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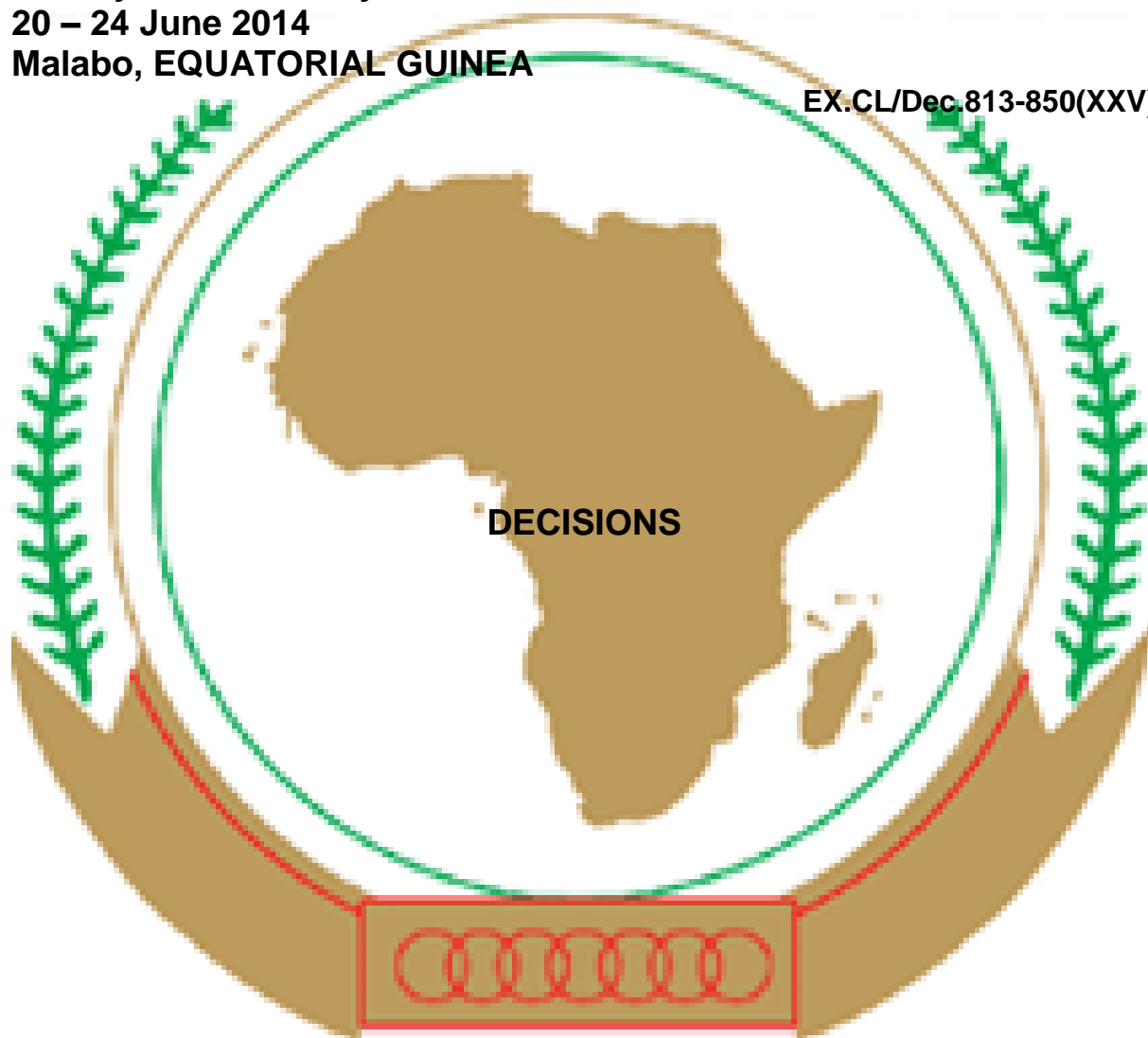


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**DECISION ON THE BUDGET OF THE AFRICAN UNION
FOR THE 2015 FINANCIAL YEAR
Doc. EX.CL/828(XXV)i**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the PRC, and **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained therein;
2. **APPROVES** a total budget of **US\$ 522,121,602** for the African Union for the year 2015, broken down into **US\$142,687,881** Operating Costs and **US\$379,433,721** Programmes to be financed as follows:
 - i) A total amount of **US\$131,471,086** assessed on Member States, and **US\$225,536,171** is secured from International Partners and further **US\$149,266,824** to be solicited from partners;
 - ii) Total amounts of **US\$10,912,046**, **US\$4,730,473** and **US\$205,000** are to be taken from the Reserves Fund, Acquisition of Properties Fund and Women's Fund respectively;
3. **APPROVES** the Budget breakdown among the AU Organs as follows:

Organs	Operating Budget					Programs					Total Budget for 2015
	Assessed on MS	Reserve Fund	Acquisition of Property	Partners-Secured	Total Operating Budget	Assessed on MS	Women Fund	Partners-Secured	Gap	Total Programs	
AUC	93,232,027	5,000,000	4,730,473		102,962,500	7,880,271	205,000	175,049,156	148,884,554	332,018,981	434,981,481
PAP	10,891,648	841,749			11,733,397			17,788,440		17,788,440	29,521,837
AfCHPR (The Court)	6,938,014	1,238,140			8,176,154			1,681,511		1,681,511	9,857,665
ACHPR (The Commission)	4,076,044	894,781			4,970,825			951,770		951,770	5,922,595
ECOSOCC	993,710	29,811			1,023,521						1,023,521
NEPAD	4,410,000	2,896,433		4,251,479	11,557,912			24,487,231		24,487,231	36,045,143
AUCIL	371,024	11,131			382,155			260,392		260,392	642,547
Advisory Board on Corruption	739,436				739,436			1,066,192		1,066,192	1,805,628
Peace & Security Council					-	759,253				759,253	759,253
ACERWC	241,724				241,724	37,681			382,270	419,951	661,675
AFREC	900,255				900,255					-	900,255
TOTAL	122,793,882	10,912,046	4,730,473	4,251,479	142,687,881	8,677,205	205,000	221,284,692	149,266,824	379,433,721	522,121,602

4. **ALSO APPROVES** the breakdown of sources of funding as follows:

Organs	Member States					Partners			Total Budget for 2015
	Assessed on MS	Reserve Fund	Acquisition of Property	Women Fund	Total Member States	Secured	Gap	Total Partners	
AUC	101,112,297	5,000,000	4,730,473	205,000	111,047,771	175,049,156	148,884,554	323,933,710	434,981,481
PAP	10,891,648	841,749			11,733,397	17,788,440		17,788,440	29,521,837
AfCHPR (The Court)	6,938,014	1,238,140			8,176,154	1,681,511		1,681,511	9,857,665
ACHPR (The Commission)	4,076,044	894,781			4,970,825	951,770		951,770	5,922,595
ECOSOCC	993,710	29,811			1,023,521			-	1,023,521
NEPAD	4,410,000	2,896,433			7,306,433	28,738,710		28,738,710	36,045,143
AUCIL	371,024	11,131			382,155	260,392		260,392	642,547
Advisory Board on Corruption	739,436				739,436	1,066,192		1,066,192	1,805,628
Peace & Security Council	759,253				759,253			-	759,253
ACERWC	279,405				279,405		382,270	382,270	661,675
AFREC	900,255				900,255			-	900,255
TOTAL	131,471,087	10,912,046	4,730,473	205,000	147,318,607	225,536,171	149,266,824	374,802,995	522,121,602

5. **REQUESTS:**

- i) the Commission to solicit funds from Partners to close the funding gap of **US\$149,266,824** on the Programme budget till the end of 2014; and drop all activities without funding from the budget;
- ii) the Commission to report back on the status to the PRC before the January 2015 Summit.

6. **ENCOURAGES** Member States on voluntary basis to increase their contribution in order to reduce the dependence on partners and to strengthen the financial base of the Union;

7. **ADVISES** the Commission to approach friendly countries to make contributions to the development of Africa;

8. **URGES** Member States to pay their contributions on time;

9. **REQUESTS** the Commission to operationalize the Budget Committee as contained in the revised Financial Regulations and Rules;

10. **NOTES** the very low position of Reserves and **ENCOURAGES** systematic effort to gradually grow the Reserves to one-year coverage so as to provide the Union with a solid financial base to meet cases of emergency in the future;

11. **AGREES** to address the financial implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations of the PRC/Commission retreat held in Hawassa through the supplementary budget.

**DECISION ON INSTITUTIONAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND
FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT OF ECOSOCC
Doc. EX.CL/828(XXV)iv**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Sub Committee on Audit Matters on the Audit Report of ECOSOCC;
2. **REQUESTS** the Commission to address the issues contained in the Audit Report and implement the recommendations contained therein.
3. **CALLS UPON** the Board of External Auditors to carry out a verification exercise to clarify/check the under-listed areas which were observed as still grey by the Sub Committee:
 - a) The personal moneys spent by the Presiding Officer for pre-financing of ECOSOCC activities and the annual budget amounts (50,000) allotted to ECOSOCC.
 - b) The unsettled amount of USD 25,000 given to the Presiding Officer for ECOSOCC sectoral mission activities;
 - c) The accountability of the French Grant amounting to 270,000 EUROS for diaspora and African Civil Society activities.
4. **REQUESTS:**
 - i) the Commission to conduct a revision of the ECOSOCC Statutes, Rules of Procedures as well as the administrative arrangements of ECOSOCC secretariat with a view to harness its function and increase participation;
 - ii) The Board of External Auditors to report back to the Sub-Committee on Audit Matters the status of implementation of the recommendations on ECOSOCC audit report as well as verification exercise of the grey areas.

**DECISION ON THE AUDIT OF COMMISSION BUDGET
EXECUTION ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013
Doc. EX.CL/828(XXV)iv**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Permanent Representatives Committee on the Audit of Budget Execution of the Commission for the year 2013;
2. **REQUESTS** the Commission:
 - i) To address the issues contained in the Audit Report of the 2013 Budget Execution Analysis and implement the recommendations accordingly;
 - ii) To take punitive measures against staff members/departments that fail or delay to submit necessary periodic reports as required by the partners' agreements;
 - iii) To always determine from the AU Partners whether their contributions would be in cash or kind and allocate accordingly. In future, the Commission should avoid allocating contribution in kind on activities that require cash remittance. In cases where the Partners pay for program activities directly, such expenditures should be included in Budget Execution reports accordingly.
3. **URGES** the Commission to make necessary efforts to improve the implementation rate of the planned programs during the year;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report on the implementation of this decision during the AU Summit of June/July 2015.



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE PRC SUB-COMMITTEE
ON MULTILATERAL COOPERATION WITH RESPECT TO
AFRICA'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS
Doc. EX.CL/828(XXV)v**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the PRC Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation with respect to Africa's Strategic Partnerships and **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained therein ;

ON AFRICA-EU PARTNERSHIP

2. **WELCOMES** the successful outcome of the 4th Africa-EU Summit held on 2-3 April 2014, in Brussels, Belgium;
3. **RECOMENDS** to the Assembly to endorse the outcome documents of the Summit: Main Declaration; the Road Map 2014-2017 and the Standalone Declaration on Migration and Mobility;
4. **REQUESTS** Member States and the Commission to take appropriate actions to follow-up and to report on the implementation of the Road Map 2014-2017 on a regular basis;
5. **AGREES** that the 5th Africa-EU Summit will take place in Africa at a venue and date to be decided after consultations.

ON TICAD V

6. **EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** to the People and Government of Cameroon for successfully hosting the TICAD V ministerial Meeting, held in Yaoundé, Cameroon, from 3 to 5 June 2014;
7. **ENDORSES:**
 - i) the outcomes of the 1st Ministerial Meeting of TICAD V and **REQUESTS** the Commission, in close collaboration with the Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation, NEPAD and the Government of Japan to ensure effective implementation of the activities in the implementation Matrix of the Yokohama Action Plan 2013-2017;
 - ii) the outcome of the Ministerial Meeting in respect of shortening the cycle of the TICAD Summit from 5 to 3 years and **REQUESTS** the PRC to undertake consultations to identify a Member State to host the TICAD VI Summit to be held in Africa in 2016 and to set a tentative date for this Summit in consultation with other Co-organizers.

ON THE 3RD AFRICA-ARAB SUMMIT

8. **REQUESTS** the Commission in collaboration with the League of Arab States to implement the Consolidate Work Plan on the implementation of the eight (8) Resolutions of the 3rd Africa-Arab Summit adopted by the Africa-Arab Partnership Coordination Committee;
9. **URGES** the Commission in collaboration with the League of Arab States to find lasting solutions to the continued problems of the Africa-Arab Cultural Institute in Bamako, Mali by implementing the relevant Resolution of the 3rd Africa-Arab Summit.

ON AFRICA-KOREA FORUM

10. **ENDORSES** the offer of Burkina Faso to host the 4th Africa-Korea Forum in 2014;
11. **REQUESTS:**
- i) The Commission in close collaboration with the Sub-Committee to implement activities under the Korean Fund and submit appropriate reports;
 - ii) The Commission in collaboration with the PRC to embark on the preparation for the Senior Officials Meeting scheduled to take place in October 2014.

ON AFRICA-INDIA FORUM

12. **REQUESTS:**
- i) the Commission in collaboration with the Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation to undertake necessary actions to operationalize the establishment of Institutes offered by India;
 - ii) the Commission, in collaboration with the Sub Committee on Multilateral Cooperation to resume, with the new Indian Government, the preparations of the 3rd Africa-India Forum Summit which will be held in New Delhi, India in 2014.

ON FORUM OF AFRICA-CHINA COOPERATION (FOCAC)

13. **REQUESTS** the Commission:
- i) in close collaboration with the Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation and the host country to ensure a successful 10th Senior Officials Meeting to be held in South Africa in the last trimester of 2014;
 - ii) Ensure successful preparations of the 6th FOCAC Ministerial Conference to take place in 2015 in South Africa.

ON AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA (ASA) PARTNERSHIP**14. REQUESTS:**

- i) The PRC, in collaboration with the Commission, and the two Regional Coordinators, to urgently enhance consultation with a view to strengthening the partnership process;
- ii) the African side to intensify consultation with the South American side to implement the directives of the 3rd Africa-South America (ASA) Summit regarding the ASA financing mechanism and related administrative issues.

ON AFRICA-TURKEY PARTNERSHIP

15. **URGES** the Commission, in close collaboration with the Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation, to follow the implementation of priority projects under this partnership and report to the PRC;
16. **REQUESTS** the Commission, together with the Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation and the host country to take necessary actions to ensure a successful preparation of the 2nd Africa-Turkey Summit to be held in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea from 19 to 21 November 2014;

ON THE GLOBAL REVIEW OF THE AFRICA STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

17. **COMMENDS** the UNDP for its continued support to the Commission, especially with regards to the evaluation of Africa's Strategic Partnerships;
18. **URGES** the Commission in collaboration with the Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation to finalize the evaluation process and submit the report to the policy organs of the Union for consideration at the January 2015 session.



DECISION ON THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IN AFRICA
Doc. EX.CL/828(XXV)vi

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the PRC Sub-Committee on Refugees and the attached annex of the Report of the Commission on the Humanitarian Situation in Africa;
2. **EXPRESSES CONCERN** over the large number of refugees and internally displaced persons in Africa caused mainly by recurrent conflicts and natural disasters on the Continent;
3. **EXPRESSES GRATITUDE** to countries of asylum that continue to meet their international obligations and commit themselves to extend hospitality to refugees;
4. **RECOGNIZES** the commendable work done by AU Partners and other relevant humanitarian agencies in the area of forced displacement and **URGES** them to continue addressing the humanitarian situation on the Continent;
5. **APPEALS** to the international community to exert all efforts to extend the financial and material assistance to the forcibly displaced population in the spirit of solidarity and burden sharing;
6. **COMMENDS** the concrete steps taken so far by the African Union, IGAD, the UN System, and other development partners in taking early action to the looming humanitarian crisis and complex emergency in the Horn of Africa Region and in particular Somalia where millions are affected by conflicts, food insecurity, droughts, and famine;
7. **WELCOMES** the announcement by the UN Secretary General on the World Humanitarian Summit scheduled to take place in 2016, in Istanbul, Turkey;
8. **REQUESTS:**
 - i) the Commission in close collaboration with the PRC Sub-Committee on Refugees to engage Member States in a 'Political Process', while ensuring participation in the 'Technical Process' being organized by UNOCHA to establish an African Position that will be presented at the World Humanitarian Summit;
 - ii) the Commission to continuously make a progress report to the Executive Council at each Ordinary Summits leading up to the World Humanitarian Summit.
9. **INVITES** all Member States to actively participate in the Specialized Technical Committee Meeting on Migration, Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons, scheduled to take place in Abuja, Nigeria later this year and **REQUESTS** the Commission to report on the outcomes of this meeting to the Executive Council during the next Heads of State Summit in January 2015.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE
SUB-COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS
Doc. EX.CL/828(XXV)vii**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the PRC Sub-Committee on Contributions;
 2. **COMMENDS** the Member States that are up to date with their contributions;
 3. **URGES** Member States to pay their contributions on time and **ENCOURAGES** those in arrears to settle their debts;
 4. **REQUESTS** the Republic of Sudan to make a deposit in cash USD into the accounts of the African Union Liaison Office in Khartoum;
 5. **TAKES NOTE** of the statement delivered by The Sudan appealing for debt relief and lifting of the unilateral economic sanctions imposed on The Sudan, and **URGES** the international community to lift the unilateral sanctions;
 6. **RECOMMENDS** that sanctions be imposed on the following Member States for default of payment:
 - i) Central African Republic;
 - ii) Republic of Guinea Bissau.
 7. **CALLS ON** the Republic of Somalia to comply with decision EX.CL/Dec.788 (XXIV) and start paying without delay its contributions, failing which sanctions will be imposed at the next Summit;
 8. **REQUESTS** the Republic of Madagascar to take appropriate measures to pay up its contributions prior to the start of the next session of the Executive Council in January 2015.
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**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF ON IMPLEMENTATION
OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND THE
ASSEMBLY FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 2013 TO JUNE 2014
Doc. EX.CL/831(XXV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on implementation of previous decisions of the Executive Council and Assembly for the period January 2013 to June 2014 together with the recommendations contained therein;
2. **CALLS ON** Member States to endeavour to provide and in a timely manner, their inputs to the report on implementation of previous decisions to facilitate the production of a consolidated report;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission:
 - i) to undertake a study to take stock of all decisions taken over the last decade (from January 2004) with a view to determining the status of implementation of those decisions and make appropriate recommendations on decisions partially or not implemented;
 - ii) to disseminate in a timely manner the Decisions of the Policy Organs and follow-up with Member States, other Organs and the RECs to ensure compliance with the implementation and reporting of previous decisions of the Policy Organs, while Ensuring coordinated collation of the Reports of those Decisions implemented by them;
 - iii) In collaboration with the PRC to develop a comprehensive framework on the monitoring, evaluation and reporting on implementation of decisions made by AU Policy organs.
4. **DIRECTS** the Commission and the PRC to exercise tighter scrutiny in the process of setting the agendas of the Executive Council and Assembly so that the June/July Summit is devoted to integration and development issues as per the previous decision of Assembly (**Assembly/AU/Dec.456(XX)**): Decision on the development and integration issues.

**DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AFRICAN UNION
MECHANISM FOR POLICE COOPERATION – AFRIPOL
Doc. EX.CL/831(XXV) Annex**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the Commission on the follow-up to the provisions of the declaration adopted by the 7th meeting of the Specialized Technical Committee on Defence, Security and Safety (STCDSS) regarding the proposed African Mechanism for Police Cooperation (AFRIPOL), as endorsed by Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.491(XXII);
2. **WELCOMES** the convening of the African Conference of Directors and Inspectors General of police on AFRIPOL, held in Algiers, Algeria, from 10 to 11 February 2014, pursuant to the Declaration of the 7th meeting of the STCDSS and as follow-up to the earlier meetings bringing together African police institutions;
3. **ENDORSES** the Algiers Declaration on the establishment of the African Mechanism for Police Cooperation – AFRIPOL;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission:
 - i) to follow-up on all the aspects of the Declaration, in particular those relating to the statute and study the financial, structural, legal and other implications of the establishment of AFRIPOL, as well as its funding;
 - ii) To submit to it a progress report on steps taken and challenges encountered at its next ordinary session in January 2015.



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON
DEVELOPMENT OF THE AFRICAN UNION AGENDA 2063
Doc. EX.CL/832(XXV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the development of the African Union Agenda 2063, as well as the two Draft documents, one being the popular version and the other the technical document both entitled “**African Union Agenda 2063 – The Africa We Want**”;
2. **FURTHER TAKES NOTE** of the presentations of the Chairperson of the Commission and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ghana, Chair of the Follow-Up Ministerial Committee on Agenda 2063 and **WELCOMES** the intensive consultations held with stakeholders;
3. **RECALLS** its Decision EX.CL/805(XXIV) taken at the Ordinary Session held in January 2014 requesting Member States to carefully study the Agenda 2063 Framework Document and provide the Commission with inputs by 15 April 2014 to facilitate the finalisation of Agenda 2063 for adoption during the June 2014 sessions of the AU Policy Organs;
4. **NOTES** that to date eight (8) Member States (Algeria, Ghana, Mauritius, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe) have submitted inputs for the enrichment of the Agenda 2063 technical document;
5. **CONSIDERS** the Agenda 2063 technical document as well as the popular version as work in progress and, in view of their importance to the socio-economic transformation of the continent, **REITERATES** its call to Member States to carefully study both documents with a view to internalising and enriching them;
6. **REITERATES ITS CALL** to Member States and all African stakeholders, particularly youth, women and the Diaspora, to provide their support and contributions with a view to consolidating the draft Agenda 2063;
7. **REQUESTS:**
 - i) Member States to conduct national consultations on both Agenda 2063 technical document and the popular version and to provide inputs to the Commission by 31 October 2014;
 - ii) the Commission to continue working with the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA), the African Development Bank (AfDB), and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) in finalizing the Agenda 2063 Documents; the First 10-year plan; and the implementation, monitoring and evaluation framework, for submission to the January 2015 meetings of the AU Policy Organs;

- iii) The Commission to continue to explore and prepare concrete actions in the implementation of priority programmes and projects identified in Agenda 2063, notably, the Integrated High Speed Train Network, hastening the process for the creation of a Continental Free Trade Area (CFTA), the African Passport and free movement of people, capitalization of opportunities in the aviation sector within the framework of the implementation of the Yamoussoukro Decision on the Unification of African Air Space; implementation of the Grand Inga Dam Project; the Pan-African E-Network, the creation of an Annual Consultative Platform for policy dialogue involving a wide range of stakeholders, and any other integrative initiatives that are in line with the spirit of Agenda 2063.

8. **MANDATES** the Commission to follow up on the formulation of these initiatives and take concrete steps towards their implementation:

- i) Integrated High Speed Train Network;
- ii) An E-University for the accelerated development human capital, science and technology, and innovation;
- iii) Formulation of a commodities strategy;
- iv) Establishment of an annual African forum (political leadership, businesses and the private sector, intellectuals, the civil society, etc.);
- v) Formulation of a common position on steps to be taken towards the establishment of the Continental Free Trade Area pursuant to the decision of the January 2012 session of the Assembly of the Union;
- vi) The development by the Commission of a sound communication strategy.

9. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with the NEPAD Agency, UNECA and AfDB to carry out the necessary consultations with Island States with a view to developing a mechanism to ensure that their peculiarities, priorities and concerns are integrated into Agenda 2063 and related programmes;

10. **FULLY ENDORSES** the proposals and the outcomes of the First Meeting of the Ministerial Committee on Agenda 2063, particularly improving the working methods, and streamlining the Executive Council and Assembly agendas with emphasis on key strategic issues, assessment of implementation of decisions, as well as review of working relationships with the RECs.

**DECISION ON THE PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE ASSEMBLY DECISION ON THE 2050 AFRICA'S
INTEGRATED MARITIME STRATEGY
Doc. EX.CL/833(XXV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Commission's Progress Report on the implementation of the Assembly decision on the Africa's Integrated Maritime (AIM) 2050 Strategy and the recommendations of the PRC as contained in paragraph 61 of its Report;
2. **REQUESTS** the Commission:
 - i) in consultation with PRC to facilitate the establishment of a Strategic Task Force composed of Representatives of Member States, the Commission and the RECs by the end of October 2014, with a mandate to consider the technical details of the AIM 2050 Strategy and propose a road map for the incremental implementation of the strategy in conformity with International Maritime Law;
 - ii) to invite Member States to indicate by the end of September 2014, their willingness to serve on the Strategic Task Force;
 - iii) to prepare a draft supplementary budget for the year 2014 and 2015 for consideration by the PRC, to enable the Strategic Task Force to meet.
3. **WELCOMES** the establishment by the Commission of an Interdepartmental Team under the coordination of the Office of the Legal Counsel (OLC);
4. **COMMENDS** those Member States that have seconded experts at their own expense to the Commission to assist with the implementation of the AIM 2050 Strategy and **REQUESTS** the Commission to invite other Member States willing to second experts on maritime related issues at their own expense to do the same;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with the PRC, to finalize the review of the Outcomes of the Task Force and submit its recommendations to the Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in June/July 2015.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE AU CONFERENCE OF
MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF GENDER AFFAIRS AND ITS ANNEXES
Doc. EX.CL/834(XXV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKE NOTES** of the Report of the AU Conference of Ministers in charge of Gender Affairs and its annexes, namely: the Lilongwe Declaration, the Declaration of PAWO and the Abidjan Declaration;
2. **CALLS UPON** the Commission:
 - i) working in collaboration with Member States, to develop a paper on the role of Women in mediation;
 - ii) to undertake an audit of the projects under the Fund and to submit a report in January 2016 Summit;
 - iii) in consultation with Member States, to develop clear criteria for membership to the Committee of 30 and the Ministerial Committee of 10 as well as Terms of Reference of the High Level Panel on Gender.
3. **WELCOMES** the development of a compendium of the projects so far funded under the Fund for African Women in preparation for the Women's Mid-Decade Commemoration in 2015.



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE 3RD ORDINARY SESSION
OF THE AU CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR
MINERAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
Doc. EX.CL/835(XXV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the 3rd Ordinary Session of the AU Conference of Ministers Responsible for Mineral Resources Development held from 13 to 17 December 2013 in Maputo, Mozambique, and **ENDORSES** the Maputo Declaration on “Leveraging the Africa Mining Vision for Africa’s Renaissance: towards broader ownership”;
2. **REAFFIRMS** AU’s commitment within the context of Agenda 2063 to harness the potential of the Africa Mining Vision to achieve Africa’s industrialization, transformation, and integration into the global economy;
3. **RECALLS** that an Action Plan for implementing the Africa Mining Vision was endorsed by Decision EX.CL/Dec.714(XXI) of July 2012 which also endorsed the Declaration calling for the establishment of a Minerals Development Centre;
4. **TAKES NOTE** of the on-going continental efforts towards establishing the African Minerals Development Centre (AMDC) as an implementing arm of the Africa Mining Vision (AMV) and **REDIRECTS** the AUC to expedite the process of institutionalizing the AMDC as a permanent structure;
5. **URGES** the Commission to develop a financing mechanism to enable Member States to make financial contributions to the AMDC through various means in order to ensure its ownership, governance and sustainability;
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission to broaden Public–Private Partnerships or the successful and effective implementation of the Action Plan of the Africa Mining Vision and the Accelerated Industrial Development of Africa (AIDA) within the context of Boosting Intra-African Trade and the establishment of the Continental Free Trade Area;
7. **URGES** Member States under the coordination of the Ministry responsible for minerals development to establish appropriate inclusive institutional frameworks comprising of other relevant Ministries and stakeholders to ensure optimization of mineral resources management at national and regional levels for broad-based development;
8. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with RECs, UNECA and AfDB to submit to the Assembly every two years, progress reports on the implementation of the Action Plan of the Africa Mining Vision.

**DECISION ON THE PROTOCOL AND THE STATUTE
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AFRICAN MONETARY FUND
Doc. EX.CL/836(XXV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Seventh Joint Annual Meetings of the African Union Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance and the UNECA African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development held in Abuja, Nigeria from 29 to 30 March 2014;
2. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the First Ministerial Meeting of the Specialized Technical Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 15 to 16 May 2014;
3. **RECOMMENDS**, the Protocol and the Statute on the establishment of the African Monetary Fund for consideration and adoption by the Assembly.



**DECISION ON THE THIRD SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF
AFRICAN MINISTERS OF TRANSPORT (CAMT)
Doc. EX.CL/838(XXV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report and the Declaration of the Third Session of the Conference of African Ministers of Transport (CAMT) held in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea from 7 to 11 April 2014;
2. **ENDORSES:**
 - i) The Malabo Declaration and updated African Union Plans of Action of the transport sub-sectors adopted by the sector Ministers in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea which indicate clearly their resolve and commitment to the implementation of agreed policies, strategies and programmes for the development of transport infrastructure and services in Africa;
 - ii) The Intergovernmental Agreement on Road Standards and Norms for the Trans-African Highways network;
 - iii) The Vision 2040 for Railway Revitalization in Africa.
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to:
 - a) Disseminate the Intergovernmental Agreement on Road Standards and Norms for the Trans-African Highways network and Vision 2040 for Railway Revitalization in Africa to all Member States and other stakeholders as well as facilitate their smooth implementation through capacity building measures whenever necessary;
 - b) Take all the necessary measures within its mandate in collaboration with the Regional Economic Communities, specialized institutions, Member States and other stakeholders to speed up the implementation of the African Union Plans of Action of the transport sub-sectors with a view to developing a strong, integrated and viable transport sector in the continent;
 - c) Submit the African Road Safety Charter to the Specialized Technical Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs for consideration and appropriate recommendations;
 - d) Carry out a feasibility study on the Human Resources Development Fund and define the modalities of operation and financial implications.
4. **CALLS UPON** the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, the African Development Bank, the European Union, the World Bank and other development partners to support the implementation of the African Union Plans of Action of the transport sub-sectors.

**DECISION ON REPORT OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AFRICAN
MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
EX.CL/839(XXV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Extraordinary Session of the African Ministerial Conference on Science and Technology (AMCOST V) held from the 16 to 18 April 2014 in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo;
2. **RECOMMENDS** for adoption by the Assembly of the Heads of State and Government the Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy for Africa – 2024 (STISA-2024);
3. **COMMENDS** the efforts of the High Level Panel and the Working Group that reviewed the Africa's Science and Technology Consolidated Plan of Action (CPA) and developed the draft STISA-2024 as the first of the ten-year STI strategies within the broader AU Agenda 2063;
4. **RECOGNIZES** the role of space science and technology in Africa's development and **REQUESTS** the Commission to submit to it the draft policy and strategy during its next meeting;
5. **WELCOMES** the proposal of H.E. President Denis Sassou N'Guesso of the Republic of Congo to establish and launch a biennial "International Salon on Invention and Innovation";
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission to work with the Republic of Congo to prepare the Terms of Reference including the financial implication for the vision of the International Salon on Invention and Innovation and submit them for consideration by the Executive Council in January 2015;
7. **FURTHER WELCOMES** the offer by the Republic of Sudan to host the Bureau meeting of the AMCOST, to prepare the transition to the implementation of the Specialized Technical Committee on Education Science and Technology.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE SIXTH ORDINARY
SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF
EDUCATION OF THE AFRICAN UNION
Doc. EX.CL/840(XXV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Sixth Ordinary Session of the Conference of Ministers of Education of the African Union (COMEDAF VI) held in Yaoundé, Cameroon, from 22 to 25 April 2014;
2. **RECOGNISES:**
 - i) Education and Human Resource Development as a core imperative for attainment of Africa's collective vision and Agenda 2063;
 - ii) the importance of the Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA) as a key agency for supporting the implementation of the education policy of the African Union, and **CALLS ON** Member States to enhance their support to ADEA.
3. **CALLS ON** Member States and RECs to set up an independent Commission to carry out evaluation on progress and challenges in the implementation of the Plan of action for the second Decade of Education for Africa;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to mobilize all stakeholders of education development in Africa at the national, regional and continental levels, in collaboration with Member States, RECs and education development agencies, in order to:
 - i) Support education in Africa;
 - ii) Carry out an end-term evaluation of the Plan of Action for the Second Decade of Education for Africa;
 - iii) Develop a new 10-year strategy for education within the overall framework of the Africa Agenda 2063.
5. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to carry out a study on the training, working and living conditions of teachers in Member States and report to the Summit;
6. **RECALLS** the Decision on Doc. EX.CL/520(XV) on the General History of Africa, and reiterates the need for Member States to contribute to the realization of this project;
7. **DEPLORES** the fact that COMEDAF did not take the necessary measures to facilitate the election of the President and Vice President of the PAU Council;

8. **DECIDES** to postpone the election of the President and Vice President of the PAU Council to January 2015;
9. **INVITES** COMEDAF to take the necessary measures before the next Summit and make proposals to this effect, in accordance with the Statute of the Pan-African University;
10. **RECOMMENDS** that the Assembly adopt the ten-year African Union Continental TVET Strategy and **CALLS UPON** all Member States for its expeditious implementation.



**DECISION ON THE HOSTING OF THE PAN-AFRICAN
UNIVERSITY RECTORATE
Doc. EX.CL/840(XXV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the shortlisted Member States who have applied to host the Pan African University Rectorate;
2. **REQUESTS** the Commission to organise technical evaluation missions to the short listed Member States and convene a High Level Panel of eminent Africanists and Intellectuals to review final submissions and make recommendations to the next ordinary session of the Executive Council for final selection of the host of the Pan African University Rectorate.



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION
OF THE AU CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF TRADE (CAMOT),
23-28 APRIL 2014 ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA
Doc. EX.CL/841(XXV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Extraordinary Session of the AU Conference of Ministers of Trade held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 23 to 28 April 2014 and **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained therein, with the exception of recommendation 14 (l), 1a on the implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement;

On the Continental Free Trade Area (CFTA)

2. **CALLS UPON** all Member States and Regional Economic Communities to provide technical and financial support for the implementation of the AUC/Continental Task Force Work Plan to prepare for the launch of the CFTA negotiations during the June/July Summit of 2015;

On the World Trade Organisation (WTO):

3. **CALLS UPON** African members of WTO to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement as agreed at the 9th WTO Ministerial Conference held in Bali, Indonesia in December 2013, and **REQUESTS** the Commission and Member States to engage concerned partners accordingly;

4. REQUESTS:

- i) The Commission in close collaboration with the UNECA and working with the African negotiators in Geneva to develop a position paper for Africa on African priorities and positions for the post-Bali work programme, to be submitted for consideration and adoption by the 9th Ordinary Session of AU Ministers of Trade in October 2014;
- ii) That acceding African States benefit from the provisions of Section II of the Trade Facilitation Agreement relating to special and preferential treatment, as well as technical and financial assistance and transitory provisions.

On Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs):

5. **URGES** Member States and the Commission to engage the European Union to clarify the entry into force of the deadline of the EU Market Access Regulation and explore all avenues that can prevent trade disruption, including requesting an extension and identifying alternative markets in Africa;
6. **TAKES NOTE** of progress made in the negotiation of EPAs at the level of the West African region;

7. REQUESTS:

- i) The Commission, Member States and the private sector to expeditiously undertake resource mobilisation within and beyond the continent in order to support those countries that will be negatively impacted by the withdrawal of Market Access Regulation 1528/2007 as amended, by 1st October 2014;
- ii) The Commission and UNECA to urgently undertake more technical analysis, including a summary of the recommendations of studies done, and propose solutions on the impact of EPAs on African economies in the context of the pending withdrawal of market access by 1st of October 2014. The Analysis should focus on non-LDCs and the implications at national, regional and continental levels.

On AGOA:

8. **ENCOURAGES** Member states eligible under AGOA to develop AGOA national response strategies in order to maximize benefits from AGOA;
9. **REQUESTS** the Commission in collaboration with the African Group of Ambassadors in Washington DC and Member States to intensify their engagements with the US Government to advance Africa's common position on the future of AGOA; in this regard, the issues of better market access, flexibility in Rules of Origin and Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures and especially capacity building should be priority issues when advocating with the US;
10. **APPEALS** to AGOA eligible countries to lobby for reauthorization and the extension of AGOA preferences to all African countries for at least 15 years and for the expansion of product coverage of AGOA exports to the US as well.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE AU JOINT CONFERENCE OF
MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT,
FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE
Doc. EX.CL/842(XXV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the AU Joint Conference of Ministers of Agriculture, Rural Development, Fisheries and Aquaculture, held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 28 April to 02 May 2014, and **ENDORSES** the Resolutions contained therein;
2. **RECALLS** the Assembly Decision [Assembly/AU/Dec.449 (XIX)] declaring the Year 2014 to be the Year of Agriculture and Food Security, marking the 10th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP);
3. **TAKES NOTE** of and **WELCOMES** the recommendation of the Joint Conference for the AU Assembly to endorse the commitments on Africa Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation Goals to be achieved by 2025 (3AGTGs 2025);
4. **URGES** Member States and RECs to take concrete steps and measures to implement the Resolutions of the Joint Conference of Ministers of Agriculture, Rural Development, Fisheries and Aquaculture;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission and the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) to facilitate and follow up the implementation of this Decision and to report progress every to the Ordinary Session of the Executive Council;
6. **CALLS UPON** Member States to:
 - i) Promote industrialization as a key driver of Agriculture;
 - ii) Involve and promote active participation of the private sector as the locomotive of the economy in Partnership with the Public Sector;
 - iii) Ensure the assessment of the level, efficiency and effectiveness of these public-private investment;
 - iv) Address the causes of food shortages including price volatility, through strategic food and cash reserves, among other measures;
 - v) Place more emphasis on fisheries and aquaculture;
 - iv) Place the small holder farmers at the centre of decision making and implementation of the agricultural transformation agenda.
7. **ALSO CALLS UPON** the relevant stakeholders and development partners to provide the required technical and financial contributions to support the implementation of this Decision.

**DECISION ON AFRICAN WILD FLORA AND FAUNA
CONSERVATION AND ILLEGAL TRADE IN WILDLIFE
Doc. EX.CL/843(XXV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on African Wild Flora and Fauna Conservation and Illegal Trade in Wildlife;
2. **EXPRESSES CONCERN** over the unsustainable utilization and conservation of Africa wild flora and fauna and the dramatic escalation of illegal trade in wild flora and fauna in recent years, depriving African nations of their natural capital and cultural heritage thus undermining sustainable development as well as peace, security, rule of law and good governance in the continent;
3. **RECOGNIZES** that the cross-cutting nature of biodiversity resources require the strengthening of environmental governance systems to prevent illegal trade in wild flora and fauna and trafficking that threatens global peace and security;
4. **CALLS UPON** the Commission, in collaboration with RECs and Partners, to develop strategies for the protection and conservation of Wildlife;
5. **WELCOMES** the offer by the Republic of Congo to host the International Conference on Illegal Trade and Exploitation of Wild Flora and Fauna in Africa, and **REQUESTS** the Commission to collaborate with the Republic of Congo in the organization of the Conference;
6. **RECOGNIZES** the need for poverty reduction as a long term solution to the problem of poaching and illegal trade in Wildlife;
7. **FURTHER RECOGNIZES** political instability as one of the root causes of poaching and illegal trade in Wildlife;
8. **URGES** all Member States to sign and ratify the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora;
9. **CALLS UPON** all nations to apply zero tolerance approaches, take decisive and urgent actions to strengthen laws and policies, engage communities so as to create deterrence against wildlife criminals and related criminal activities such as corruption, money laundering, organized crime, illicit fire arms, and drugs and terrorism;
10. **UNDERSCORES** the need to strengthen the national judiciary sector with better awareness, capacity and resources to ensure that prosecutions for illicit wildlife trafficking are conducted effectively, to the full extent of the law and using the strongest penalties available;
11. **REQUESTS** the Commission, with the support of the African Ministerial Conference on Environment (AMCEN), the African Development Bank (AfDB),

the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), INTERPOL, the Taskforce of the Lusaka Agreement on Cooperative Enforcement Operations directed at Illegal Trade in Wild Flora and Fauna (Lusaka Agreement), the Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES) and relevant partners, to prepare an African Common Strategy on Combating Illegal Trade in Wild Flora and Fauna to be reported in the June 2015 Ordinary Session of the Executive Council.



**DECISION ON THE REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SOLEMN
DECLARATION ON GENDER EQUALITY IN AFRICA (SDGEA)
Doc. EX.CL/844(XXV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report on the implementation of the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa for 2013 and the 10th Anniversary of SDGEA and Mid-Decade in 2015;
2. **COMMENDS** the 15 Member States that submitted their reports for 2013 and **ENCOURAGES** all Member States to submit their annual reports;
3. **URGES** Member States who have not yet signed or ratified the Maputo Protocol to do so;
4. **FURTHER URGES** Member States to take necessary measures to eliminate child marriage in view of the negative socio-economic impact of this practice;
5. **ENCOURAGES** the Commission to pursue the target set for gender parity of 50-50 by the Year 2020, within the Commission.



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON
THE OPERATIONALIZATION OF SPECIALIZED
TECHNICAL COMMITTEES (STCs)
Doc. EX.CL/845(XXV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Operationalization of the Specialized Technical Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs;
2. **REQUESTS** the Commission:
 - i) In collaboration with Member States to pursue the operationalization of STCs, pursuant to Articles 14-16 of the Constitutive Act;
 - ii) To continue consultations with on AMCEN in view of the critical role of the issue of the environment in AU institutions;
 - iii) To submit to the Executive Council, a progress report on the operationalization of STCs at the June/July 2016 Summit, encompassing the challenges faced and appropriate recommendations.



DECISION ON THE DRAFT LEGAL INSTRUMENTS
Doc. EX.CL/846(XXV)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report and recommendations of the Meeting of the Specialized Technical Committee (STC) on Justice and Legal Affairs held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 6 to 16 May 2014;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the following Draft Legal Instruments:
 - a) Draft Protocol on the Establishment of the African Monetary Fund;
 - b) Draft African Convention on Cross-Border Cooperation (Niamey Convention);
 - c) Draft African Union Convention on Cyberspace Security and Protection of Personal Data;
 - d) Draft African Charter on the Values and Principles of Decentralization, Local Governance and Local Development;
 - e) Draft Protocol on Amendments to the Protocol on the Statute of the African Court of Justice and Human Rights;
 - f) Draft Protocol to the Constitutive Act of the African Union on the Pan-African Parliament.
3. **DECIDES** to recommend the Draft Legal Instruments to the Assembly for consideration and adoption, with amendments to the Protocol to the Constitutive Act of the African Union on the Pan African Union in its Article 8 (1) as follows:
 - a) The Assembly shall determine the subjects/areas on which the Pan-African Parliament may propose draft model laws;
 - b) The Pan-African Parliament may on its own make proposals on the subjects/areas on which it may submit or recommend draft Model Laws to the Assembly for its consideration and approval.
4. **ENDORSES** the recommendation of the 1st Meeting of the STC on Justice and Legal Affairs for strengthening the human and financial resources of the Office of the Legal Counsel of the Commission in order for it to carry out its functions with respect to the operationalization of the STC on Justice and Legal Affairs;
5. **REQUESTS:**
 - i) The Commission to work out the new Structure of the Office of the Legal Counsel and its financial implications for consideration by the Council through the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) and its relevant Sub-Committees;
 - ii) The PRC and the Commission to take all necessary measures to implement this Decision and to report in January 2015.

**DECISION ON THE DRAFT RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE
SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON
JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS
Doc. EX.CL/846(XXV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report and recommendations of the Meeting of the Specialized Technical Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 6 to 16 May 2014 and the Draft Rules of Procedure of the Specialized Technical Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs;
2. **APPROVES** the Rules of Procedure of the Specialized Technical Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.



**DECISION ON THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE
ON THE CHALLENGES OF RATIFICATION/ACCESSION AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OAU/AU TREATIES
Doc. EX.CL/847(XXV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Draft Rules of Procedure of the Ministerial Committee on the Challenges of Ratification/Accession and Implementation of the OAU/AU Treaties as well as the recommendations of the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC);
2. **ADOPTS** the Rules of Procedure of the Ministerial Committee on the Challenges of Ratification/Accession and Implementation of the OAU/AU Treaties;
3. **REQUESTS** the Ministerial Committee to hold its First Session in the margins of the Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in January 2015.



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON
THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND PALESTINE
Doc. EX.CL/848(XXV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the Situation in the Middle East and Palestine, and **RECALLS** all resolutions and decisions of the Organization of African Unity/African Union on the Situation in Palestine towards achieving lasting peace and security in the Middle East;
2. **REAFFIRMS** its full support to the Palestinian people in their quest for the restoration of their legitimate rights to establish an independent State co-existing peacefully with the State of Israel;
3. **REITERATES** its support for the peaceful resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict in accordance with the principles of international law and all relevant United Nations resolutions; and **EXPRESSES** support for the two-state solution;
4. **RENEWS** its support for the resumption of negotiations between the two sides in order to reach a just, comprehensive and lasting peace in the Middle East;
5. **CONDEMNNS:**
 - i) The continued occupation of Palestinian lands and the Judaization campaign aimed at changing all Islamic and Christian features of the Holy City and reducing the Palestinian population to the fullest extent through the confiscation of their lands and the destruction of their homes, a sectarian concept which undermines the foundation of the peace process;
 - ii) The Israelis violations and continuation of the excavations in the city of Quds El-Sharif (Jerusalem) and its environs aiming at changing the culture and historical monuments of the city, which could end any chance of achieving the two-state solution;
 - iii) The Israeli practices against the Palestinian prisoners and detainees, which are contrary to the international law and international humanitarian law, and **CALLS ON** the Israeli government to release all Palestinian and Arab political prisoners and detainees in the Israeli jails **EQUALLY DEMANDS** that Israel refrains from arbitrary arrests of Palestinians including children and women which is an act of violation of international laws and human rights norms including the Geneva Convention on the Rights of Women and Children;
 - iv) The continuation of the Israeli government in expanding its settlements in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 in violation of international norms and standards, and **CALLS FOR** the immediate cession of these illegal acts.

6. **CALLS ON** the international community to exert pressure on Israel to stop all settlement activities, release Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails and support the efforts of the Palestine for membership in international agencies and to join international conventions and protocols;
7. **REJECTS** the land and sea blockage imposed on the Gaza Strip, which led to the deterioration of the economic and humanitarian situation, and **DEMANDS** an immediate lifting of all restrictions on Gaza Strip;
8. **COMMENDS** the reconciliation between Fatah and Hamas, as well as the establishment of the Government;
9. **REQUESTS:**
 - i) Member States to boycott goods and products that are produced and exported from the settlements in the Palestinian territories including East Jerusalem;
 - ii) The United Nations and the Quartet to move immediately to shoulder their responsibilities and pressure Israel to commit to the process of serious peace process negotiations;
 - iii) Member States to continue to support the Palestinian people in their struggle to establish a sovereign state over its national territory with Quds EI-Sharif (Jerusalem) as its capital.
10. **REAFFIRMS** the right of the Palestinian people to establish their own Palestinian Independent State with Quds EI-Sharif (Jerusalem) as its capital on its borders of June 1967, and supports the Palestinian approach to obtain full membership of the State of Palestine at the United Nations;
11. **URGES** the UN Security Council to shoulder its responsibilities in maintaining international peace and security, and to take the necessary steps to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict in all its aspects, to achieve a just, comprehensive and lasting peace in the region based on the principle of two-state solution, according to the 1967 borders, and apply the provisions of relevant international law and previous decisions of the Council in this regard;
12. **REITERATES** that a just, comprehensive and lasting peace in the Middle East, demands a full withdrawal of Israel from the occupied Arab and Palestinian territories to the line of June 1967, including the Syrian Golan Heights and territories still occupied in southern Lebanon;
13. **EXPRESSES ITS FULL SUPPORT** for the position of solidarity with Palestine adopted by the Conference of Non-Aligned States held in Algiers, Algeria in May 2014.

**DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HIGH COUNCIL OF LOCAL
AUTHORITIES AS A CONSULTATIVE ORGAN WITHIN THE
AFRICAN UNION GOVERNANCE ARCHITECTURE
Doc. EX.CL/849(XXV)**

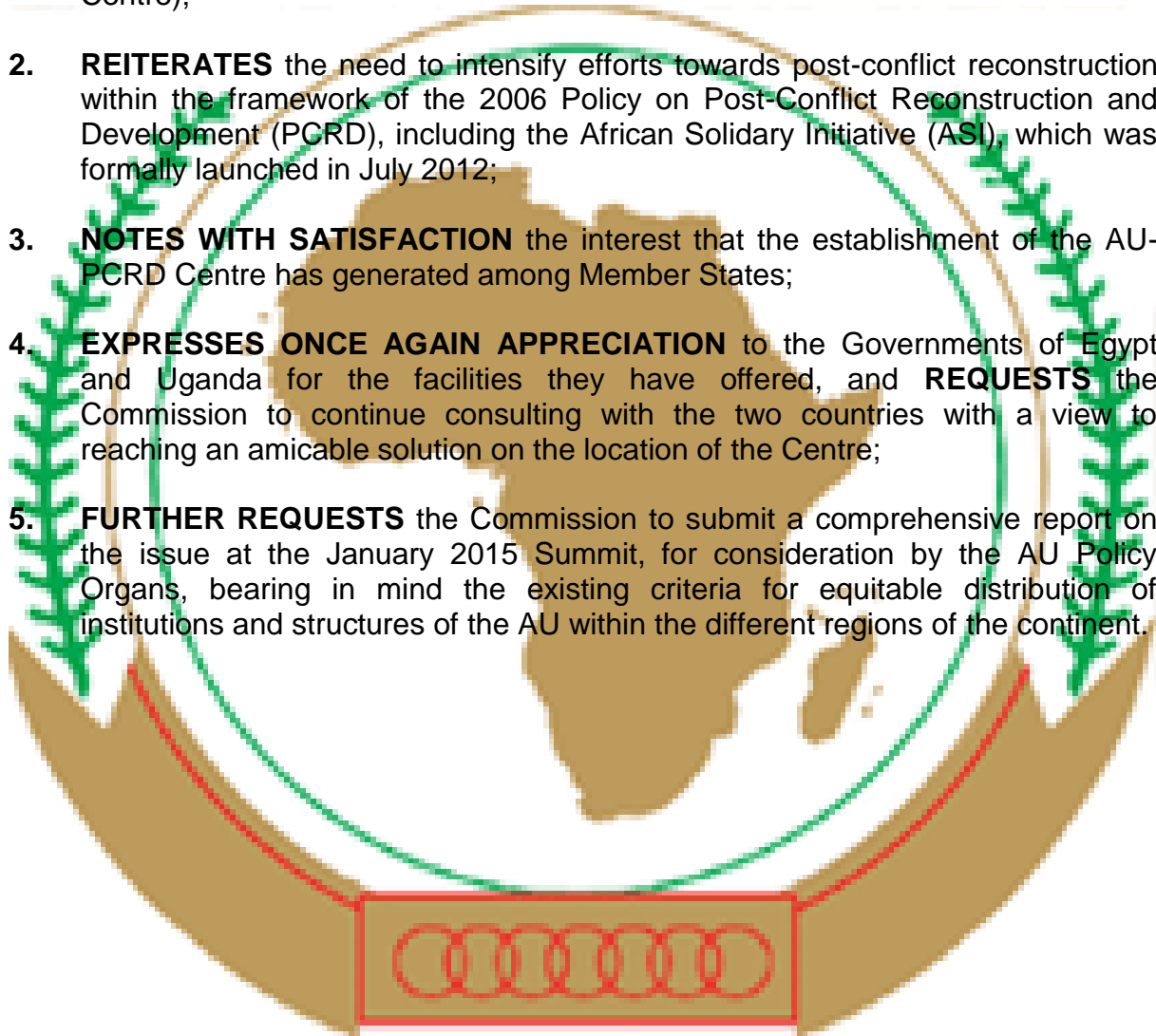
The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the representation of Local Authorities within the African Union governance architecture;
 2. **COMMENDS** the Republic of Senegal for hosting and providing support to the series of consultation on the matter and the Commission for the work so far achieved;
 3. **NOTES** the wide support of Member States towards the establishment of a High Council of Local Authorities as an institutional framework which would ensure the popular participation, facilitate the involvement of African people at the local level in African Union policy making, implementation and evaluation processes, and contribute towards the realization of the vision of an African Union of peoples;
 4. **RECOMMENDS:**
 - i) To the Assembly the adoption of the report submitted by the Commission as well as the establishment of the proposed High Council of Local Authorities as an African Union consultative organ;
 - ii) That the Commission explore with interested Member States, stakeholders and partners the submission of a sustainable financing mechanism for the effective and efficient operation of the proposed African Union High Council of Local authorities for consideration by the Assembly in its June/July 2015 Ordinary Session;
 - iii) That the Commission develop and submit for consideration by the Assembly in June/July 2015 the Draft Statutes and comprehensive budget of the proposed Council of Local Authorities.
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**DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AFRICAN UNION
CENTRE FOR POST-CONFLICT RECONSTRUCTION
AND DEVELOPMENT (AUCPCRD)
Doc. EX.CL/850(XXV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **WELCOMES** the progress report of the Commission on the establishment of the AU Centre for Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development (AU-PCRD Centre);
2. **REITERATES** the need to intensify efforts towards post-conflict reconstruction within the framework of the 2006 Policy on Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development (PCRD), including the African Solidary Initiative (ASI), which was formally launched in July 2012;
3. **NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the interest that the establishment of the AU-PCRD Centre has generated among Member States;
4. **EXPRESSES ONCE AGAIN APPRECIATION** to the Governments of Egypt and Uganda for the facilities they have offered, and **REQUESTS** the Commission to continue consulting with the two countries with a view to reaching an amicable solution on the location of the Centre;
5. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to submit a comprehensive report on the issue at the January 2015 Summit, for consideration by the AU Policy Organs, bearing in mind the existing criteria for equitable distribution of institutions and structures of the AU within the different regions of the continent.



**DECISION ON THE THIRTY-SIXTH ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE AFRICAN
COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS
Doc.EX.CL/856(XXV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Thirty-Sixth Activity Report of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the ACHPR) and **AUTHORISES** its publication;
2. **EXPRESSES** its appreciation for the efforts deployed by the ACHPR during the reporting period to promote and protect human rights on the continent;
3. **TAKES NOTE** of the human rights situation on the continent as outlined in the Activity Report, **CONGRATULATES** Member States that have taken positive measures to improve the human rights situation in their respective countries; and **EXHORTS** all Member States to take concerted action to address the continuing human rights concerns on the continent;
4. **CALLS UPON** Member States to implement the decisions and recommendations of the ACHPR, respond to the ACHPR's Urgent Appeals and comply with Orders for Provisional Measures issued by the ACHPR;
5. **REQUESTS** Parties to Communications to provide the ACHPR with information regarding implementation of decisions and recommendations of the ACHPR;
6. **ENCOURAGES** States Parties to give the ACHPR standing invitations to undertake promotional missions in their respective countries, and **URGES** those to whom requests have been made to authorize the proposed missions;
7. **COMMENDS** Members States that are up to date with their reporting obligations under Article 62 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (the African Charter), and **ENCOURAGES** all those that have overdue Reports to submit them as soon as possible;
8. **EXPRESSES** appreciation to States Parties that have hosted Sessions of the Commission; **TAKES NOTE** of the offer made by Niger, Mauritania and Burkina Faso to host the 56th, 57th and 58th Ordinary Sessions of the ACHPR respectively, and **EXHORTS** other Member States, especially those that have never done so, to consider hosting Sessions of the ACHPR;
9. **APPRECIATES** the efforts deployed by the AUC regarding the recruitment of Legal Officers for the Secretariat of the Commission and **REQUESTS** the AUC to expedite recruitment for the remaining positions;
10. **DECIDES** to increase the budgetary allocation of the ACHPR to prevent the dependency of such a sensitive and important AU Organ on partner funds for the performance of its functions.

**DECISION ON THE MID-TERM ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE
AFRICAN COURT ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS
Doc. EX.CL/857(XXV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Mid-term progress Report of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Court) for the period January to June 2014, and the recommendations contained therein;
2. **CONGRATULATES** the Court for the activities it has undertaken during the period under consideration;
3. **WELCOMES** the response of Libya to the Court's Order of Provisional Measures in relation to a matter filed against the State Party before the Court, but **NOTES** that the response does not indicate the measures Libya has taken to implement the said Order, with regard to allowing "...the accused access to a lawyer of his choosing, family visits and to refrain from taking any action that may affect the Detainee's physical and mental integrity as well as his health...";
4. **URGES** Libya to inform the Court on the concrete measures it has taken to implement the Order of Provisional Measures;
5. **TAKES NOTE** of the request of the Court for more time to consult and to present the Concept Papers on the establishment of the Legal Assistance Fund, the Continental Judicial Dialogue and a Concrete Reporting Mechanism for the Court in January 2015, and **REQUESTS** the Court, in collaboration with the PRC, to take all necessary measures to present a progress report to the January 2015 Session of the Executive Council;
6. **FURTHER TAKES NOTE** of the Concept Paper on the Declaration of 2016 as Africa Year of Human Rights with particular focus on the rights of women, and hereby **DECLARES** 2016 as African Year of Human Rights with particular focus on the rights of women; on the basis of the Concept Paper;
7. **REQUESTS** the Court, in collaboration with the PRC, the African Union Commission, the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and all other relevant stakeholders on the continent, as well as relevant partners, to ensure the effective celebration of 2016, to enhance the promotion and protection of human rights on the continent;
8. **TAKES NOTE** of the recommendation of the Court for the establishment of an Endowment Fund or Trust Fund for the Court and **REQUESTS** the Court in collaboration with the PRC and the AUC to undertake a feasibility study on the establishment of such a Fund, including in particular the financial implications on Member States assessment and submit a report to the June 2015 session of the Executive Council;

9. **NOTES** with concern that, sixteen years after its adoption, only twenty seven Member States of the African Union have ratified the Protocol establishing the Court and only seven of the twenty seven State Parties have made the declaration required under Article 34 (6) of the Protocol, allowing individuals and NGOs to bring cases to the Court;
10. **CONGRATULATES** the twenty-seven State Parties to the Protocol, and the seven State Parties that have made the declaration required under Article 34 (6) of the Protocol;
11. **INVITES** those Member States that have not already done so, to accede to the Protocol and make the declaration required under Article 34 (6) of the Protocol, and in this regard **URGES** concerned Member States that have not already done so, to accede to the Protocol and make the Declaration before January 2016;
12. **EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION** to the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania for the facilities it has placed at the disposal of the Court to enable it function, and urges the Government to take urgent steps to ensure the construction of the permanent premises of the Court as soon as possible;
13. **REQUESTS** the Court, in collaboration with the PRC, to report at the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in June 2014 on the implementation of this decision.



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE AFRICAN COMMITTEE
OF EXPERTS ON THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF
THE CHILD (ACERWC)
Doc. EX.CL/858(XXV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child ;
2. **ADOPTS** the Report and commends the Committee for the work done in monitoring the implementation of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child;
3. **WELCOMES** the Campaign on the Universal Ratification of and Reporting on the implementation of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child which builds towards the 25th Anniversary of the adoption of the Charter in 2015 and **URGES** the 7 Member States who have not yet ratified the Charter, to expedite their ratification process for possible completion on or before the end of 2015; and State Parties which have placed reservations on the application of the provisions of the Charter to consider the withdrawal of the same;
4. **CALLS UPON** States Parties that have not yet submitted their reports to the Committee to comply with the provisions of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child and expedite the process of submission of their reports;
5. **ADOPTS** the theme of the Day of the African child (DAC) for 2015: *'25 years after the adoption of the African Children's Charter: Accelerating our collective efforts to end child marriage in Africa'* and **REQUESTS** Member States to commemorate the DAC and report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Committee;
6. **COMMENDS** the Campaign to End Child Marriage in Africa initiated by the AUC and **REQUESTS** the Commission to submit biennial report on progress made in ending child marriage;
7. **ENDORSES** the initiative of the African Union Commission (AUC) to appoint a Special Rapporteur on Child Marriage among the Committee members, and requests the Committee and the AUC to discuss and finalize the modalities;
8. **URGES** the Commission to address as a matter of urgency, the implementation of the Executive Council Decision EX.CL/Dec.776(XXIII) on assessment of financial and human resources needed by the Committee with a view to adequately equipping the Committee to discharge its mandates effectively as envisaged in the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child;

9. **RECOMMENDS** to the Assembly the amendment of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child with a view to implementing Executive Council Decisions, EX.CL/Dec 776(XXIII) of May 2013, as well as EX.CL/Dec 233 (VII) of July 2005, on the possibility of the renewal of the term of office of the Committee Members (Article 37(1)), and based on the written opinion from the AU Legal Counsel in support of the amendment and its coming into force with immediate effect expressed by the African Committee as required by Article 48(1) of the Charter, to amend Article 37(1) of the ACRWC to read as follows:

“The members of the Committee shall be elected for a term of five years and may be re-elected only once. However, the term of four of the members elected at the first election shall expire after two years and the term of six others, after four years”.



**DECISION ON THE ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE AFRICAN UNION
COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL LAW (AUCIL)
Doc. EX.CL/861(XXV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Activity Report of the African Union Commission on International Law (AUCIL) for the period May 2013 to June 2014 together with the recommendations contained therein;
2. **RECOGNIZES** the importance of the legal studies on various issues carried out by AUCIL on the request of the Policy Organs of the Union and also those initiated by itself;
3. **RECALLS** Executive Council Decision EX.CL/Dec. 777(XXIII), which requests that the relevant Sub-Committee of the PRC considers strengthening this Organ, including expanding the structure of its Secretariat in accordance with the Executive Council Decision EX.CL/Dec 720(XXI);
4. **REQUESTS** the relevant Sub-Committee of the PRC to consider the proposed expansion of the structure of the Secretariat and report to policy organs in June/July 2015;
5. **RECALLS** Executive Council Decision EX.CL/Dec.777(XXIII) as well as United Nations General Assembly resolution 2099 (XX) of 20 December 1965 adopted following an initiative by the Republic of Ghana, in which it established the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law to contribute towards a better knowledge of international law as a means of strengthening international peace and security and promoting friendly relations and cooperation among States;
6. **ONCE AGAIN REQUESTS** the African Group in New York through the Commission and also calls upon all United Nations Member States to strongly support the successive requests by the United Nations General Assembly to the Secretary-General to provide to the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 and future biennium's the resources necessary to ensure the continued effectiveness and further development of the Programme of Assistance, in particular the organization of the United Nations Regional Course in International Law for Africa and other similar United Nations Regional Courses on a regular basis and the viability of the United Nations Audio-visual Library of International Law, as contained in Resolutions 66/97, 67/91 and 68/110;
7. **ENCOURAGES:**
 - i) The AUCIL, within the limits of available resources, to bolster its activities in the development and codification of International Law with specific focus on African Union Law. In this regard, draft conventions should be initiated in areas with specific interest to the African Union;

- ii) Member States and other Organs of the Union to extend necessary support to the AUCIL in the preparation of its Studies by, inter alia, providing information AUCIL may need for this purpose on issues of International Law of interest to the African Union.



**DECISION ON THE MEETING OF THE MINISTERIAL WORKING
GROUP ON TOURISM AND THE AGENDA 2063
Doc. EX.CL/862(XXV) Add.2**

The Executive Council,

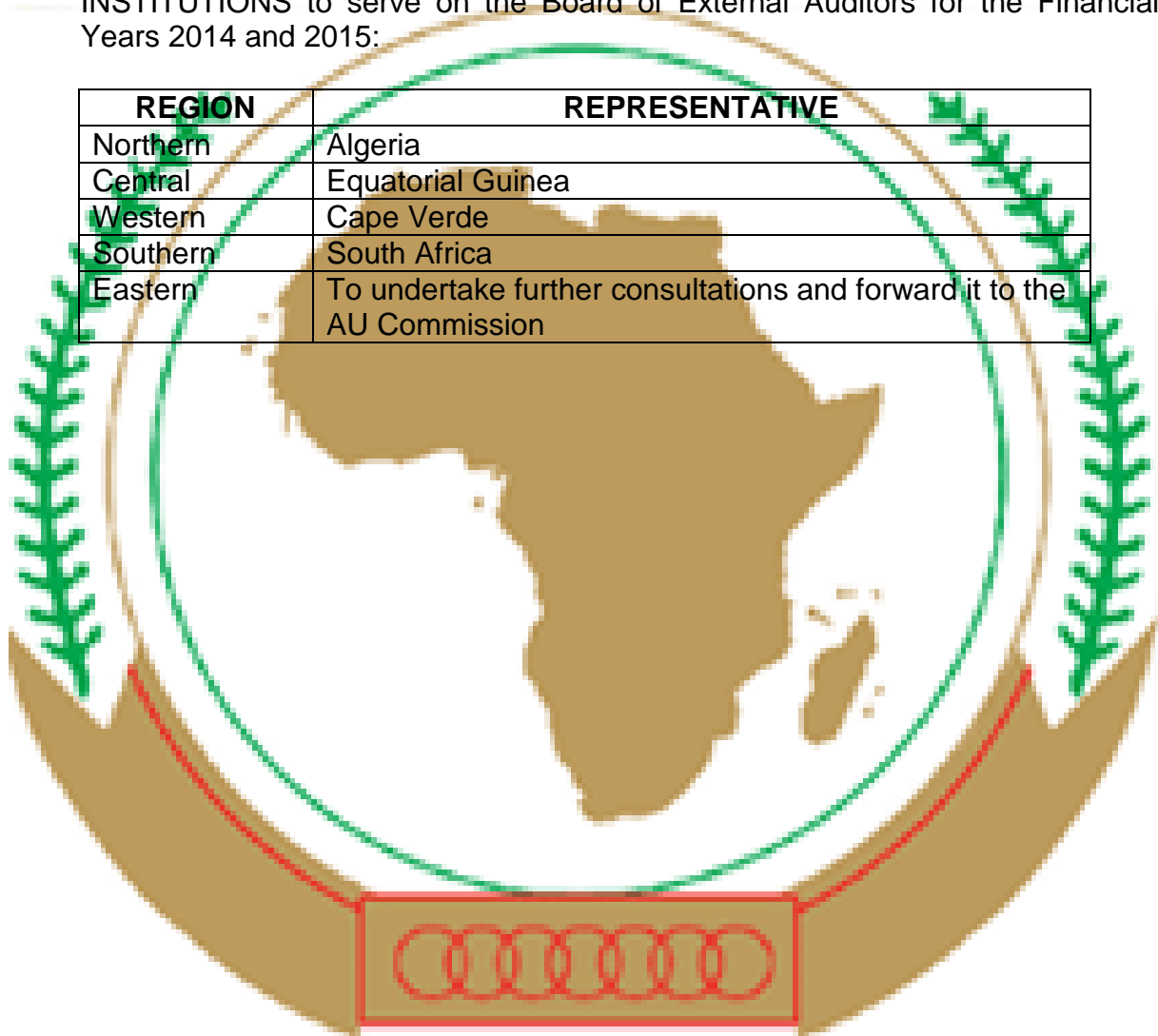
1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Seychelles Final Communiqué of the Meeting of the Ministerial Working Group on Tourism held in Seychelles to define targets and the contribution of the tourism sector to the achievement of the aspirations of the African Agenda 2063;
2. **ENDORSES** the following recommendations contained in final Seychelles communiqué of the meeting of the Ministerial Working Group on Tourism:
 - a) Enhance the importance and profile of Tourism in the AU Decision making structures and processes;
 - b) Operationalize the STC on Transport, Transcontinental and interregional infrastructures, Energy and Tourism on a platform for the development of tourism in the continent;
 - c) Make Africa the preferred destination for Tourism;
 - d) Create an African brand of tourism;
 - e) Continue consultations under the auspices of the African Union in order to strengthen the role of tourism in an political and socio-economic development of the continent in the context of Agenda 2063;
 - f) Strengthen the essential role of the RECs, the private sector and the civil society in tourism.
3. **COMMENDS** the Ministerial Working Group on Tourism for the diligent work done and the concrete results of their meeting which has provided clear guidelines for a long-term development strategy for the tourism sector in Africa and especially for realising its substantive contribution to the accomplishment of the African Agenda 2063;
4. **NOTES WITH APPRECIATION** the desire of the Ministers responsible for tourism to engage the high-level policy organs of the African Union on the agenda of the continent's tourism sector;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to implement the recommendations of the Ministerial Working Group on Tourism and provide periodic reports to the Working Group.

**DECISION ON APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN
UNION BOARD OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the nominations as per Article 78 of the Financial Rules and Regulations, submitted by the Regional Deans following consultations within their respective Regions;
2. **DECIDES** to appoint the following **HEADS** of **SUPREME AUDIT INSTITUTIONS** to serve on the Board of External Auditors for the Financial Years 2014 and 2015:

REGION	REPRESENTATIVE
Northern	Algeria
Central	Equatorial Guinea
Western	Cape Verde
Southern	South Africa
Eastern	To undertake further consultations and forward it to the AU Commission



**DECISION ON THE ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE AFRICAN
UNION ADVISORY BOARD ON CORRUPTION
Doc. EX.CL/860(XXV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Activity Report of the African Union Advisory Board on Corruption and **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained therein;
2. **COMMENDS** the Advisory Board on Corruption for the work accomplished and **ENCOURAGES** it to continue its efforts;
3. **EXPRESSES** its grave concern on the alleged misappropriation of resources allocated to the Board and **REQUESTS** the AUC and its Audit Services Directorate to submit, as soon as possible, a comprehensive report on the investigation being undertaken and measures to be put in place to redress this situation, at the January 2015 Summit;
4. **CALLS UPON** the AU Commission and the AU Advisory Board to enhance their cooperation to remedy the situation through an appropriate mechanism;
5. **ALSO CALLS UPON** the Commission to provide to the Advisory Board the requisite human and financial resources within the allocated budgetary provisions to enable it fulfils its mandate. In this regard, the AUC should be urged to fill the position of Executive Secretary in an expedient manner;
6. **FURTHER CALLS UPON** all Member States that have not yet done so, to sign, ratify and implement the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combatting Corruption and report to the Advisory Board on its implementation as provided for under that Convention;
7. **STRESSES** the need for Member States to provide the necessary support to the Advisory Board, in particular, the requisite resources from the AU Budget and voluntary contributions rather than over dependency on funding from external partners;
8. **REQUESTS** the Advisory Board to follow up on the implementation of these recommendations and submit a report thereon at the next Summit.

**DECISION ON AFRICAN CANDIDATURES WITHIN
THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM
Doc. EX.CL/852(XXIV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Ministerial Committee on African candidatures within the international system;
2. **ENDORSES** the following candidatures:
 - i) **For the post of Judge to the International Criminal Court, REAFFIRMS** its earlier Decision EX.CL/Dec.810 (XXIV) of January 2014 in support of the candidature of Mr. Antoine Kesia-Mbe Mindua of the Democratic Republic of Congo;
 - ii) **For the post of Secretary General of the World Meteorological Organization** for the period 2016-2020, the candidature of **Mr. Jeremiah Lengosa**, of South Africa;
 - iii) **For membership and for the post of Chairperson of the International Civil Service Commission** for the period 2015-2018 during elections to be held in New York in 2014, the candidature of **Mr. Kingston Rhodes Papie** of the Republic of Sierra Leone;
 - iv) **For membership of the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit** for the period 2016-2021, the candidature of **Mr Jean Christian Obame** of the Republic of Gabon;
 - v) **For membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions** during elections to be held in November 2014, the candidature of **Mr Ali Eiad Krer** of the state of Libya;
 - vi) **For membership of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women**, the candidature of **Mrs. Kheïra Ouguini** of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria; the re-election of Mrs Navamane Ratna (Pramila) Patten of the Republic of Mauritius and the candidature of Ambassador Naela Gabr of the Arab Republic of Egypt;
 - vii) **For the post of Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau of the International Telecommunication Union** during elections to be held from 20 October to 7 November 2014 in Busan, South Korea, the candidature of **Mr. Brahim Sanou** of Burkina Faso;
 - viii) **For membership of the Committee on Radio Communication Regulation (RRB) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)** during elections to be held in Busan, South Korea, from 20 October to 7 November 2014, the candidature of **Mrs Anissa Guellal** of

the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria; and candidature of Mr Starley Kaige Kibe of the Republic of Kenya;

- ix) **For membership of the UN Advisory Committee on Independent Audit** during elections to be held in November 2014, the candidature of **Mr Richard Quartei Quartey of the Republic of Ghana**;
- x) **For the post of Secretary General of the African Union Telecommunication**, the candidature of **Mr. Abdoukarim Soumaila** of the Republic of Niger;
- xi) **For membership of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child** during elections to be held on 25 June 2014 in New York, the candidature of **Mr. Sambala Traore of the Republic of Mali**, the candidature of **Mr. Hatem Kotrane of the Republic of Tunisia**, the candidature of **Mrs Louisa Oussedik of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria** and the candidature of **Ambassador Gahad Madi of the Arab Republic of Egypt**;
- xii) **For membership of the Economic and Social Council**, the candidature of **Burkina Faso**, the candidature of the **Republic of Ghana**, the candidature of the **Islamic Republic of Mauritania**, the candidature of the **Republic of Uganda** and the candidature of the **Republic of Zimbabwe**;
- xiii) **For membership of the Committee on Conferences**, the candidature of the **Republic of Namibia** and the candidature of the **Republic of Central African Republic**;
- xiv) **For the post of President of G-77 and China**, the candidature of **South Africa**;
- xv) **For the Vice Chairman of the CODEX Alimentarius Commission** at elections scheduled to be held in Geneva from 14-18 July, the candidature of **Professor Salah Abou-Raya of the Arab Republic of Egypt**;

3. FURTHER APPROVES:

- i) The candidature of the Republic of Kenya for membership of the International Standardisation Organisation for the period 2015 to 2017 during elections scheduled for September 2014;
- ii) The candidature of **Burkina Faso**, the candidature of the **People's Democratic Republic of Algeria**, the candidature of the **Republic of Senegal** and the candidature of the **Republic of Ghana**, the candidature of the **Republic of Kenya** and the candidature of the **Arab Republic of Egypt** for membership of the **Council of the International Telecommunication Union** for the period 2014-2018;

- iii) The candidatures of the **Republic of The Sudan** and the **Republic of Angola** for membership of the **Board of Directors of the International Labour Office** for the 2014-2017 period, according to consultation by the Commission and Social Affairs in pursuance of Decision EX.CL.Dec.398 (XII);
- iv) The candidature of the **Republic of Ghana** for re-election for membership of the **Council of the International Telecommunication Union** during elections to be held from 20 October to 7 November 2014 in the Republic of Korea;
- v) For membership of the Human Rights Council for the period 2015 to 2017, the candidature of the **Republic of Botswana**, the candidature of the **Republic of Congo**, the candidature of the **Republic of Ghana** and the candidature of the **Federal Republic of Nigeria**;
- vi) The candidature of the **Republic of Malawi** for the post of **Coordinator of Developing Countries within the Global Partnership for Effective Development**.

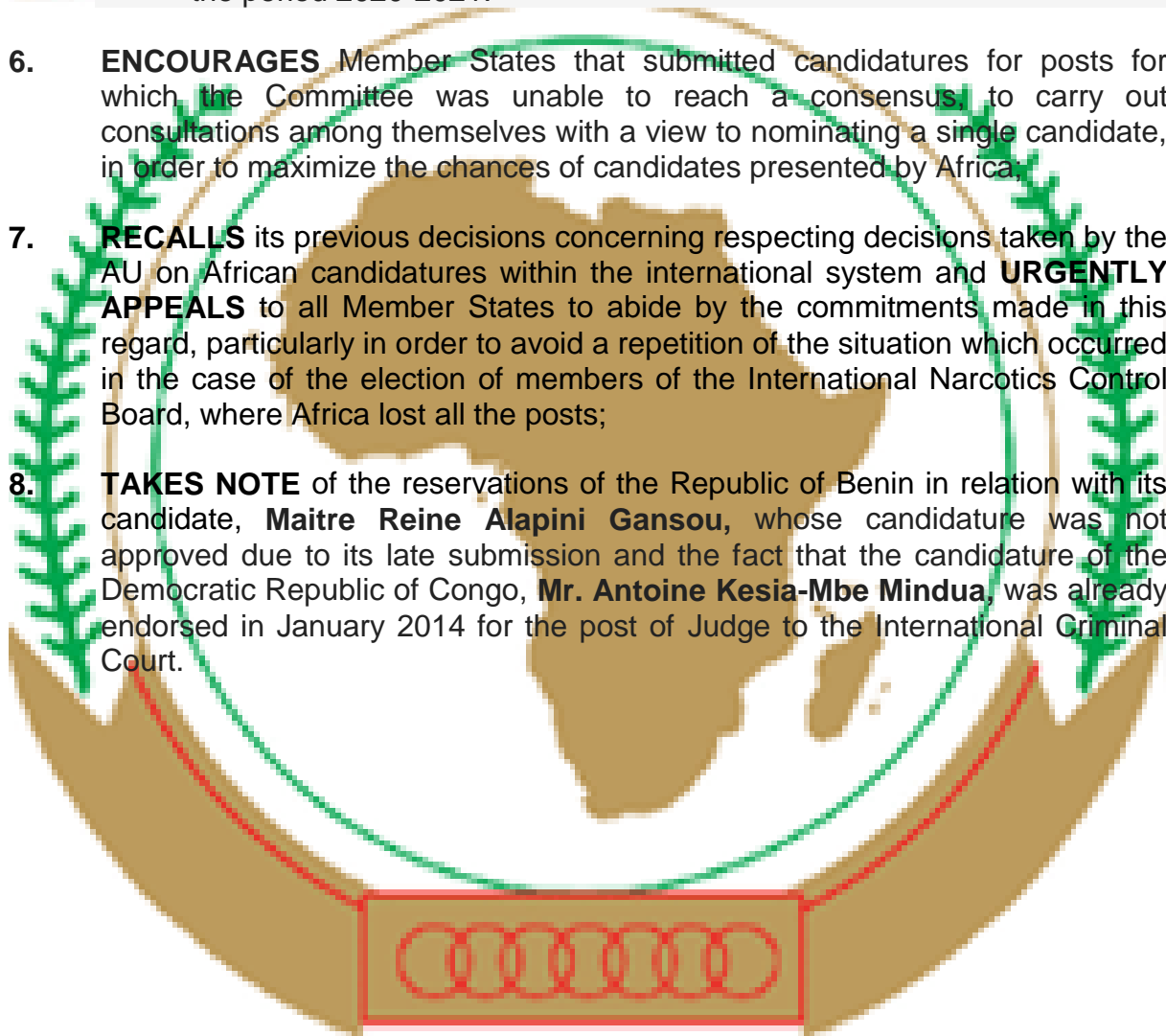
4. TAKES NOTE of the candidatures listed hereunder and ENCOURAGES the candidates to continue consultations with a view to reaching a consensus. In the event that no consensus is reached, the Committee recommends all five candidates for elections:

- i) For the post of World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Director for Africa, the candidature of **Dr Fatoumata Nafo Traoré** of the Republic of Mali; **Dr. Matshidiso Moeti** of the Republic of Botswana; **Professor Thérèse Aya N'Dri-Yoman** of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire; **Dr. Jean Marie Okwo Bele** of the Democratic Republic of Congo; **Professor Kinde Gazard Akoko-Dorotheé** of the Republic of Benin;
- ii) For the post of Deputy Secretary General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) for the period 2014-2018, to conduct consultations to nominate a single candidate: The candidature of **Eng. Shola Taylor** of Federal Republic of Nigeria and and the candidature of **Mrs. Fatimetou Mint Mohamed Saleck** of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania ;
- iii) **Regarding the election for the post of President of the Assembly of the Parties to the Rome Statutes of the International Criminal Court, REQUESTS the Republic of Senegal, the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Republic of Botswana** , to continue with consultations with a view to designating a single candidate for Africa, during elections to be held in New York.

5. FURTHER TAKES NOTE and DECIDES to defer consideration of the following three nominations to the session preceding the election, namely:

- i) The January 2015 session, the candidature of **the Republic of Senegal** for the post of non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for the period 2016-2017;
- ii) The January 2017 session, the candidature of **the Republic of Equatorial Guinea** for the post of non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for the period 2018-2019;
- iii) The January 2019 session, the candidature of **the Republic of Tunisia** for the post of non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for the period 2020-2021.

6. **ENCOURAGES** Member States that submitted candidatures for posts for which the Committee was unable to reach a consensus, to carry out consultations among themselves with a view to nominating a single candidate, in order to maximize the chances of candidates presented by Africa;
7. **RECALLS** its previous decisions concerning respecting decisions taken by the AU on African candidatures within the international system and **URGENTLY APPEALS** to all Member States to abide by the commitments made in this regard, particularly in order to avoid a repetition of the situation which occurred in the case of the election of members of the International Narcotics Control Board, where Africa lost all the posts;
8. **TAKES NOTE** of the reservations of the Republic of Benin in relation with its candidate, **Maitre Reine Alapini Gansou**, whose candidature was not approved due to its late submission and the fact that the candidature of the Democratic Republic of Congo, **Mr. Antoine Kesia-Mbe Mindua**, was already endorsed in January 2014 for the post of Judge to the International Criminal Court.



**DECISION THE PROGRESS REPORT OF THE ELECTION INTO THE 2ND
PERMANENT ECOSOCC GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Doc. EX.CL/859(XXV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of Progress Report submitted by the Commission on the process of elections into the 2nd Permanent General Assembly of ECOSOCC and the various options contained therein;
2. **DECIDES** to adopt option (d) as a basis for conducting elections into the next ECOSOCC General Assembly;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to extend the call for application accordingly for three months and to conduct the sensitization and motivation campaign within the spirit to gather a sufficient pool of candidates for the election;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to re-prioritize available resources to support the requirements of the sensitization and motivation campaign;
5. **DIRECTS** the Commission that in the event of not securing a sufficient pool of candidates to conduct elections for a full General Assembly, an Interim Assembly be elected for two-year period before the end of 2014 to enable it attend to the urgent and outstanding matters, including those relating to strengthening the Statutes, working methods, Rules of Procedure and electoral processes;
6. **DECIDES** to retain the eligibility criteria contained in Article 6 (6) of the ECOSOCC Statutes that 50% of the financing resources of CSOs must be derived from internal sources;
7. **CALLS FOR** an in-depth study or audit exercise regarding the functioning of ECOSOCC since its inception to produce appropriate recommendations on ways and means to revamp the operations of the organ, including a review of the Statutes, Rules of Procedure and models of representation that would support the principle of African ownership.

**DECISION ON THE ELECTION OF THE FOUR (4) JUDGES OF
THE AFRICAN COURT ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS
Doc. EX.CL.854(XXV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Election of four (4) judges of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights;
2. **ELECTS** the following as Judges of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights for a term of six (6) years:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Country</u>
i)	Rafaa BEN ACHOUR	Male	Tunisia
ii)	Solomy Balungi BOSSA	Female	Uganda
iii)	Angelo Vasco MATUSSE	Male	Mozambique
iv)	Sylvain ORE	Male	Cote d'Ivoire

3. **RECOMMENDS** the elected four (4) Judges for appointment by the Twenty-Third Ordinary Session of the Assembly.

