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**DECISION ADOPTED ONLINE
THROUGH A SILENT PROCEDURE**

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The Assembly,

1. **RECALLS** Decisions Assembly/AU/Dec.751 (XXXIII) and Assembly/AU/Dec.755 (XXXIII) adopted at the 33rd Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union in February 2020, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, wherein the Assembly of the Union decided to hold on 30 May 2020 in South Africa, the 13th Extraordinary Session of the Assembly on the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), back-to-back with the 14th Extraordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union on Silencing the Guns;
2. **FURTHER RECALLS** Assembly/AU/OSP/Dec.1(06-20)II adopted online through a silent procedure on 17 June 2020, wherein the Assembly decided to hold the 13th Extraordinary Session of the Assembly on the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), back-to-back with the 14th Extraordinary Session of the Assembly on Silencing the Guns in South Africa on 5 December 2020;
3. **WELCOMES** the recommendation made by the Bureau of the Assembly, in due consideration of the situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, to hold virtually, on 5 and 6 December 2020, the 13th and 14th Extraordinary Sessions of the Assembly on AfCFTA and Silencing the Guns preceded by a meeting of the Executive Council on 2 December 2020 as well as preparatory meetings of the PRC on 19 and 25 November 2020;
4. **UNDERLINES** the importance of the issues to be discussed at both the 13th and 14th Extraordinary sessions and **DECIDES** to give due consideration to them;
5. **DECIDES** to hold virtually the 13th Extraordinary Session of the Assembly on the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) on 5 December 2020 and the 14th Extraordinary Session of the Assembly on Silencing the Guns on 6 December 2020;
6. **REQUESTS** the Executive Council and the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) to hold preparatory meetings respectively on the 19 and 25 November 2020 and 2 December 2020; and
7. **DIRECTS** the Commission to make all the necessary arrangements for the successful holding of the 13th and 14th Extraordinary Sessions of the Assembly and preceding meetings of the PRC and Executive Council according to the aforementioned dates.