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1. The NEPAD Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee (HSGIC) held its 22nd Meeting on 30 January 2010, in Addis Ababa, on the eve of the 14th African Union Assembly.
2. The African Union Chairperson, Brother Leader Muammar Gaddafi of Libya and the African Union Commission Chairperson, Dr. Jean Ping also attended the Meeting.
3. Three (3) key agenda issues were considered by the 22nd NEPAD meeting, namely:
 - a. **Preparatory work on the Integration of NEPAD into the structures and processes of the African Union;**
 - b. **Progress on Implementation of the NEPAD Programme, and**
 - c. **Africa's Partnership Engagements, with focus on the G8 and G20;**

Preparatory Work on Integration of NEPAD into the Structures and Processes of the African Union

4. The HSGIC recalled the previous AU Assembly decisions on NEPAD integration into the African Union, particularly the 2003 Maputo Decision; the 13-point Conclusions of the March 2007 Algiers Brainstorming Summit, endorsed by the 10th AU Summit of January 2008 and the April 2008 Dakar NEPAD Review Outcomes.
5. The meeting further recalled that the 21st HSGIC of July 2009 in Sirte, Libya, presented its recommendations on Integration to the 13th AU Assembly, which covered the transformation of the NEPAD Secretariat to the proposed NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency, as a technical body of the African Union. However, the Meeting noted that the 13th AU Assembly deferred a final decision on NEPAD integration until this 14th AU Summit.
6. Subsequently, the AU Commission and NEPAD Secretariat presented a joint briefing on preparatory activities on Integration, which specifically included:

- the adoption by the Secretariat of AU practices, rules and regulations in human resources, finance, procurement and auditing;
- submission and approval through AU processes of a provisional budget for the NEPAD Secretariat in the transition period;
- the harmonization of work programmes between the AUC and NEPAD Secretariat; and
- the implementation of the Interim Host Agreement.

7. The Meeting reviewed the preparatory work towards completing the Integration process and welcomed the positive actions undertaken jointly by the AUC and NEPAD Secretariat, which have taken into account the recommendations of the 21st HSGIC. The Committee commended the AUC Chairperson and NEPAD CEO for their continued commitment in this regard.

8. The HSGIC expressed deep appreciation to the Government of South Africa for the provision of excellent facilities for the NEPAD Secretariat, including the newly acquired premises in Midrand, and urged the early conclusion of a permanent Host Agreement for the new NEPAD Agency between the South African Authorities and the African Union Commission.

9. In addition, the HSGIC re-examined its role and functions within the context of integration. HSGIC Members reached consensus on the continued important role of the NEPAD Implementation Committee as the essence and spirit of the NEPAD Programme. The 22nd NEPAD Meeting re-affirmed and confirmed that the HSGIC should remain intact as a Sub-Committee of the AU Assembly, with a re-distribution of sectoral portfolios for high-level coordination by Heads of State and Government on the Implementation Committee.

10. However, Libyan Brother Leader, Muammar Gaddafi reiterated his proposal that with an integrated NEPAD into the AU, the HSGIC would be a parallel structure to the AU Assembly and should, therefore, be discontinued. He re-stated that the mandate of the new integrated NEPAD entity should be international cooperation and foreign trade, on behalf of the Continent.

11. In concluding the discussion on integration, the NEPAD Implementation Committee underscored the need to maintain the corporate brand identity of NEPAD within the African Union, and reiterated that from inception the NEPAD vision and program had remained an intrinsic part of the African Union.

12. The NEPAD Committee called for a final decision on AU/NEPAD integration by the AU Assembly. It was observed that the integration process had been delayed and a long-

drawn out process. The Meeting, therefore, urged the Assembly to firmly conclude the NEPAD integration matter at this AU Summit, to enable us fully concentrate on the implementation of the NEPAD Programme.

13. In this respect, the HSGIC calls upon this august body to approve the major recommendations of the Sirte 21st HSGIC on Integration process, particularly the establishment of the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) as a technical body of the AU. These recommendations on NEPAD integration are annexed to the report and relate explicitly to the mandate and financing of the new NEPAD Agency as well as the role functions of the governing structures, including the HSGIC.

Progress on Implementation of the NEPAD Programme

14. The NEPAD Implementation Committee noted and endorsed the main programmatic activities of the NEPAD Secretariat in the Activity Report for the period: July 2009 to January 2010, presented by the NEPAD Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki. The HSGIC welcomed the efforts directed, specifically, at the implementation of CAADP through the signing of CAADP Compacts; the finalization of the NEPAD Capacity Development Strategic Framework; contributions to the Copenhagen climate change process; the development of the Program of Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) and the strengthening of partnerships and resource mobilization in conjunction with the UN System and African institutions.

15. Furthermore, the HSGIC took due note of the NEPAD Secretariat's excellent working relations with the AU Commission since the assumption of duties by the NEPAD CEO and the proposal to shift from the current NEPAD Secretariat's sector-based approach to functional organizational model for the new NEPAD Agency, with emphasis on the implementation of priority regional programmes and projects.

Africa's Partnership Engagements

16. The HSGIC Meeting recalled the AU Assembly decision on the need for a more coherent, systematized and institutionalized engagement with Africa's Development Partners, particularly within the G8 framework. In this regard, the HSGIC reviewed the outcomes of the July 2009 L'Aquila G8/Africa Outreach including the launch of the US\$20 billion L'Aquila Food Security Initiative (AFSI), and the September 2009 Pittsburgh G20 Summits and the conclusions of the 13th Africa Partnership Forum (APF) held in January 2010 in Addis Ababa.

17. Canada will be hosting the 2010 G8 and G20 Summits in June. In view of this, the Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Honorable Lawrence Cannon, briefly addressed the HSGIC as an invited Guest on preparations for the forthcoming G8 / Africa Summit in Muskoka and the G20 Summit in Toronto, due to hold back-to-back in June 2010.

18. The NEPAD Implementation Committee noted that the evolving global context with respect to the G8 and G20, and the latter serving as the premier forum for international economic cooperation, has necessitated an in-depth review of Africa's partnership strategy within this new global governance architecture. The G8 has established an accountability mechanism to review its commitments. The HSGIC recommends that Africa should also undertake an independent assessment of G8/Africa partnership as a contribution to the next G8/Africa Outreach. Consequently, the Committee requested the AUC and NEPAD Secretariat, in collaboration with the AFRICA FORUM of Former Heads of State, to undertake this assessment and submit its findings in time for the June 2010 G8 Summit.

19. Additionally, the HSGIC noted the challenges and opportunities provided by the current global financial and economic crisis and its impact on Africa, and thereafter proposed the adoption of a new strategic approach focusing on partnership dialogue on Africa's development policy issues. This approach should cover the institutionalization of Africa's engagement within the G20, and the effecting of the desired paradigm shift from management of poverty in the Continent to economic transformation for Africa to emerge as a new growth pole to address existing global imbalances and play a significant role in the integrated world economy.

20. Finally, it was agreed that the next 23rd HSGIC Meeting will hold on the eve of the 15th AU Assembly and at the same venue.

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