the Commission in collaboration with the Permanent Representatives' Committee to take all necessary measures to implement this Decision.		DPA
2nd.	Assembly/AU/Dec. 381(XVII) on Africa's	1. REQUESTS Member States, the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the African	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AMCEN's Extraordinary Session was 	DREA, HRST & other concerned

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	<p>Preparations for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20); Common Positions and Strategies in the face of the Challenge of Green Economy and International Governance of the Environment - Doc. Assembly/AU/12 (XVII) Add.3</p>	<p>Development Bank (AfDB), Regional Economic Communities (RECs), the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN), and other Technical Specialized Organs of the AU, to put in place financial and institutional measures necessary at national, sub-regional and regional levels for the implementation of this decision; and in this regard warmly WELCOMES the initiative of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and partners for the organisation of the future conference on Africa's preparations for Rio + 20, to hold in October 2011;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPROVES the proposal that Africa be represented by a spokesperson for the purpose of negotiating with one single voice at the international preparatory meetings for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio + 20), and MANDATES the Republic of Congo to coordinate at the political level, in consultation with Member States, Africa's preparation for Rio + 20, in close collaboration with the ECA and AMCEN; 	<p>organized in September 2011 in collaboration with ECA, UNEP and the Government of the Republic of Mali to prepare the ground for Africa's effective participation in the Rio+20 conference.</p>	<p>Departments</p>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REQUESTS the African Union Commission to take all necessary measures to implement this decision and the President of the Republic of the Congo, H.E. Denis SASSOU NGUESSO, to report to his peers, during the next session of the Assembly of the African Union in January 2012 on the common African Position and strategies arrived at for Rio +20, for its adoption. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commission, in collaboration with the Economic Commission for Africa and the United Nations Environment Programme organized the Rio+20 preparatory meetings from 21 to 25 October 2011. The preparatory meetings included that of the experts and ministers. The Ministerial meeting endorsed the 	

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			African Consensus Statement for the Rio+20 conference taking place in Brazil in June 2012. Full report is submitted for consideration by the Assembly.	
43rd.	Assembly/AU/Dec. 382(XVII) on the Jacques Diouf Prize on Food Security - Doc. Assembly/AU/12 (XVII) Add.4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DECIDES to award every two (2) years, the “Jacques DIOUF Prize” to a Member State or institution that has made an outstanding contribution towards achieving food security, in particular, through the improvement of small-scale farming and elimination of post-harvest losses in rural communities, agriculture innovation and environmental sustainability; 2. INVITES Member States and all partners to support the proposed “Jacques Diouf Prize” through voluntary contributions and to ensure its financial and environmental sustainability; 3. REQUESTS the Commission to prepare and submit to the next ordinary session of the Executive Council in January 2012 draft modalities for the process of selecting recipient Member States or institutions including resources mobilization. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of the draft modalities have been completed and the report will be submitted to the Executive Council. 	DREA
44th.	Assembly/AU/Dec. 383 (XVII) ON THE SUPPORT OF A DRAFT RESOLUTION AT THE 66TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO BAN FEMALE GENITAL	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CALLS UPON the United Nations General Assembly (UN) to adopt a resolution at its Sixty-sixth session to ban female genital mutilation worldwide, by harmonizing the actions of Member States and providing recommendations and guidelines for the development and strengthening of regional and international legal instruments and national legislations; 		WGDD & DSA

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	MUTILATION IN THE WORLD – Doc. Assembly/AU/12 (XVII) Add. 5.	<p>2. URGES all Member States of the African Union to provide strong support for efforts to adopt a draft resolution to ban female genital mutilation worldwide, which draft will be submitted to the Sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations;</p> <p>3. REQUESTS the Commission to proceed with the implementation of this Decision and to report to the 18th Ordinary Session of the Assembly in 2012.</p>	<p>The DSA convened the Pan-African Conference on Celebrating Courage and Overcoming Harmful Traditional Practices, from 5-7 October 2011, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The outcome was a Framework of Action and Recommendations on Harmful Traditional Practices, to be implemented by Member States, Religious and Womens' Organisations and other stakeholders. Follow-up action will be undertaken in 2012, including considering the output of the Conference at the 3rd Pan- African Child Forum, and at the 3rd AU Conference of Ministers for Social Development.</p>	
45th.	Assembly/AU/Dec. 384(XVII) On The Project To Establish The African Centre Of Excellence In Information And Communication Technologies (CAETIC) In Tunis, Republic Of Tunisia - Doc. Assembly/AU/12 (XVII)Add.7	<p>1. REQUESTS the Commission, in collaboration with the Government of the Republic of Tunisia, to begin the necessary negotiations with the various partners of Africa in order to implement the project and submit a report thereon to the forthcoming session of the Assembly.</p>		HRST

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46th.	Assembly/AU/Dec. 385 (XVII) On The Situation In Libya	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ENDORSES the Proposals for a Framework Agreement on a Political Solution to the Crisis in Libya, as presented by the <i>ad hoc</i> Committee, within the context of the AU Roadmap and the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions; 2. REQUESTS the <i>ad hoc</i> Committee to submit these proposals to the Libyan parties, namely the Government of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Transitional National Council (TNC) of Libya, and to engage them on that basis, including through the early convening of negotiations under the auspices of the AU and the United Nations, with the support of the League of Arab States, the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the European Union; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The <i>ad hoc</i> Committee submitted the Proposals for a Framework Agreement on a Political Solution to the Crisis in Libya to the Libyan parties in Malabo, on the margins of the 17th Ordinary Session of the Assembly • Subsequently, the <i>ad hoc</i> Committee met with the then Libyan Government in Addis Ababa, on 19 July 2011, which forwarded its response on 10 August 2011. • On 9 August 2011, the <i>ad hoc</i> Committee met with a delegation of the TNC led by Dr. Mahmoud Jibril, Chair of the TNC Executive Committee and Head of Foreign Relations. The TNC delegation also met with the Deputy Chairperson of the Commission, and exchanged views on the AU's efforts. On 16 August 2011, the NTC communicated its response to the AU. • The <i>ad hoc</i> Committee convened in Addis Ababa on 25 and 26 August 2011, and in Pretoria on 14 September 2011. • PSC met on a number of occasions to review the situation in Libya: In Addis Ababa on 26 August, in New York, on 20 September and in Addis Ababa, on 20 October. 	PSD & DPA

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both the Chairperson and the Commissioner for Peace and Security also engaged with AU multilateral partners during this period, including the United Nations, the EU and the League of Arab States. Consultations with senior officials from bilateral partners. • At its 20 October 2011 meeting, the PSC decided to authorize the current authorities in Libya to occupy the seat of Libya in the AU and its organs. It also authorized the establishment of an AU Liaison Office in Tripoli. 	
		<p>3. URGES the Libyan parties to demonstrate the required political will, place the supreme interest of their country and people above any other considerations, and extend the necessary cooperation to the High-Level <i>ad hoc</i> Committee;</p> <p>4. FURTHER URGES AU international partners, in particular the United Nations Security Council and its members and relevant bilateral partners, to support the African initiative and the search for a political solution, as the best way of achieving the mutually-reinforcing objectives of peace, democracy, the rule of law and national reconciliation in Libya. The Assembly UNDERScores that the role of the AU is formally recognized by UN Security</p>		

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		<p>Council resolution 1973 (2011) and is fully consistent with the provisions of Chapter VIII of the UN Charter and the unique contribution that the <i>ad hoc</i> Committee can make for the resolution of the current crisis;</p> <p>5. REQUESTS the <i>ad hoc</i> Committee to report regularly to the PSC and to its 18th Ordinary Session on its efforts towards a political solution to the crisis in Libya.</p>		
47th.	<p>Assembly/AU/Dec. 386(XVII) On The Report Of Heads Of State And Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC) on NEPAD - Doc. Assembly/AU/5(XVII)</p>	<p>1. ENDORSES the conclusions of the Twenty-Fifth NEPAD Orientation Committee Meeting convened as a special session focusing on mobilizing domestic resources for NEPAD implementation in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the adoption of NEPAD in Lusaka, in 2001;</p> <p>2. REITERATES the urgent need for Member States to adequately fund NPCA and its programmes to ensure the delivery of its mandate given the current financing constraints and REQUESTS the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Structural Reforms to finalize consideration of the structure of NPCA and make appropriate recommendations to the Assembly, through the Executive Council in January 2012;</p>	<p>• The new structure of the NPCA was send to PRC Sub-Committee Structure members. But the Sub Committee will meet to consider the proposed structure before the January Summit.</p>	NPCA, BCP & DEA
		<p>3. ALSO ENDORSES the implementation of key NEPAD regional and continental programmes and projects as reflected in the Activity Report for the period January to June 2011 SPECIFICALLY NOTING the progress on African Science Technology and Innovation Indicators (ASTII); strategic engagement on rural futures; technical support to Regional</p>		

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		<p>Economic Communities (RECs) under the Partnership for African Fisheries (PAF); National Agriculture and Food Security Investment Plans (NAFSIPs) under CAADP; Orphan Crops initiative; support for African Mining Vision on natural resources management; NEPAD-OECD Africa Investment Initiative; institutional development support to RECs under the Capacity Development Strategic Framework (CDSF) and the launch of the second phase of NEPAD Spanish Fund for African women empowerment;</p> <p>4. STRESSES the need to transform existing political will on domestic development finance into concrete policy responses and actions. ACCORDINGLY REQUESTS the Commission and NPCA in conjunction with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and other partners to recommend appropriate mechanisms on domestic resource mobilization and present to the next HSGOC for consideration;</p> <p>5. REITERATES the need for Africa to present unified positions at global events:</p> <p>a) Seventeenth Conference of the Parties (COP 17) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) by the Government of the Republic of South Africa in December 2011 signifying Africa's key interests in the global discourse on climate change; and</p> <p>b) Joint coordination of the Continent's preparations for the Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Busan, Korea by the Commission and NPCA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work in progress • All Africa stakeholders are already prepare the Africa position paper on aid effectiveness for Busan. The regional consultation meeting to adopt the draft position paper was held in September 29, 2011 in Addis Ababa. A Ministerial meeting is plan to endorse this position paper 	

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		under the Africa Platform for Development Effectiveness (APDev) and in liaison with African stakeholders and regional institutions including African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF)		
48th.	Assembly/AU/Dec. 387 (XVII) On The Offer Of The Republic Of Equatorial Guinea To Host The 3rd Africa-South America Summit In Malabo	1. REQUESTS the Commission to take necessary measures, in collaboration with the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, to facilitate the success of the Summit		OSGC in consultation with BCP
49th.	Assembly/AU/Dec. 388(XVII) On The Use Of Spanish Within The African Union	1. REQUESTS the Commission to take all the necessary measures to operationalize the use of Spanish within the African Union as soon as possible.		DCMP in consultation with AHRM & Sub-Committee on Structure & Advisory Sub-Committee on Administrative, Budgetary & Financial Matters
50th.	Assembly/AU/Dec. 389(XVII) on the UNESCO-Obiang Nguema Mbasogo International Prize For Research In The Life Sciences	1. URGES UNESCO to implement the commitments already made in this respect as reflected in Decision 180 EX/57 of the Executive Board of this institution.		HRST
51st.	Assembly/AU/Dec.	1. DECIDES to fully support this commemorative	A delegation from the Commission of the	DPA

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	<p>390 (XVII) On The 10th Anniversary Of The World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia And Related Intolerances (WCAR) and the Durban Declaration and Plan Of Action (DDPA)</p>	<p>event, encourages Member States to participate at the highest possible political level and supports the adoption of a political Declaration aimed at mobilizing political will.</p>	<p>African Union participated along with the African Group in the High Level Segment of the UN General Assembly in New York on 22 September 2011 and commemorated the 10th Anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Plan of Action</p>	
2nd.	<p>Assembly/AU/Decl. 1(XVII) Declaration On Creating Employment For Accelerating Youth Development And Empowerment</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> REQUEST the Commission to work with the African Development Bank (AfDB), the RECs and international partners, on a comprehensive youth employment pact, with mechanisms that will ensure its implementability at national level through strong ownership by the key Line Ministries, Employers and Trade union organisations, women and youth organisations and the Private Sector, with clear Monitoring and Evaluation system REQUEST the Commission, in close collaboration with the AfDB, to advocate for effective implementation of the G20 commitments made on labour and social protection during the London and Pittsburgh Summits to the benefit of African countries; 	<p>The AUC and the AfDB are developing a Youth Employment Initiative, in collaboration with the ILO and the UN-ECA. The implementation of the Initiative is planned to start in the second semester of 2012, following the 2012 June Summit. This Initiative is in anticipation of the AU Youth Employment Compact which is under preparation for the June 2012 Summit.</p> <p>The AUC has developed a Paper on the G20 Commitments providing the priority areas for support The AUC and the AfDB are working on the approach for an effective mobilization of the G20 commitments, in the perspective of the June 2012 Summit</p>	<p>DSA & HRST AfDB</p> <p>DSA & DEA AfDB</p>

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		<p>3. URGE the Commission, in close collaboration with the AfDB, to prepare and submit to the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly, the modalities for funding of the Plan of Action on Employment Promotion and Poverty Alleviation</p> <p>4. REQUEST the Commission to annually report to this Assembly on progress made in the implementation of this Declaration</p>	<p>The AfDB and the AUC have discussed the outline for the modalities for funding of the Plan of Action on Employment Promotion and Poverty Alleviation, in the perspective of the June 2012 Summit. The modalities will build on the AU Strategic Document on Resource Mobilization for the implementation of the Ouagadougou 2004 Plan of Action on Employment Promotion and Poverty Alleviation</p> <p>The Report is due for June 2012</p>	<p>DSA AfDB</p> <p>DSA</p>
53rd.	Assembly/AU/Decl.2 (XVII) Solemn Declaration On The Sudan	<p>1. Express our support to the Doha Framework Document, and call upon all our partners and the other members of the international community to fully support it;</p> <p>2. Urge all the armed movements in Darfur that have not yet done so, to, wholeheartedly and without any further delay, join the peace efforts;</p>		PSD
		<p>3. Request the Peace and Security Council to consider taking measures against armed movements refusing to join the peace process, and urge our partners, including the UN Security Council, to support such measures;</p>		
		<p>4. Commit the AU and engage the international community as a whole to continue to assist the peoples of Sudan as they open a new chapter in their history.</p>		
54th.	Assembly/Res. 1(XVII) Resolution On The Lifting Of	<p>1. RECALL Resolution Assembly/AU/Res.1(XV) adopted by our Assembly at its 15th Ordinary Session held in Kampala, Uganda, on 27 July</p>		DPA & New York Office

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	<p>The Economic And Trade Embargo Imposed On The Republic Of Cuba By The United States Of America</p>	<p>2010, and in particular, the call made to the Government of the United States of America to lift the long-standing and unjustifiable economic and trade embargo imposed on the Republic of Cuba, and thus enable it to enjoy all the legitimate prospects for its sustained development;</p> <p>2. REITERATE the call and once again INVITE the United States of America to lift the long-standing and unjustifiable sanctions imposed on the Republic of Cuba.</p>		

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