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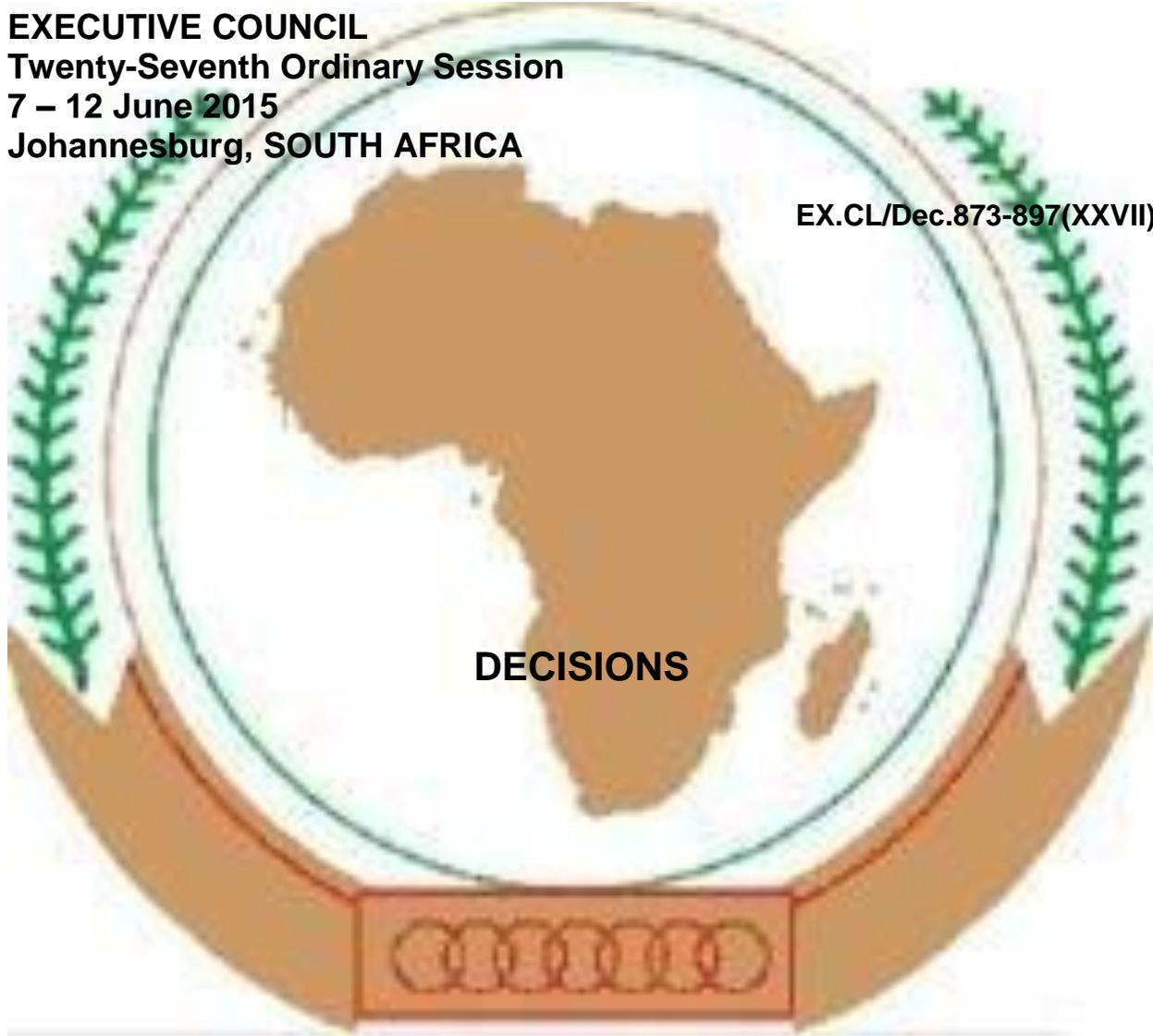


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**DECISION ON THE BUDGET OF THE AFRICAN UNION
FOR THE 2016 FINANCIAL YEAR
Doc. EX.CL/898(XXVII)**

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\$416,867,326** for the African Union for year 2016, broken down into **US\$150,503,875** Operating Budget and **US\$266,363,451** Programs and recommends it to the Assembly for adoption.
3. **ALSO APPROVES** source of financing of the budget as follows:
 - i) A total amount of **US\$169,833,340** is assessed on Member States, and
 - ii) A total amount of **US\$247,033,986** is secured from International Partners;
4. **FURTHER APPROVES** the budget breakdown among AU Organs as follows:

Organs	Member States			Partners			Total Budget for 2016		
	Operating Budget	Programs	Total Assessment	Operating	Programs	Total	Operating	Programs	Total 2016
AUC	107,213,380	19,174,284	126,387,664		192,461,978	192,461,978	107,213,380	211,636,262	318,849,642
PAP	12,016,230		12,016,230		20,444,763	20,444,763	12,016,230	20,444,763	32,460,993
AfCHR (The Court)	7,934,915		7,934,915		2,351,486	2,351,486	7,934,915	2,351,486	10,286,401
ACHPR (The Commission)	4,279,846		4,279,846		1,301,399	1,301,399	4,279,846	1,301,399	5,581,245
ECOSSOC	1,043,396		1,043,396		991,223	991,223	1,043,396	991,223	2,034,619
NEPAD	8,871,755		8,871,755		25,013,737	25,013,737	8,871,755	25,013,737	33,885,492
AUCIL	389,575		389,575		295,200	295,200	389,575	295,200	684,775
Advisory Board on Corruption	1,376,408		1,376,408			-	1,376,408	-	1,376,408
Peace & Security Council		797,216	797,216			-	-	797,216	797,216
ACERWC	253,810	39,565	293,375		445,802	445,802	253,810	485,367	739,178
SPECIALIZED OFFICES OF THE AU									
AFREC	945,268		945,268			-	945,268	-	945,268
IPED	735,512		735,512			-	735,512	-	735,512
CIEFFA	735,512		735,512			-	735,512	-	735,512
PAU	2,526,668		2,526,668			-	2,526,668	-	2,526,668
AIR	-		-	681,600	1,453,676	2,135,276	681,600	1,453,676	2,135,276
ACDC	1,500,000		1,500,000		1,593,121	1,593,121	1,500,000	1,593,121	3,093,121
TOTAL	149,822,275	20,011,065	169,833,340	681,600	246,352,386	247,033,986	150,503,875	266,363,451	416,867,326

5. **AUTHORIZES** the Commission to continue to solicit additional funds from Partners for Programs of the Union amounting to **US\$70,552,314** till the end of 2015 and to report back on the status to the PRC before the January 2016 Summit;
6. **EMPHASIZES** the need for ownership of AU Programmes by Member States through an effective demonstration of political will and by honoring their financial commitments to the organization, in particular the Flagship Projects featuring in the 10 Year Implementation Plan of Agenda 2063 and to minimize dependency on External Funding;
7. **REQUESTS** the Commission:
 - i) to take the necessary measures to improve on the Execution rate of the budget against available funds;
 - ii) to strengthen the internal control processes with a view to ensuring a judicious utilization of the resources put at the disposal of the organization;
 - iii) in collaboration with the PRC to undertake a study of the sanction regime on contribution, to make it effective and efficient and to make appropriate recommendations to the Policy Organs;
 - iv) to continue improving the budgetary processes;
8. **EMPHASIZES** the need to pay special attention to the allocation of funds for issues of Peace and Security taking into consideration the decision for Member States to provide 25% of the Budget for Peace and Security;
9. **APPROVES** 2% of AMISOM budget for 2016 to be supported by voluntary contributions from Member States;
10. **DECIDES** to implement the decision of the Assembly (**Assembly/AU/Dec.561(XXIV)**) on Alternative Sources of Funding where Member States enhance ownership of the budget of the Union by financing 100% of the Operating budget, 75% of Programs and 25% of Peace and Security Budget effective January 2016 to be phased incrementally over a five-year period, and based on non-exclusive options at the national, regional and continental levels;
11. **DECIDES** to increase by 2% to reach the target of 1% and 12% for Women Fund and Peace Fund respectively.

**DECISION ON THE DRAFT MATRIX OF MODALITIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE 4TH JOINT RETREAT OF THE AUC AND
THE PRC IN HAWASSA, ETHIOPIA
Doc. EX.CL/897(XXVII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Matrix prepared by the AUC/PRC Working Group, the inputs from North African Region and from other Member States and **APPROVES** the conclusions of the 4th Joint PRC-AUC Retreat;
2. **STRESSES** the need to synchronize the Matrix with other reforms being undertaken at the level of relevant AU institutions including the PRC Sub-Committees on Structure, Headquarters and Host Agreement, Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters and on the streamlining of the AU work methods and procedures;
3. **UNDERLINES** the need to ensure equitable distribution of AU institutions by regions and **REQUESTS** the Commission to develop criteria on this matter for consideration by the PRC Sub-Committee on Headquarters and Host Agreement in line with the Decision of Executive Council of 2009 on criteria on hosting AU Organs;
4. **DIRECTS** that a Committee of at least two (2) representatives from each region and the Office of the Legal Counsel be constituted to draft guidelines for ensuring fair geographical spread of AU Institutions, Organs and Specialized Agencies for submission to the AU Summit in January 2016.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT ON THE FIRST PHASE
OF THE 8TH PAN AFRICAN CONGRESS
Doc. EX.CL/903(XXVII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the First Phase of the 8th Pan African Congress (PAC) that was held in Accra, Ghana from 4 to 7 March, 2015 and **EXPRESSES CONCERN** that the 8th PAC could not take place as initially planned;
2. **EXPRESSES** the need to clarify legal status of the Report, the relationship between the AU and the PAC and to determine the expected contribution from the AU to the PAC in future;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report on this issue for consideration by the AU Policy Organs before the 2nd phase of PAC planned for 2016.



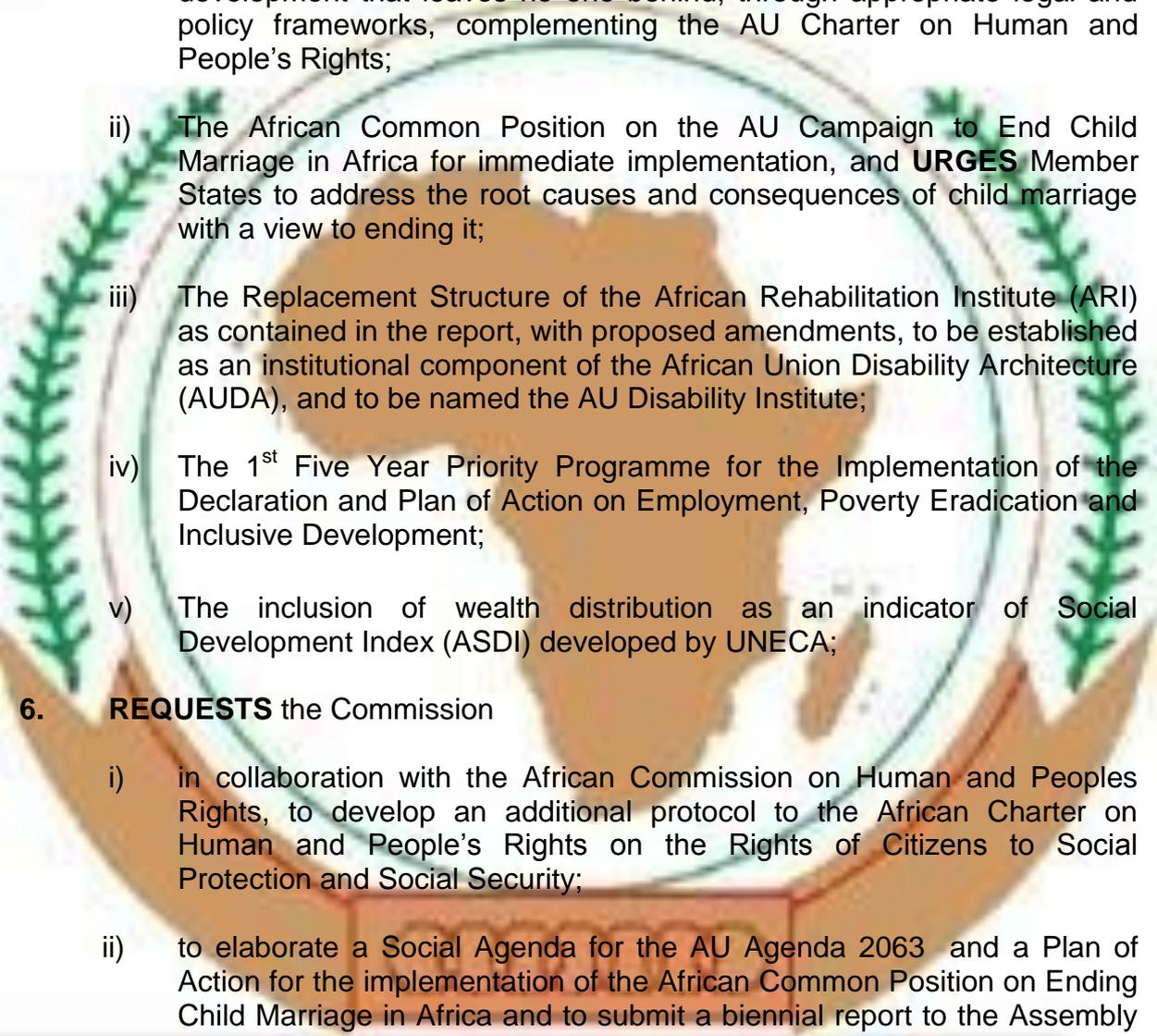
DECISION ON THE SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of all the reports of the various Specialized Technical Committees(STCs) and the recommendations contained therein;
2. **REQUESTS** the STCs to meet every two years as per the relevant Assembly Decisions;
- A. **ON THE 1ST MEETING OF THE SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH POPULATION AND DRUG CONTROL (STC-HPDC-1) - DOC.EX.CL/904 (XXVII)**
3. **ENDORSES:**
 - i) The revision of the African Nutrition Strategy 2016-2025 and **REQUESTS** the Commission to conduct a mid-term review of its implementation in 2020;
 - ii) The African Union Model Law on Medical Products Regulation for the consideration by the STC on Justice and Legal Affairs;
 - iii) Intensification of efforts to end Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and Tuberculosis (TB) as well as elimination of Malaria by 2030 in line with the key actions of the Abuja +12 Declaration;
 - iv) Ending preventable maternal and child deaths by 2030; and continuation of the Campaign for Accelerated Reduction of Maternal Mortality in Africa (CARMMA) under the slogan “**Africa Cares, No Woman should die while giving life**” as a vehicle for solidifying the gains made by the campaign and focusing the continent’s efforts towards ending maternal, new-born and child deaths;
 - v) That a Monitoring, Accountability and Reporting Mechanism on the Addis Ababa Declaration on Population and Development be developed to measure Member State progress in population and development at two intervals, three years mainly to assess the process and five years to assess the impact.
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to finalize the revision and ensure extension of the AU Health Policy instruments so as to meet the targets set and to submit to the 2nd Joint AU/WHO Meeting of the African Ministers of Health in Tunis in April 2016 for consideration and appropriate recommendation;

B. ON THE 1ST MEETING OF THE SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (STC-SDLE-1) - DOC. EX.CL/905(XXVII)

5. ENDORSES:

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- i) The implementation of the Social Policy Framework for Africa to be accelerated, that Member States pursue a rights-based approach to social protection and social security for all citizens, aiming at inclusive development that leaves no one behind, through appropriate legal and policy frameworks, complementing the AU Charter on Human and People's Rights;
 - ii) The African Common Position on the AU Campaign to End Child Marriage in Africa for immediate implementation, and **URGES** Member States to address the root causes and consequences of child marriage with a view to ending it;
 - iii) The Replacement Structure of the African Rehabilitation Institute (ARI) as contained in the report, with proposed amendments, to be established as an institutional component of the African Union Disability Architecture (AUDA), and to be named the AU Disability Institute;
 - iv) The 1st Five Year Priority Programme for the Implementation of the Declaration and Plan of Action on Employment, Poverty Eradication and Inclusive Development;
 - v) The inclusion of wealth distribution as an indicator of Social Development Index (ASDI) developed by UNECA;

6. REQUESTS the Commission

- i) in collaboration with the African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights, to develop an additional protocol to the African Charter on Human and People's Rights on the Rights of Citizens to Social Protection and Social Security;
- ii) to elaborate a Social Agenda for the AU Agenda 2063 and a Plan of Action for the implementation of the African Common Position on Ending Child Marriage in Africa and to submit a biennial report to the Assembly on progress towards ending child marriage in Africa;

7. WELCOMES the offer by The People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to host the 2nd Meeting of the Specialized Technical Committee on Social Development, Labour and Employment in 2017 on a date to be determined with the Commission;

C. ON THE REPORT OF THE SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (STC) ON DEFENSE, SAFETY AND SECURITY HELD IN VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE FROM 11 TO 16 MAY 2015– DOC EX.CL/906(XXVII)

8. **COMMENDS** the Republic of Zimbabwe for hosting a successful meeting of Chiefs of Defense Staff and Heads of Safety and Security in Victoria Falls from 11 to 16 May 2015;
9. **WELCOMES** the progress made towards the achievement of the Full Operational Capability (FOC) of the African Standby Force (ASF) by December 2015 including its Rapid Deployment Capability (RDC) ,the integration of the ASF, the Immediate Response to Crises (ACIRC) and other security related issues including terrorism on the continent;
10. **RECOMMENDS** to the Assembly to endorse the Victoria Falls Declaration and the recommendations contained therein;
11. **URGES** the Commission and the Republic of Cameroon to expedite the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Continental Logistic Base of the ASF;
12. **CALLS ON** Member States to contribute to the AMANI Africa II exercise to ensure its success;
13. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/561(XXIV) on the Report of Alternative Sources of Financing the African Union and **WELCOMES** that Member States should fund peace support operations at 25% of the budget;
14. **RECOMMENDS** that the previous offer by Togo to Host an International Conference adopted in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea in June 2014 be converted to an Extraordinary Session of the Assembly on Maritime Security and Development in Africa;
15. **URGES** the North African Regional Capability (NARC) to redouble its efforts to ensure the full operationalization of its standby force as part of the full operationalization of the ASF not later than 31 December 2015;

D. ON THE 1ST JOINT SESSION OF THE AU SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, MONETARY AFFAIRS, ECONOMIC PLANNING AND INTEGRATION AND ECA CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN UNION MINISTERS OF FINANCE, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA, 25-31 MARCH 2015 – Doc. EX.CL/909(XXVII)

16. **ENDORSES** the Ministerial Statement and the 9 Resolutions, while **CALLING** for aligning the timetables proposed to those adopted by the Assembly regarding the Agenda 2063 and its First 10 Year Implementation Plan;
17. **EXPRESSES** grave concern over the difficulties encountered during the joint AU and UNECA meetings regarding the free access and participation of one

Member State at the UNECA Headquarters last March 2015 and **CALLS ON** the Commission and the UNECA to take necessary measures for the speedy resolution of these difficulties so as to enable all Member States of the African Union to fully participate in the AU Meetings;

18. **CALLS ON** Member States to fully participate at the highest possible political level to the 3rd International Conference on Financing for Development in Africa to be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 13 to 16 July 2015;

19. **STRESSES** the need to incorporate the African Social Development Index in these processes in promoting wealth creation and distribution in an inclusive manner;

E. ON THE AU-STC ON PUBLIC SERVICE, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND DECENTRALIZATION - DOC. EX.CL/915(XXVII)

20. **COMMENDS** the Republic of Congo Brazzaville for hosting the First Ordinary Session of the African Union Specialized Technical Committee on Public Service, Local Government, Urban Development and Decentralization;

21. **REQUESTS** the Commission to work with the STC in streamlining the proposals made regarding its internal working methods and procedures and submit any related budgetary and structural implications to their relevant PRC Sub-Committees;

22. **CALLS UPON** Member States to expedite signing and ratification processes for the African Charter on values and principles of Public, Service and Governance;

F. ON THE REPORT OF THE FIFTEENTH SESSION OF THE AFRICAN UNION MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (AMCEN) - DOC. EX.CL/902(XXVII)

23. **ENDORSES:**

- i) the Cairo Declaration on “Managing Africa’s Natural Capital for Sustainable Development and Poverty Eradication;
- ii) the nine Decisions adopted by AMCEN;

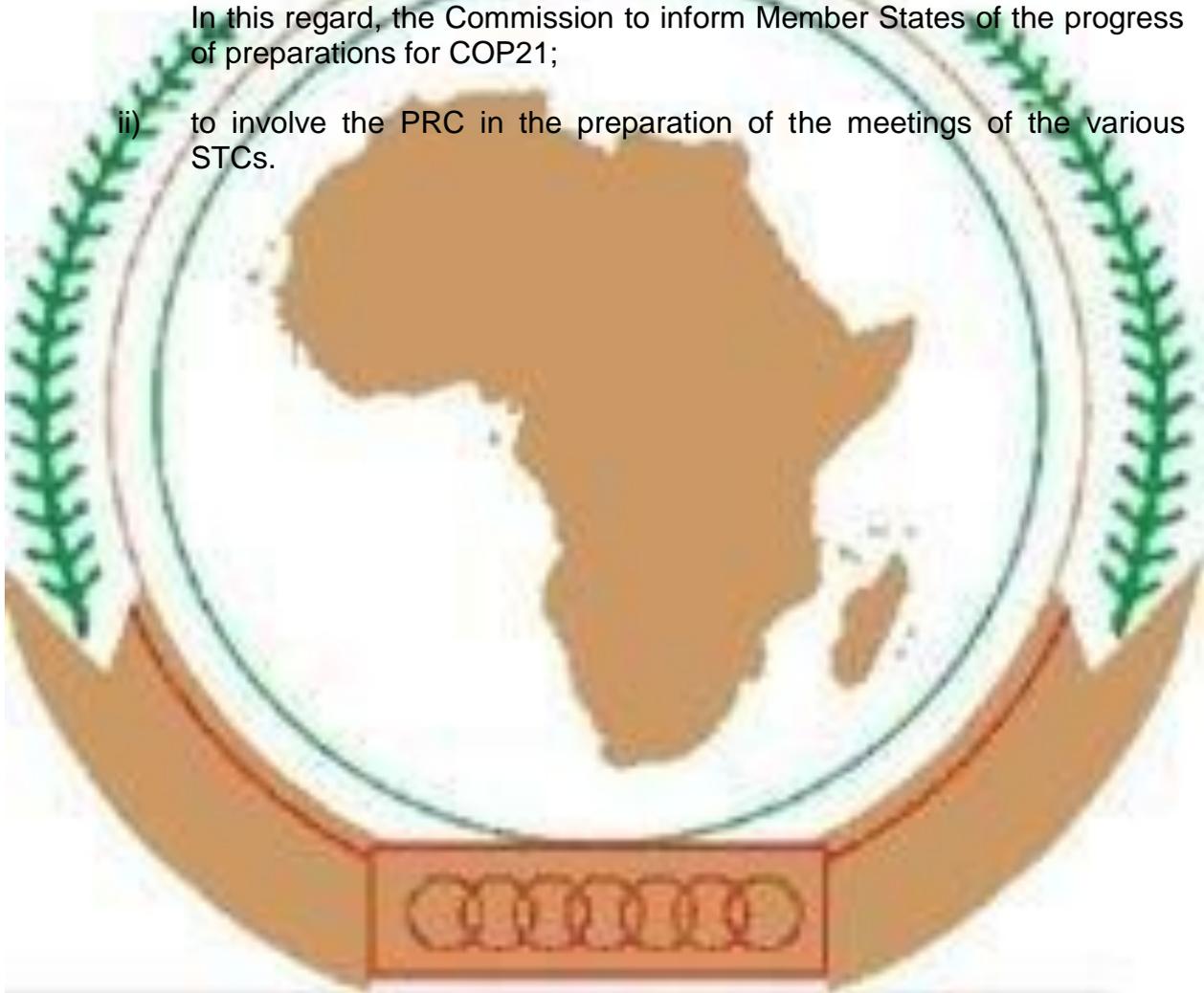
24. **AGREES** to support the work of the African Diplomatic Corps in Nairobi, the PRC and the African Group in New York for the development and implementation of a Coordination Mechanism in collaboration with the AMCEN Secretariat;

25. **RECALLS** the agreement earlier made that AMCEN be allowed to continue its work during the period of global negotiations on Climate Change while working together with the new Specialized Technical Committee (STC) in charge of Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Environment

26. **FURTHER RECALLS** Decision EX.CL/Dec.834(XXV) requesting the Commission 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;

27. **REQUESTS** the Commission:

- i) in collaboration with the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the African Development Bank (AfDB), and other Partners to support and facilitate the implementation of the Decisions of the Fifteenth Session of AMCEN as well as Africa's preparations for COP 21/CMP11 . In this regard, the Commission to inform Member States of the progress of preparations for COP21;
- ii) to involve the PRC in the preparation of the meetings of the various STCs.



DECISION ON THE REPORTS OF THE PRC SUB-COMMITTEES

The Executive Council:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Reports of the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC) and the recommendations therein contained;
- A. **ON ADMINISTRATIVE, BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL MATTERS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AU MAINTENANCE FUND – Doc. EX.CL/895(XXVII)i**
2. **EMPHASIZES** the need to have in place an AU Maintenance Fund with the view to provide preventive, corrective and emergency maintenance; renovation and improvement to all the African Union facilities and properties;
3. **APPROVES:**
 - i) An initial amount of **US\$3,000,000.00** be transferred from the AU Acquisition of Properties Fund to the Maintenance Fund;
 - ii) The Annual Contribution to the Fund of 50% of all revenues from rental of conference facilities;
 - iii) The Annual Contribution to the Fund of 100% of all revenues from rental of other spaces, all incomes generated and sales of obsolete items;
 - iv) The transfer of 2% of the Annual Arrears Contribution of Member States be transferred to the AU Maintenance Fund;
 - v) A transition period of two years be allowed in which all maintenance costs be charged from the Maintenance Fund;
 - vi) That 3% of the Annual AU Acquisition of Properties Fund be transferred to the AU Maintenance Fund.
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to submit an Annual Maintenance and Improvement Action Report which shall include all preventive, corrective and emergency maintenance carried out in all Organs of the Union during the course of the financial year prior to consideration and approval of any future Annual Maintenance Plan;
5. **AUTHORISES**
 - i) the Chairperson of the Commission, in case of critical emergency maintenance supported by technical and insurance reports, to make use of the Maintenance Fund through the appropriate AU Procurement process as stipulated in the AU Financial Rules and Regulations up to

the ceiling of **US\$1million**, which shall be documented and submitted to the PRC for endorsement;

- ii) the PRC to approve the Annual Maintenance and Improvement Plan of African Union;

6. REQUESTS the Commission to submit its Annual Maintenance and Improvement Plan of the Union for consideration and approval by the Permanent Representative Committee (PRC) prior to utilization of the Maintenance Fund in the next financial cycle;

B. ON THE PROGRESS REPORT ON STRUCTURES - Doc. EX.CL/895(XXVII)iii

7. ENCOURAGES the Sub-Committee and the Commission to intensify their efforts towards the development of a new structure based on the requirements of the AU Agenda 2063 Framework and its 1st Ten-Year Implementation Plan guided by the principles of subsidiarity and complementarity at national, regional (RECs) and continental levels to address the challenges of effective decisions and adequate service delivery;

8. REQUESTS the PRC to dedicate a session to reflect on all the restructuring proposals in a holistic manner, including all AU Organs and external offices with a view to coming up with appropriate guidelines and recommendations on a new structure with its attendant financial and other related implications;

9. STRESSES the need to work towards the submission of the final proposals at the January 2016 Summit;

C. ON MULTILATERAL COOPERATION – Doc. EX.CL/895(XXVII)v

I. On the evaluation of the Africa’s Strategic Partnerships;

10. REAFFIRMS the right of all the AU Member States to participate without discrimination in all meetings, activities and events organised within the framework of the partnerships in which the AU is a stakeholder;

11. REQUESTS:

- i) the PRC to ensure that discussions and negotiations on substantive issues with respect to partnerships be guided by the outcome of the Evaluation of the Strategic Partnerships and to submit recommendations regarding the said Evaluation to the January 2016 Summit;
- ii) the Commission to come up with a chart indicating the dates of all major partnership and AU related meetings respectively and ensure that there would be no overlaps;

- iii) the Commission to adopt a mechanism for the application of the principle of rotation in hosting partnership summits and ensure that there are no overlaps;
- iv) the PRC, in collaboration with the Commission, to determine the appropriate name for the Strategic Partnerships and report back to the next session of the Executive Council in January 2016;

II. Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD);

- 12. **APPRECIATES** the offer by The Gambia and Kenya to host the TICAD VI Summit, and **URGES** the two countries to finalize their consultations for a decision to be taken in this regard;
- 13. **REQUESTS** the AU Commission and the host country to engage the co-organizers to propose dates and venues to the Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation that is convenient to all parties for the TICAD VI summit and its preparatory meetings;

III. Africa-Arab Partnership

- 14. **REQUESTS** the Commission to expedite the process of implementation of the Consolidated Work Plan for the Implementation of the Resolutions of the 3rd Africa-Arab Summit, held in Kuwait in November 2013, in collaboration with the League of Arab States;

IV. Africa-India Partnership;

- 15. **ENDORSES** the following dates for the 3rd Africa-India Forum Summit as proposed by India:
 - 26 October 2015: Senior Officials Meeting
 - 27 October 2015: Ministerial Meeting
 - 29 October 2015: Summit
 - 30 October 2015: Bilateral meetings with Heads of State and Government
- 16. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with the Sub-Committee to speed up the process of consideration of the draft working documents proposed by the Indian side;
- 17. **URGES**
 - i) Member States that are hosting Institutions set-up under the Africa-India partnership, to take all necessary steps to ensure the operationalization of these institutions;
 - ii) the necessity to identify a Member State to host the India-Africa Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting following the withdrawal of Mauritius.

V. Africa- Turkey Partnership

18. **REQUESTS** the Commission to ensure effective implementation of activities agreed upon by both sides during the 6th Senior Officials Meeting and report back to the Sub-Committee;

VI. Africa-South America Cooperation Summit (ASA)

19. **APPROVES** the proposal by Ecuador to host ASA IV Summit in Quito from 5-7 May 2016 provided that the Commission confirms that there are no overlaps with other partnerships related meetings or with other AU scheduled meetings;
20. **REQUESTS** the Commission, together with the South American side, to take the necessary steps to ensure effective preparation of the 4th ASA Summit scheduled for Quito, Ecuador in 2016;

VII. Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC)

21. **ENCOURAGES** the two Co-chairs to finalize their consultations on the date and working documents of the Forum;
22. **APPROVES** the upgrading of the 6th Ministerial Conference to a Summit level;

VIII. Africa-Korea Forum

23. **APPROVES** the offer of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to host the 4th Africa-Korea Forum and its preparatory meetings;
24. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in close collaboration with the host country and the partner to propose a suitable date for the 4th Africa-Korea Forum, and to start the preparatory processes;

IX. Africa – EU Partnership

25. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with the Sub-Committee, to finalize the Concept Note of the Africa–EU Joint Annual Forum and to also propose, in consultation with the EU side, appropriate dates for the meeting of the Forum;

D. ON HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IN AFRICA – Doc. EX.CL/895(XXVII)vi

26. **NOTES** the positive developments that continued to take place in the area of forced displacement but still **EXPRESSES CONCERN** over the large number of refugees and internally displaced persons in Africa caused mainly by recurrent conflicts, and natural Disasters including drought and flooding on the continent;

27. **EXPRESSES GRATITUDE** to countries of asylum that continue to meet their international obligations and most importantly commit themselves to extend hospitality to refugees in spite of the environmental, security and social impact of such hospitality upon their countries;
28. **RECOGNIZES** the commendable work done by the development partners and other relevant humanitarian agencies in the area of forced displacement and **URGES** them to continue to address the complexity of the humanitarian situation on the Continent;
29. **EXPRESSES CONCERN** over the dwindling financial support for displaced populations and **APPEALS** to 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;
30. **COMMENDS** the concrete steps taken so far by the Commission in close collaboration with the PRC Sub-Committee on Refugees to hold regional consultations in a process of engaging Member States to develop a Common Africa Position on humanitarian effectiveness, which will be presented at the World humanitarian Summit in Istanbul, May 2016 and **URGES** all Member States to actively participate in the AU led processes;
31. **TAKES SPECIAL NOTE** of the outcomes of the missions undertaken to South Sudan, Malawi and Uganda, which is a concrete demonstration of the Solidarity of the African Union Member States with the countries affected by the problem of refugees, returnees and internally displaced persons and by natural disasters;
32. **COMMENDS** the Sub-Committee and the Commission for the work done and **ENCOURAGES** both to work closely to:
- i) Continue to undertake missions to other countries affected by the problem of refugees, returnees and displaced persons, including Nigeria, Ethiopia, Cape Verde, Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic and the three Member States that were affected by the Ebola virus, namely Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone;
 - ii) Continue to hold consultation with all the Stakeholders on the African Common Position at the World Humanitarian Summit slated to take place in May 2016 in Istanbul, Turkey, in compliance with the published schedule;
 - iii) Work with key departments of the Commission concerning the coordination of activities of the PRC Sub-Committee on Refugees and the PRC Sub-Committee on the Special Emergency Assistance Fund for Drought and Famine in Africa (SEAF), in a bid to address the need for the harmonization of the mandates and roles of the two Sub-Committees.

33. **COMMENDS** the Government of Uganda for its laudable Refugee Integration Policy and **URGES** other refugee hosting countries to emulate this policy;
34. **REQUEST** the Commission to engage and check with Member States on the confirmation of data and information cited in its report in view of the variety of sources used in its data collection;
35. **RECOMMENDS** the holding of an international Conference to address the issue of migration;
36. **ENDORSES** the outcomes of the regional conference on Human Trafficking and smuggling held in Khartoum, Sudan from 13-16 October 2014, including the TOR, Declaration, Strategy and Plan of Action;
37. **TAKES NOTE** of the challenges posed by the presence of the Dadaab Refugee Camp in Kenya. In this regard, **TAKES FURTHER NOTE** of the planned session of PSC to discuss the request by the Government of Kenya to assist in the relocation of the Dadaab Refugee Camp.
- E. ON THE REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS – Doc. EX.CL/895(XXVII)vii**
38. **COMMENDS**
- i) the Member States that are up to-date with their contributions and Encourage the other Member States to pay their assessed contributions in full and on time;
 - ii) the Development Partners for their contributions and **INVITES** them to release their contributions on time to enable the African Union to implement its projects and programmes;
39. **URGES** Member States to pay their contributions on time and **ENCOURAGES** those in arrears to settle their debts so as to review their commitment to and their full ownership of AU Programming;
40. **REQUESTS** Member States with over two years accumulated arrears to expeditiously settle their financial commitments to avoid falling under sanctions in accordance with the existing rules;
41. **RECOMMENDS** that sanctions be imposed for default of payment on Central Africa Republic;
42. **CALLS ON** the Republic of Somalia to approach the Commission to find the ways and means enabling it to clear its arrears before the commencement of the Executive Council Session and to comply with the Decision EX.CL/Dec.788(XXIV);

43. **STRESSES** the need to review the sanctions regime in line with the Decision EX.CL/Dec.854(XXVI) taken by the Organs in January 2015;
44. **EXPRESSES** its solidarity with the Republic of The Sudan and **CALLS ON** the International Community to lift the sanctions imposed on Republic of The Sudan to enable it meet its international obligations in line with the previous Decisions of the Assembly;
45. **REQUESTS** the Commission to regularly update the status of contributions in particular to notify Member States each year in September;
46. **STRESSES** the need to accelerate Implementation of Assembly Decision/AU/Dec.561 (XXIV) of January 2015 on Alternative Sources of Financing the AU;
47. **REQUESTS** the Commission in consultation with the PRC to work out a suitable and flexible mechanism aimed at assisting Member States in settling their arrears;

F. ON THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON HEADQUARTERS AND HOST AGREEMENTS – Doc. EX.CL/895(XXVII)x

48. **RECALLS** its Decision EX.CL/Dec.854(XXVI) and **EXPRESSES** its concern over the non-submission of the Reports and **URGES**:
- i) The Host Country and the Commission to submit their Reports on the complaint submitted by the State of Eritrea to the Sub-Committee by the end of August 2015;
 - ii) The Host Country to continue to ensure the effective discharge of its obligations under the Headquarters Agreement.
49. **REQUESTS** the Host Government to engage the Commission prior to any need for a change of policies, rules and practices that hitherto accorded certain privileges and immunities to the diplomatic personnel accredited to the African Union and Elected Officials and Staff of the African Union;
50. **STRESSES** the need to provide adequate resources within the available means to undertake the study on the Host Agreements with all countries hosting AU Organs, Offices and Institutions;
51. **REQUESTS**
- i) the Host Country to look into modalities of effecting legal money transfer, foreign exchange and remittances;
 - ii) The Commission to prepare a comprehensive report on the implementation of this Decision and submit to the Sub-Committee before the end of November 2015.

G. ON THE REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMMES AND CONFERENCES – Doc. EX.CL/895(XXVII)ii

- 52. ENDORSES** the 7 priorities and outcomes proposed for the Draft 2016 Budget for the Commission, while integrating the blue economy in the process, as well as the priorities set for the NEPAD Agency and for the other AU Organs;
- 53. STRESSES** the need to consider the report of the Sub-Committee in every January Summit before the adoption of the budget in July;
- 54. ENCOURAGES** the Ad hoc Committee on the Scale of Assessment to expedite its work on the practical modalities for the effective implementation of Assembly Decision 561 of January 2015;
- 55. CALLS UPON** the Commission to take all measures to popularize the Agenda 2063 and **INVITES** Member States and RECs to domesticate the Agenda 2063 in their internal systems and processes to speed up regional and continental integration, while emphasizing the role of women in those processes in line with a people-centered Union;
- 56. APPEALS** once more to Member States to pay up on time and in full their assessed contributions and **REQUESTS** the Commission to inform Member States by October each year of their assessed contributions due for payment at the beginning of the next financial year;
- 57. REQUESTS** the Commission to regularly brief Member States on the actual resources received from Partners and the progress achieved in the actual implementation of agreements between them and the AU;
- 58. CALLS ON** the Commission and the Member States concerned, to make necessary arrangements to operationalize the Statistics Institutions in Tunisia and Cote d'Ivoire in order to develop statistical capacity on the Continent, in collaboration with Member States statistical bodies;
- 59. CALLS UPON** Member States to ratify and implement various legal instruments and decisions taken by the AU Policy Organs in upholding their obligations in this respect;
- 60. REQUESTS** the Commission to regularly update Member States on the concrete results obtained in the implementation of the different programmes funded by Member States and Development Partners as well as the evaluation of the gains registered at national, regional and continental levels in carrying out the actions deriving from outcomes of the Themes of each Year;
- 61. STRESSES** the need to uphold the principles of beneficiation, value addition, subsidiarity and complementarity in planning and implementing the AU programmes and activities at national, regional and continental levels;

62. **CALLS ON** the Commission to further rationalise and synchronize the AU Calendar of Meetings by avoiding overlapping and duplication, and enhance internal and external coordination with Member States and other relevant stakeholders.

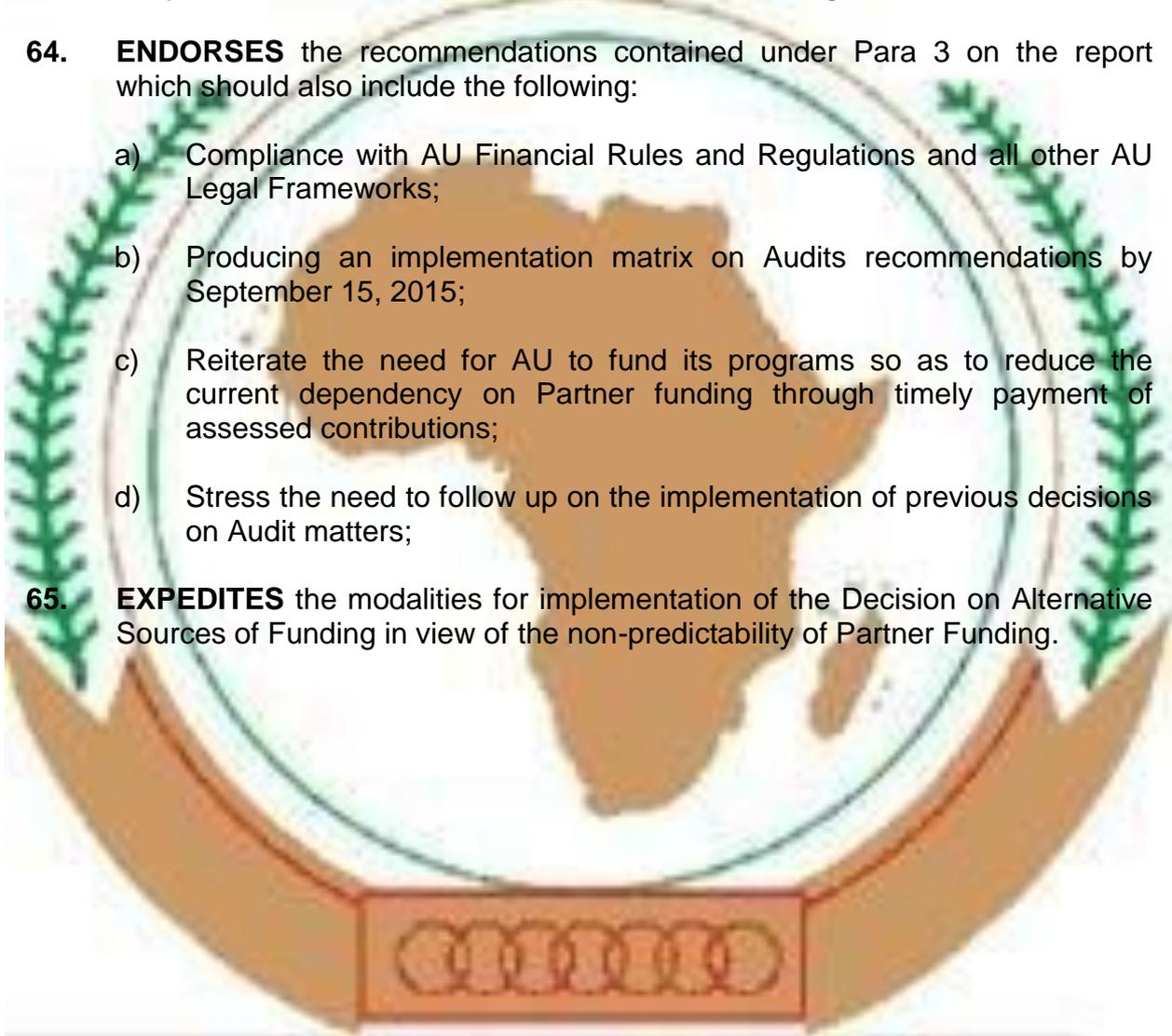
H. **ON THE REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON AUDIT – Doc. EX.CL/895(XXVII)iv**

63. **ADOPTS** the report and the recommendations contained therein as well as the pertinent observations of Member States, including the deadlines;

64. **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained under Para 3 on the report which should also include the following:

- a) Compliance with AU Financial Rules and Regulations and all other AU Legal Frameworks;
- b) Producing an implementation matrix on Audits recommendations by September 15, 2015;
- c) Reiterate the need for AU to fund its programs so as to reduce the current dependency on Partner funding through timely payment of assessed contributions;
- d) Stress the need to follow up on the implementation of previous decisions on Audit matters;

65. **EXPEDITES** the modalities for implementation of the Decision on Alternative Sources of Funding in view of the non-predictability of Partner Funding.



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND THE ASSEMBLY
Doc. EX.CL/901(XXVII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Implementation of previous Decisions of the Executive Council and the Assembly and **ENDORSES** recommendations therein contained;
2. **STRESSES** the need to streamline methods of work and procedures, including:
 - i) The need to undertake a thorough evaluation of financial and structural implication of any decision to be taken, in strict observance of the Rules of Procedure;
 - ii) Focus on core issues;
 - iii) The need for Member States submitting items on the agenda to work with the Commission to avoid duplication and ensure overall coherence in the AU Systems;
 - iv) The use of the principles of subsidiarity and comparative advantages at national, regional and continental levels;
 - v) The clarity of decisions on actions required, the responsibility and deadlines especially with regard to consultations to be undertaken with all relevant Stakeholders;
 - vi) Further reflection on the working methods between the Commission and PRC and ensure regular briefings by the Commission;
3. **CALLS UPON** Member States to report as required on the implementation of decisions;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to update the document so as to take into account the observations made by Member States on the source of the decisions;
5. **RECOMMENDS** that the Draft Resolution submitted by the Republic of Mauritius on the new developments on Chagos Archipelago be favorably considered by the Assembly.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON ILLEGAL EXPLOITATION AND ILLEGAL TRADE IN WILD FLORA
AND FAUNA IN AFRICA,
Doc. EX.CL/910(XXVII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of report on the International conference on illegal exploitation and illegal trade in wild flora and fauna in Africa, Brazzaville, Republic of Congo from 27 to 30 April 2015 and **COMMENDS** the Republic of Congo for hosting this conference;
2. **ENDORSES:**
 - i) the Brazzaville Declaration of the International Conference on Illegal Exploitation and Illicit Trade in Wild Flora and Fauna;
 - ii) the draft African Common Strategy on Combatting Illegal Exploitation and Illegal Trade in Wild Fauna and Flora and its Action Plan;
3. **AGREES** that the draft African Common Strategy be referred AMCEN and the STC on Agriculture, Rural Economy, Water and Environment for further consideration and appropriate recommendations;
4. **CALLS UPON** Member States and AU Partners to support the popularization of the common strategy and facilitate the implementation of the action plan.



**DECISION ON THE PROGRESS REPORT ON ASEOWA
Doc. EX.CL/911(XXVII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Progress Report and **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained therein for consideration and adoption by the Assembly;
2. **CONGRATULATES** the Government and People of Liberia for having been declared Ebola free and **ENCOURAGES** the Governments and Peoples of Guinea and Sierra Leone in their resilient efforts with a view to eradicating the virus on their territories;
3. **FURTHER ENCOURAGES** the three (3) affected countries to put in place appropriate strategies and mechanisms for an efficient management of the post-Ebola period, in particular the improvement of their health systems;
4. **EXPRESSES** its high appreciation to the Commission, to all Member States, ECOWAS and other Partners for the multi-dimensional support provided to Ebola affected countries, including the deployment of health voluntary personnel and the financial resources released in their favor to face the virus challenge. In this regard, **EXPRESSES ITS DEEP GRATITUDE** to the health volunteers for their efforts and sacrifices in the fight against Ebola;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with the
 - i) Host, Equatorial Guinea, to finalize all the arrangements for the holding in Malabo in July 2015 of the International Conference on **Africa's fight Against Ebola** and **CALLS ON** all Member States to participate actively during the at event at the highest level;
 - ii) Member States, International Development Partners and other stakeholders to harmonise the initiatives and activities undertaken in the fight against Ebola;
6. **STRESSES**
 - i) the need to fight stigmatization of citizens from Ebola affected countries, in line with the previous decision of the Assembly;
 - ii) the need to pursue actively the debt cancellation initiative, as well as to scale-up the training opportunities available in Member States and **REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Commission to approach the countries and international institutions responsible for the issue of debt cancellation for an appropriate follow up action.

**DECISION ON THE PROGRESS REPORT OF THE COMMISSION
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AFRICAN CENTRE FOR
DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION
Doc. EX.CL/912(XXVII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Progress Report of the Commission on the Establishment of the African Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (African CDC);
2. **RECALLS**
 - i) Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.499(XII) adopted by the Twenty Second Ordinary Session of the Assembly held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2014 that stressed the need to urgently establish the African CDC;
 - ii) Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.554 (XXIV) adopted by the Twenty Fourth Ordinary Session of the Assembly held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2015 wherein the Assembly endorsed the establishment of the African CDC and requested the Commission, in close collaboration with the Multinational Taskforce, to consider the practical modalities for the operationalization of the Centre and report thereon to the Assembly in June 2015;
3. **URGES** the Ministers of Health to expedite consideration of all the relevant legal instruments relating to the establishment of the African CDC;
4. **REITERATES**
 - i) the request to the Specialized Technical Committee (STC) on Justice and Legal Affairs to consider the Statute of the African CDC and submit it to the 26th Ordinary Session of the Assembly schedule for January 2016;
 - ii) the request to the Commission to undertake the mobilization of funds from Member States, and development partners and the private sector who have already indicated an interest and with experience in the domain.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON DEVELOPMENT OF
THE FIRST TEN-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR AGENDA 2063
Doc. EX.CL/899(XXVII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the development of the First Ten-Year Implementation for African Union Agenda 2063 and **COMMENDS** the Commission working together with the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) for the excellent work accomplished;
2. **WELCOMES** the consultative nature of the Agenda 2063 Development Process as it ensures inclusiveness and ownership;
3. **RECALLS** its Decision EX.CL/Dec. 855 (XXVI) and Assembly/AU/Dec.565(XXIV) taken at the Ordinary Session held in January 2015 in Addis Ababa, requesting the Commission to finalize all necessary consultations on the First Ten-Year Implementation Plan of Agenda 2063 with a view to submitting it to the June 2015 AU Summit;
4. **EXPRESSES** its appreciation for the continued collaboration and support rendered by UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and the African Development Bank (AfDB) in development of Agenda 2063;
5. **TAKES NOTE** of progress made on the development of the Fast-Track Projects including the roadmaps and **REQUESTS** the Commission to finalise and present detailed project proposals, including the financing during the January 2016 AU Summit;
6. **RECOMMENDS** the Draft First Ten-Year Implementation Plan of Agenda 2063 for adoption by the Assembly and **REQUESTS** the Commission to incorporate all inputs provided by Member States to ensure alignment to the existing frameworks;
7. **CALLS UPON** the Commission working together with the NPCA, and in collaboration with the UNECA, AfDB, the RECs and other stakeholders to support Member States in domesticating Agenda 2063 into their national plans;
8. **URGES** Member States, RECs and the Commission, NPCA in partnership with the UNECA, and AfDB:
 - i) to consider the financing of Agenda 2063 in a manner that takes into account.
 - a) resource mobilization at national, regional and continental levels;

- b) leveraging of existing and new financial intermediation vehicles to be created; and,
- c) access to finance facilitation resources such as project development funds and guarantee and risk-sharing facilities;
- ii) to address the issues of illicit financial flows, natural resource rent maximization and regional capital market development;
- iii) to deepen the examination of the strategy for the domestic and external financing of Agenda 2063;

9. TAKES NOTE of the study for restructuring of the Commission, as well as, the recommendations from Capacity Assessment Studies conducted by the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) on the Implementation of Agenda 2063, and **URGES** the Commission to finalise the study to facilitate implementation;

10. REQUESTS the Commission

- i) to expedite the establishment of a robust mechanism, including temporary structure to oversee the domestication of the First Ten-Year Plan, and coordinate finalisation of the identified flagship projects;
- ii) to mobilise resources to provide financial and technical support to Member States in their domestication efforts;
- iii) to prepare an operational plan for implementation of the recommendations of the Resource Mobilization Study;
- iv) to report on the progress made with respect to domestication of Agenda 2063 to the January 2016 AU Summit.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE REVIEW OF THE
RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE POLICY ORGANS
Doc. EX.CL/914(XXVII)**

The Executive Council:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Review of the Rules of Procedure of the Policy Organs of the Union and **NOTES** that this exercise shall be conducted in the context of streamlining the AU Working Methods and Procedures;
2. **AGREES** on the establishment of a PRC Sub-Committee on Rules, Standards and Credentials;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission:
 - i) In collaboration with the PRC, to conduct an in-depth review of the proposals contained in the Report and any new proposal to be submitted by Member States; and to make appropriate recommendations on amendments to the Executive Council, through the PRC and its relevant Sub-Committees and the Specialized Technical Committee (STC) on Justice and Legal Affairs;
 - ii) And the PRC to finalize the review before December 2015 with a view of submitting a comprehensive Report to the January 2016 AU Summit.
4. **CALLS UPON** Member States to contribute inputs in the review exercise by 1st October 2015 to ensure full ownership.

**DECISION ON THE REPORTS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SOLEMN
DECLARATION ON GENDER EQUALITY IN AFRICA (SDGEA) –
Doc. EX.CL/916(XXVII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the two reports on Implementation of the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa (SDGEA) and the recommendations contained therein as well as the observations and comments made by Member States;
2. **EXPRESSES APPRECIATION**
 - i) to the 13 Member States that have submitted their reports as required by the SDGEA and **CALLS ON** the Member States that have not submitted their reports to do so on a regular basis;
 - ii) to the 10 Member States that are on top on the Women representation within their state institutions, namely: Rwanda, Seychelles, Senegal, South Africa, Namibia, Mozambique, Angola, Tanzania, Uganda and Algeria;
3. **URGES** those Member States that have not acceded to the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People's Rights on the Rights of Women, to do so expeditiously, especially during this Year 2015 devoted to Women Empowerment and Development;
4. **IMPLORES** the Commission and Member States to intensify efforts to promote gender parity within their Institutions, particularly during the 2010-2020 Women Decade;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to:
 - i) regularly update Member States on the selection and implementation of projects funded under the African Fund for Women, in a transparent, equitable and accountable manner;
 - ii) finalize the Draft Policy on Harassment for consideration.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF
THE PAN-AFRICAN PARLIAMENT (PAP)
Doc.EX.CL/920(XXVII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the activities of PAP and the recommendations contained therein, as well as, the observations and comments of Member States;
2. **CONGRATULATES** Honourable Roger Nkodo Dang, President of the PAP over his brilliant election as well as that of his Colleagues in the Bureau of PAP and **ENCOURAGES** them in their efforts aimed at fulfilling their noble continental mission;
3. **COMMENDS** PAP for its activities and those of its various Committees undertaken during the period under review; In this regard, **ENCOURAGES** PAP to promote its communication and outreach strategies and constant interaction with Member States in its programmes;
4. **WELCOMES** the outcomes of the 3rd Intergenerational Youth Dialogue which was convened in May 2015, under the auspices of PAP and the Pan African Youth Union, underlining the critical role of the Youth in the promotion of the culture of good governance, sustainable peace, and development, innovation and entrepreneurship;
5. **CONGRATULATES** the Republic of Mali being the first Member State to ratify the new Protocol on PAP adopted in Malabo in June 2014 as well as those Member States that have signed the Protocol and Urge all other Member States to expedite the signing and ratification of the Protocol;
6. **REITERATES** the need to provide requisite resources to PAP to enable it carry out its mandate in line with the Protocol establishing this important AU Organ;
7. **ENCOURAGES** PAP in its efforts to support the popularization of the AU Agenda 2063 within the Member States, along with the Commission and other stakeholders, as well as, the support to ratification of AU legal Instruments;
8. **DIRECTS** that all administrative, structural and financial matters raised in the report be submitted to the AU competent Organs through the established channels and procedures.

**DECISION ON THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE AFRICAN
COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS
Doc.EX.CL/921(XXVII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Thirty-Eighth Activity Report of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR), the recommendations contained therein and the Declaration of the Continental Conference on the abolition of the Death Penalty in Africa (the Cotonou Declaration) as well as the observations and comments of Member States¹;
2. **COMMENDS** the ACHPR for the activities undertaken during the period under review;
3. **CALLS UPON** Member States to sign, ratify, domesticate and implement all regional and international human rights instruments and **ENCOURAGES** them to make the Declaration under Article 34 (6) of the Protocol on the African Court on HPR;
4. **ENCOURAGES** Member States to authorize promotion missions of the ACHPR in their respective countries in line with the relevant provisions of the African Charter on HPR, as well as to allocate adequate resources to the National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) and create these NHRIs where they do not exist;
5. **COMMENDS** Member States that have submitted their reports on time and Call upon Member States to submit their reports on a regular basis in accordance with their obligations as enshrined in the African Charter on HPR;
6. **FURTHER ENCOURAGES** Member States to develop adequate policies aimed at ensuring respect of all economic, social and cultural rights, in particular the access to education, health, housing, land and employment, as well as the upholding of the human rights of vulnerable groups, such as refugees and IDPs and other victims of natural and man-made disasters;
7. **REQUESTS** the ACHPR to take into account the fundamental African values, identity and good traditions, and to withdraw the observer status granted to NGOs who may attempt to impose values contrary to the African values; in this regard, **REQUESTS** the ACHPR to review its criteria for granting Observer Status to NGOs and to withdraw the observer status granted to the Organization called CAL, in line with those African Values;

¹ With the exception of Egypt that registered reservations on the Cotonou Declaration.

8. **CALLS UPON** Member States and the Commission to ensure that the ACHPR is provided with adequate resources to enable it carry out its mandate without over depending on external funding;
9. **APPEALS** to the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco to facilitate the fact-finding mission to Western Sahara on the human rights situation, in line with the previous decisions of the Assembly in this regard;
10. **URGES** the Republic of South Sudan to ratify the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights;
11. **RECOMMENDS** to the Assembly to authorize the publication of the 38th Report of the ACHPR; after its update and due incorporation of the proposals made by Member States and agreed upon, within that report, as reflected in these conclusions.
12. **URGES** the ACHPR to:
 - i) Observe the due process of law in making decisions on complaints received;
 - ii) Consider reviewing its rules of procedure, in particular, provisions in relation to provisional measures and letters of urgent appeals in consistence with the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights;
 - iii) Take the appropriate measure to avoid interference by NGOs and other third parties in its activities.



**DECISION ON THE MID-TERM ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE AFRICAN COURT ON
HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS
Doc. EX.CL/922(XXVII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the mid-term activity report² of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights and its recommendations, as well as, the observations of Comments of Member States;
2. **COMMENDS** the AfCHPR for the activities undertaken during the period under review;
3. **CALLS ON** Member States that have not yet ratified/acceded to the Protocol establishing the Court and/or made the Declaration under 34 (6) thereof, to do so before 1st January 2016, in line with Executive Council Decisions (Ex.CL/Dec. 842 (XXV) and EX.CL/XXVI));
4. **ENCOURAGES:**
 - i) Member States to initiate activities at national level and in collaboration with other Member States to celebrate 2016 as proclaimed Africa Year of Human Rights with focus on the Rights of Women in Africa;
 - ii) the AfCHPR, in collaboration with the Commission and the PRC, to undertake a study on the impact of Article 34 (6) of the Protocol on the protection of human rights on the continent and submit that study to the 29th ordinary Session of the Executive Council in June/July 2016;
 - iii) Member States to cooperate with the Court in implementation of its decisions;
 - iv) the Court to actively be engaged in the preparations of the celebration of the 2016 Africa Year of Human Rights as well as the Commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of the African Court during the June/July 2016 Summit, in collaboration with the Commission, the ACHPR, the PRC and other Organs.

² Reservations entered by Libya on paragraphs 21, 22 and 75 of the Report of the Court.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE AFRICAN COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON
THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF THE CHILD (ACERWC)
Doc. EX.CL/923(XXVII)**

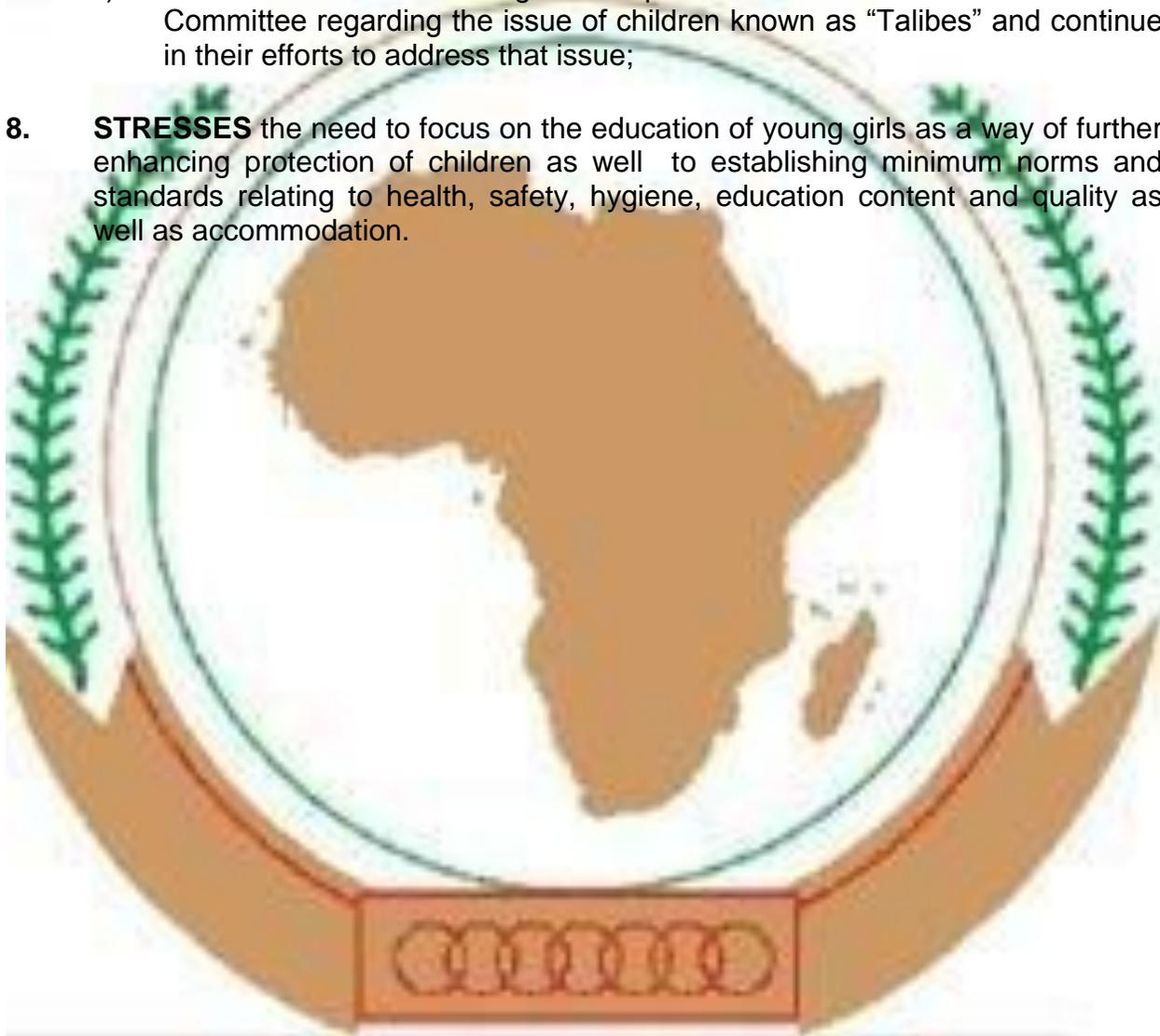
The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report and the recommendations contained therein as well as the observations and comments of Member States;
2. **CONGRATULATES** the election of Madam Sidikou Aissatou Alassane Moulaye, the new Chairperson of the Committee and her Colleagues in the Bureau and **ENCOURAGES** them to pursue their efforts in the fulfilment of their noble continental mission;
3. **CALLS UPON** all Member States that have not yet done so, to ratify, domesticate and implement all legal regional and international instruments pertaining to human rights in Africa, in particular the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, and to submit on a regular basis to reports of implementation of the Charter;
4. **WELCOMES**
 - i) the launching of the Campaign for ending Child Marriage in Africa by the Chairperson of the Commission in close collaboration with the First Lady of Chad, in presence of other African First Ladies;
 - ii) and **SUPPORTS** the concrete measures taken by Chad, Ethiopia and Niger aiming at immediately ending child marriage in their countries;
5. **CALLS UPON** on all Member States to intensify their efforts in ending Child Marriage in Africa, in accordance with the existing legal instruments and the 2012 Assembly Declaration on the Shared Values in Africa;
6. **EXPRESSES**
 - i) its strong support to the Theme chosen by the Committee as: “Conflict and crises in Africa: protecting all children rights” for the Day of the African Child in 2016;
 - ii) its grave concern over the phenomenon of child soldiers, the sexual exploitation, abduction and smuggling of children on the continent, all of which contribute to the unacceptable degradation of the rights of children and serious threats to their development, welfare and future as well as that of the continent as a whole;

7. URGES

- i) the Governments of South Sudan and Central African Republic to continue their efforts in addressing the challenges of children in their respective jurisdictions and complying with their obligations as set by regional and international legal instruments;
- ii) the Government of Senegal to implement the recommendations of the Committee regarding the issue of children known as “Talibes” and continue in their efforts to address that issue;

8. STRESSES the need to focus on the education of young girls as a way of further enhancing protection of children as well to establishing minimum norms and standards relating to health, safety, hygiene, education content and quality as well as accommodation.



DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE ECOSOCC
Doc. EX.CL/924(XXVII)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the ECOSOCC and the recommendations contained therein as well as the observations and comments of Member States;
2. **COMMENDS** the ECOSOCC for the activities undertaken during the period under review;
3. **ENCOURAGES** the ECOSOCC in its efforts, in collaboration with the Commission and Member States, to mobilise all national and regional CSOs and grass root Organizations to facilitate their constant interaction as well as the establishment of National Chapters of ECOSOCC within Member States, to gradually achieve a people-centered Union in line with AU Agenda 2063 Framework;
4. **URGES** ECOSOCC as an AU Advisory Organ of the Union and in close consultation with the Commission, AU organs and Member States to pursue actively a harmonized mechanism and clear criteria for the granting of AU consultative and observer status to CSOs in Africa;
5. **COMMENDS:**
 - i) the Arab Republic of Egypt for successfully hosting the meeting of the ECOSOCC General Assembly in Cairo in 2015;
 - ii) the Republic of Sudan for successfully hosting the 1st meeting of the ECOSOCC Permanent Committee from 25 to 28 May 2015 in Khartoum.

DECISION
ON THE REPORT OF THE AFRICAN UNION ADVISORY
BOARD ON CORRUPTION
Doc. EX.CL/925(XXVII)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the African Union Advisory Board on Corruption (AUABC) and the recommendations contained therein, as well as, the observations and comments of Member States;
2. **WELCOMES** the offer of the United Republic of Tanzania to build a new headquarters for the Board;
3. **CALLS UPON** Member States that have not ratified and signed the Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption in Africa to do so;
4. **ENCOURAGES** the AUABC
 - i) to pursue its efforts to resuscitate the activities of the board in order to promote the effective implementation of the AU Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption in Africa;
 - ii) to closely interact and collaborate with all concerned anti-corruption Organs and Mechanisms at the national and regional levels to reflect on the effects of corruption and ill-gotten assets on the Continent, and share experiences, including making use of information contained in the Report of the High Level Panel on Illicit Financial Flows (IFF) towards the effective implementation of Assembly Special Declaration on IFF and submit a report to the Executive Council with concrete proposals to combat corruption on the Continent;
5. **DIRECTS** that all administrative, structural and financial matters raised in the report be submitted to the AU competent Organs through the established channels and procedures;
6. **STRESSES** the need to equip the AUABC with requisite human and financial resources to enable it carry out its mandate;
7. **RECALLS** the need for all concerned stakeholders to ensure equitable regional and gender representation at all AU Organs, in line with the previous decisions of the Assembly in this regard.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION FOR
INTERNATIONAL LAW
Doc. EX.CL/926(XXVII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Progress Report of African Union Commission for International Law (AUCIL) and the recommendations contained therein, as well as the observations and comments of Member States;
2. **COMMENDS** AUCIL for studies so far undertaken and **ENCOURAGES** the AUCIL to carry out legal studies on international law on matters of interest to the African Union and its Member States;
3. **STRESSES** the need for increased coordination between AUCIL, the Commission and other AU Organs as well as the STC on Justice and Legal Affairs to develop a common approach to international law within the Union;
4. **CALLS ON** Member States to attend the 4th Edition of the Forum of AUCIL and African Union Law to be held in October 2015 under the theme “The Challenges of Ratification and Implementation of Treaties in Africa”;
5. **ENCOURAGES** Member States and other AU Organs to support AUCIL in its studies by providing relevant and timely information to bolster its activities in development and codification of International law with specific focus on African Union Law;
6. **DIRECTS** that all administrative, structural and financial matters raised in the report be submitted to the AU competent Organs through the established channels and procedures and **STRESSES** the need to equip the AUCIL with requisite human and financial resources to enable it carry out its mandate;
7. **REQUESTS** the African Group in New York to mobilize UN Member States to support the requests regarding the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 for the continued development of UN Programme of Assistance in favour of the UN Regional Course in International Law for Africa, the Audio-Visual Library of International Law and other programmes, in particular, those approved by the various UN Resolutions;
8. **REQUESTS** the Commission to ensure that the publications are in all the AU working languages.

**DECISION ON THE SCALE OF ASSESSMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF
ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF FINANCING THE AFRICAN UNION
Doc. EX.CL/900(XXVII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Ad-Hoc Ministerial Committee on the review of the scale of assessment;
2. **RECOMMENDS** to the Assembly to endorse the recommendations of the Ad-Hoc Ministerial Committee as follows:
 - i) The new scale of assessment will be based on the principles of solidarity, equitable payment and capacity to pay and in a way that ensures no single country bears a disproportionate share of the budget;
 - ii) The new scale of assessment shall be based on achieving the following targets
 - a) 100% of the Union's Operational budget;
 - b) 75% of Union's Program budget;
 - c) 25% of Union's Peace support operations budget;
 - iii) That the new scale of assessment shall be based on a tier system as follows;
 - a) All countries with GDP above 4% - tier 1
 - b) All countries above 1% but below 4% - tier 2
 - c) All countries from 1% and below – tier 3
 - iv) The achievement of the Targets above in (ii) should be phased over 5 years starting immediately after implementation of paragraph 9 of this decision;
3. **FURTHER RECOMMENDS** to the Assembly as follows:
 - i) The new scale will be based on the principle that the five Member States in the Tier 1 shall take 60 percent of the budget shared equally; whereas Member States in Tier 2 and Tier 3 pay based on capacity to pay as contained in Option 3 of the proposal;
 - ii) The new scale will be based on a ceiling of 12 percent without the imposition of floor rate;
 - iii) The new scale will be implemented for the financial years 2016, 2017 and 2018;
4. **RECOMMENDS** to the Assembly to adopt the new AU scale of assessment which constitutes a hybrid of pure capacity to pay for some Member States and

equal payment scales for others in accordance with the percentage of the budget under each tier;

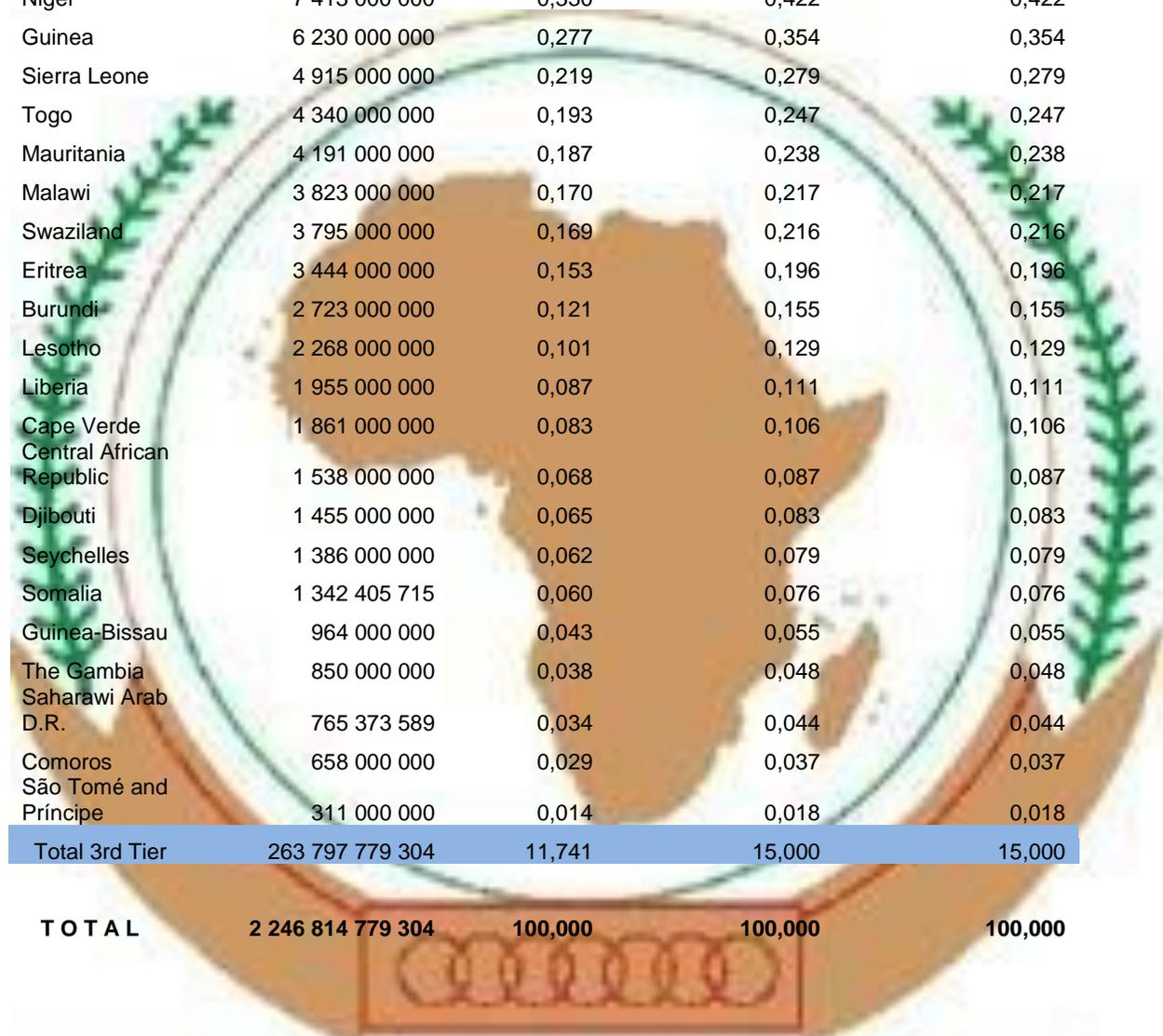
5. **URGES** Member States to choose from a non-exhaustive, non-binding basket of options of alternative sources of funding in line with national imperatives, laws, regulations and constitutional provisions;
6. **URGES** the Commission in consultation with the Ad-Hoc Ministerial Committee to institute a robust annual review mechanism during the first five years of implementation that will assess possible impacts and recommend adjustments when and where necessary;
7. **ENCOURAGES** the Commission and the Ad-Hoc Ministerial Committee to continue working on and incorporating modalities that will build synergy between review of scale of assessment and budgeting, financial governance and management processes;
8. **URGES** Member States working in the spirit of solidarity and self-reliance to strive to achieve the stated contribution targets contained in relevant Assembly Decisions;
9. **REQUESTS** the Ad-Hoc Ministerial Committee meeting in an open-ended manner to pursue and conclude its work in instituting a sound and credible accountability and oversight mechanism that will ensure effective scrutiny of the budgetary processes including its presentation and implementation. In this regard, **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Ad-Hoc Ministerial Committee to meet in October 2015 to consider all outstanding issues, including the consultation with the Republic of Angola on its scale of assessment and submit its report on the matter at the next Summit in January 2016;
10. **URGES** the Commission to provide all the necessary support to ensure timely conclusion of the exercise by providing a comprehensive list of existing and proposed accountability mechanisms;
11. **ENCOURAGES** Member States to promptly pay their assessed contributions once the new scale comes into force.

Scale of Assessment for 2016, 2017 and 2018

"Alternative Funding Sources for the African Union - Implementation of Options"

APPLYING A VARIABLE GROUP ASSESSMENT METHOD (Tiers determined by country share to total GDP/GNI)

Member State	Based on GDP for 2013	Sorted from highest to lowest % to Total	Country grouped into 3 tiers NO CEILING	Country grouped into 3 tiers 12% CEILING
<i>(Data source: UNSD, WB, IMF & country sources)</i>				
Nigeria	521 812 000 000	23,225	21,145	12,000
South Africa	350 800 000 000	15,613	14,215	12,000
Egypt	271 427 000 000	12,081	10,999	12,000
Algeria	212 453 000 000	9,456	8,609	12,000
Angola	124 178 000 000	5,527	5,032	12,000
Total 1st Tier	1 480 670 000 000	65,901	60,000	60,000
Sudan	66 748 000 000	2,971	3,322	3,322
Libya	65 516 000 000	2,916	3,260	3,260
Kenya	54 993 000 000	2,448	2,737	2,737
Ghana	47 830 000 000	2,129	2,380	2,380
Tunisia	46 995 000 000	2,092	2,339	2,339
Ethiopia	45 999 000 000	2,047	2,289	2,289
U.R. of Tanzania	33 285 000 000	1,481	1,656	1,656
Côte d'Ivoire	32 061 000 000	1,427	1,596	1,596
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	29 896 000 000	1,331	1,488	1,488
Cameroon	29 267 000 000	1,303	1,457	1,457
Zambia	26 831 000 000	1,194	1,335	1,335
Uganda	22 926 000 000	1,020	1,141	1,141
Total 2nd Tier	502 347 000 000	22,358	25,000	25,000
Gabon	19 266 000 000	0,857	1,095	1,095
Equatorial Guinea	15 598 000 000	0,694	0,887	0,887
Mozambique	15 311 000 000	0,681	0,871	0,871
Botswana	14 804 000 000	0,659	0,842	0,842
Senegal	14 796 000 000	0,659	0,841	0,841
South Sudan	14 031 000 000	0,624	0,798	0,798
Congo	13 478 000 000	0,600	0,766	0,766
Chad	13 412 000 000	0,597	0,763	0,763
Zimbabwe	13 206 000 000	0,588	0,751	0,751
Namibia	12 251 000 000	0,545	0,697	0,697



Burkina Faso	12 042 000 000	0,536	0,685	0,685
Mauritius	11 937 000 000	0,531	0,679	0,679
Mali	10 882 000 000	0,484	0,619	0,619
Madagascar	10 645 000 000	0,474	0,605	0,605
Benin	8 310 000 000	0,370	0,473	0,473
Rwanda	7 601 000 000	0,338	0,432	0,432
Niger	7 413 000 000	0,330	0,422	0,422
Guinea	6 230 000 000	0,277	0,354	0,354
Sierra Leone	4 915 000 000	0,219	0,279	0,279
Togo	4 340 000 000	0,193	0,247	0,247
Mauritania	4 191 000 000	0,187	0,238	0,238
Malawi	3 823 000 000	0,170	0,217	0,217
Swaziland	3 795 000 000	0,169	0,216	0,216
Eritrea	3 444 000 000	0,153	0,196	0,196
Burundi	2 723 000 000	0,121	0,155	0,155
Lesotho	2 268 000 000	0,101	0,129	0,129
Liberia	1 955 000 000	0,087	0,111	0,111
Cape Verde	1 861 000 000	0,083	0,106	0,106
Central African Republic	1 538 000 000	0,068	0,087	0,087
Djibouti	1 455 000 000	0,065	0,083	0,083
Seychelles	1 386 000 000	0,062	0,079	0,079
Somalia	1 342 405 715	0,060	0,076	0,076
Guinea-Bissau	964 000 000	0,043	0,055	0,055
The Gambia	850 000 000	0,038	0,048	0,048
Saharawi Arab D.R.	765 373 589	0,034	0,044	0,044
Comoros	658 000 000	0,029	0,037	0,037
São Tomé and Príncipe	311 000 000	0,014	0,018	0,018
Total 3rd Tier	263 797 779 304	11,741	15,000	15,000
TOTAL	2 246 814 779 304	100,000	100,000	100,000

**DECISION OF THE SANDTON MINISTERIAL RETREAT OF THE EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL ON THE FIRST 10-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION
PLAN OF AGENDA 2063
Doc. EX.CL/899(XXVII)**

The Executive Council

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the outcomes of the Ministerial Retreat held in Sandton City, Johannesburg, South Africa, and:

ON FREE MOVEMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

2. **CALLS UPON** Member States to promote Intra-African trade and the development of productive capacities for regional growth on the continent; and fast track the establishment of the Continental Free Trade Area, (CFTA) and its operationalization; Member States to urgently review their tariff regimes and dismantle all non-tariff barriers;
3. **UNDERSCORES** the need to promote women empowerment in order to facilitate inter-border trade through issuing women traders with special identification cards that will allow them to access the market in other countries, and effectively reduce difficulties experienced at border posts to enhance border trade;
4. **REQUESTS** Member States to focus on investment in value chains, and give preferential treatment to investors in Africa, and promote African brands (made in Africa) for Africa in order to join the global value chains. In that regard, encourage respect for the rule of law in Member States in order to create the favourable regulation frameworks needed confidence and trust among investors;
5. **EMPHASIZES:**
 - 1) the need to ensure the protection of Intellectual Property Rights to safeguard African innovation and strengthen standards;
 - 2) the need to establish an African Economic Forum for African Business people to hold periodic meetings so as to engage in discussions that promote understanding and forge ties within the private sector across the continent. To facilitate this process establish a trade observatory for the free flow of trade information, as well an African Business Council;
6. **URGES** Member States to sensitize their African Ambassadors in Geneva on issues related to negotiations at the World Trade Organization (WTO) in order to forge an African Common Position with a view to changing the WTO rules and make them less cumbersome, and urgently propose mechanisms for the holding of an African Trade Conference similar to the WTO in Africa;

7. **UNDERScores** the need to ensure that Africa speaks with one voice on issues related to WTO negotiations. In this regard, Ministers of Foreign Affairs should work closely with their counterparts in the Ministry of Trade to ensure effective coordination;

ON FREE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE

8. **ENCOURAGES** Member States to start offering visas to Africans on arrival at ports of entry and based on the principle of reciprocity where those countries that offer free movement should receive the same;

9. **URGES** Member States to, begin within three (3) years but not later than five (5) years offer all Africans the same opportunities they have accorded to the citizens of countries within their respective Regional Economic Communities (RECs), on the understanding that migrants shall also be bound by all national laws;

10. **CALLS UPON :**

- i) Member States in collaboration with the Commission to engage in the process of developing capacity to manage the flow cross border migration, as this is set to increase, especially among women and the youth;
- ii) the Commission to ensure that the Agenda 2063 framework includes a component that Free Movement of people should have explicit inclusion of gender and empowerment of vulnerable groups (women, youth and people with disabilities);

11. **REQUESTS:**

- i) the Commission to undertake a comprehensive research on free movement of people to generate empirical evidence to inform the development of the AEC, its structure, resources and other requirements, etc. for its implementation;
- ii) the Commission to urgently organize a Retreat of the Executive Council to consider the issue of free movement of people in Africa;

12. **EXPEDITES** the operationalization of the African Passport that would, as a start facilitate free movement of persons in different categories, which would be issued by Member States;

ON HARMONIZATION OF QUALIFICATIONS AND HIGHER EDUCATION IN AFRICA

13. **REQUESTS** Member States to establish a harmonized mechanism to ensure that higher education in Africa is compatible, comparable, with acceptability and enable recognition of credentials that will facilitate transferability of knowledge,

skills and expertise. In addition, there is need to harmonize teacher education and set up quality assurance processes, which should spell out how higher education should be managed, with emphasis on diversity;

14. UNDERTAKES:

- i) the need to establish a mechanism on practical modalities for the empowerment of African women and youth in education and, encourage their sustained growth in knowledge acquisition. In the same vein, ensure that issues relating to tradition, the state and relevance of education in various African countries are taken into consideration in the process of harmonizing education;
- ii) to include exchange programmes and self-employment in the education curriculum, while ensuring that the process of harmonization is also used as a tool to deal with language barriers;

15. REQUESTS the Commission to ensure that issues of harmonization of education are constant features on the agenda of the Specialized Technical Communities (STCs) so as to enable concerned Ministers to make inputs and receive feedback;

16. CALLS UPON Member States and the Private Sector to support funding of research in key fields of knowledge, especially in sciences and technology, which will enable Africans to find solution to African problems;

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17. UNDERSCORES the importance of the multilateral system as underlined by the principle of equity, inclusivity, sustainable development, improvement of human conditions based on the equality of States;

18. EMPHASIZES:

- i) the need for Africa to continue to work together, speak with one voice and to play an even greater role in giving impetus to the Intergovernmental Negotiations within the context of the United Nations General Assembly in New York. In this context, the African Union Member States Ambassadors Groups should respect and implement AU positions and decisions and be involved in the implementation of Agenda 2063;
- ii) the need to work together on strategic issues such as Financing for Development, the Post 2015 Development Agenda, Climate Change and the International Conference on Trade;

- iii) the right of all AU Member States to participate in all AU joint meetings and those in which the AU is a stakeholder.

19. **CALLS UPON** the Secretary General of the United Nations to facilitate, with the Host Country the United States of America, the granting of the same level of privileges and facilities to the AU Permanent Observer Mission as those granted to UN Mission to the African Union, in accordance with the principle of reciprocity.

ON STREAMLINING OF THE AU SUMMITS AND THE WORKING METHODS OF THE AFRICAN UNION

20. **REAFFIRMS** the importance of holding Retreats at Ministerial Level at least once (1) a year, as a mechanism for consensus building among Ministers, and the importance of the Executive Council to meet in order to follow up on the implementation of decisions;

21. **DECIDES** to improve time management of the Executive Council Sessions to ensure efficiency and effectiveness as well as ensuring that their meetings are attended at the appropriate level to ensure a higher commitment to decisions taken and effective implementation thereof;

22. **RECOMMENDS** the following recommendations for approval by the Assembly,:

- i) decision-making by the Executive Council and the Assembly to be clearly delineated, and the Assembly to delegate their decision-making powers and mandate to the Executive Council to take decisions, except on key strategic issues;
- ii) empower the Specialized Technical Committees (STCs) of Ministers to take decisions on issues falling under their competence, except where there are attendant legal, financial and structural implications. However, the Executive Council may, if necessary, consider decisions of the STCs at the request of any Member State;
- iii) the Assembly to focus on strategic policy issues such as Continental Integration, Peace and Security, Governance and Financial matters; and those decisions taken at the Executive Council are not repeated at the Assembly;
- iv) consider holding “closed sessions” meetings to discuss some strategic issues accompanied by one or more members of their delegations, as the issue to be discussed may require; In this regard, the Assembly may also decide to convene in a Retreat format to afford sufficient time to deliberate on strategic issues and to interact;

- v) allow the full participation of the Regional Economic Communities in the deliberations of the Summits to share experiences, successes and constraints, in the advancement of the continental integration agenda;
- vi) to continue with the two Summits, which should be streamlined with one, focusing on Policy Issues with participation of partners in accordance with the Rules of Procedure; and the other Summit focusing on the implementation of decisions;
- vii) the Subcommittees of the Assembly report to only one session of the Assembly in a year; and the membership of these sub-committees to rotate within 2 – 3 years cycle to allow for burden sharing;
- viii) the Opening Sessions of the Assembly be conducted in a business-like manner and in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, with only the Secretary General of the United Nations and the President of the Palestine Authority based on historical African solidarity with their struggle, being allowed to address the Assembly in-Person; within that context, other Invited Guests should be provided with alternative platforms, other than the Opening Sessions, to address the Heads of State and Government;

23. URGES Member States to allocate additional resources for interpretation and translation in order to increase the number of personnel in the Directorate of Conference Management and Publications and ensure documents are properly translated and are ready on time;

ON FIRST TEN-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN OF AGENDA 2063

24. CALLS UPON the Assembly to adopt the First Ten Year implementation Plan of Agenda 2063, taking into consideration input from Member States, including review of some of the targets proposed (e.g. establishment of the blue/ocean economy) and with the understanding that the document will undergo continuous refinement, taking into account the need for alignment with the Agenda 2063 Framework document (e.g. the issues of sovereignty), existing Continental frameworks and national visions, inclusivity, particularly in terms of the involvement of Women and Youth, the needs of small island States, emerging risks and threats, existing capacities and available financing as well as tourism and port operations and transport in the context of the blue economy;

25. UNDERSCORES:

- i) the importance of ownership of Agenda 2063 and Ten Year Implementation Plan by Member States and the RECs and therefore the need to take measures to popularize Agenda 2063, establish timeline to monitor progress and facilitate its domestication in national plans and regional frameworks. The Commission should continue to work with Member States

and the RECs on the domestication of the First Ten-Year Implementation Plan; In the same vein, the African Union Regional Representations and the African Union³ Member States Ambassadors Groups should be fully involved in the promotion and implementation at the Agenda 2063 of the African Union;

- ii) the need to come up with a comprehensive strategy to address the capacity deficit at all levels for the implementation of the Ten Year Implementation Plan;

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26. **CALLS UPON** the Commission to continue to engage in actions necessary towards expeditious finalisation of the capacity assessments work, including at the important level of Member States towards a consolidated Capacity Assessment Document and a Capacity Development Plan; highlighting critical skills and training required as well as arrangements to involve Universities and the role of youth and women; for consideration at the next Summit in January 2016;
27. **URGES** the ACBF and other institutions, such as UNECA and AfDB to continue to provide necessary support on capacity building dimensions for Agenda 2063;
28. **CALLS UPON** Member States to provide adequate financing and human resources that would enable the implementation of the First Ten Year implementation Plan of Agenda 2063;
29. **REQUESTS** the Commission to undertake baseline research studies across all priorities of Agenda 2063, in and between the RECs and at national levels, with a view to developing scorecards on the implementation of all the priorities and report progress to the next Ministerial Retreat.

³ Senegal entered reservations on the appellation under paragraph 25 (i).

**DECISION ON THE ELECTION OF SIX (6) MEMBERS OF
THE AFRICAN COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE RIGHTS
AND WELFARE OF THE CHILD (ACERWC)**

Doc. EX.CL/918 (XXVII)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on election of six (6) members of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC);
2. **ELECTS** the following six (6) members of the ACERWC for a **five (5)-year term**:

No	Name	Country
1	Mrs. Dikéré Marie-Christine BOCOUM	Côte d'Ivoire
2	Ms. Aver GAVAR	Nigeria
3	Ms. Maria MAPANI-KAWIMBE	Zambia
4	Mr. Clement MASHAMBA	Tanzania
5	Mr. Benyam Dawit MEZMUR	Ethiopia
6	Ms. Goitseone Nanikie NKWE	Botswana

3. **RECOMMENDS** the elected members of the ACERWC to the Twenty-Fifth Ordinary Session of the Assembly for appointment;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to prepare modalities to ensure the scrupulous respect of the principles of equitable regional and gender representation in all AU organs and institutions, and to submit the modalities to the January 2016 Summit.

**DECISION ON THE ELECTION OF THREE (3) MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN
COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS (ACHPR)
Doc. EX.CL/919(XXVII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the election of three (3) members of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights;
2. **ELECTS** the following three (3) members of the ACHPR for a **six (6)-year term**:

No	Name	Country
1	Mr. Solomon Ayele DERSSO	Ethiopia
2	Mrs. L. King JAMESINA ESSIE	Sierra Leone
3	Mrs. Sylvie KAYITESI ZAINABO	Rwanda

3. **RECOMMENDS** the elected members of the ACHPR to the twenty fifth ordinary session of the Assembly for appointment;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to prepare modalities to ensure the scrupulous respect of the principles of equitable regional and gender representation in all AU organs and institutions, and to submit the modalities to the January 2016 Summit.



**DECISION ON AFRICAN CANDIDATURE
WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM
Doc. EX.CL/917(XXVII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System;
2. **ENDORSES:**
 - i) **for the post of Secretary General of the Commonwealth** for the period 2016-2020 during the elections scheduled to take place in November 2015 in Malta, the *candidature of Mrs. Mmasekgoa Masire-Mwamba, of the Republic of Botswana;*
 - ii) **for the post of Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization**, during elections scheduled to take place in 30 June 2015, the candidature of *Mr. Juvenal J.M. Shiundu, of the Republic of Kenya;*
 - iii) **for membership of the United Nations Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions** for the period 2016-2018, during elections scheduled to take place in November 2015 in New York, the candidature of:
 - *Mr. Babou Sene of the Republic of Senegal;*
 - *Mr. Tesfa Alem Seyoum of the State of Eritrea.*
 - iv) **for membership of the United Nations Committee on Contributions**, for the period 2016-2018, during elections scheduled to take place in November 2015 in New York, *the candidature de Mr. Motumisi Josiel Tawana of the Republic of South Africa;*
 - v) **for membership of the United Nations Committee Against Torture**, during elections scheduled to take place on 8 October 2015 in Geneva, *the candidature of Ambassador Ezzat Saad of the Arab Republic of Egypt;*
 - vi) **for membership of the United Nations Committee on Enforced Disappearances**, during elections scheduled to take place on 23 June 2015 in New York, the candidature of:
 - *Mr. Fortuné Gaétan Zongo of Burkina Faso*
 - *Mr. Cheikh Saad Bouh Kamara of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania;*

- vii) for **membership of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**, during elections scheduled to take place on 25 June in New York, the candidature of:
- **Mrs. Fatimata Binta Victoire Dah Diallo** of Burkina Faso;
 - **Mrs. Yemhelha Mint Mohamed** of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania;
- viii) for **membership of the United Nations Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families**, during elections scheduled to take place on 30 June 2015 in New York, *the candidature of*
- **Mr. Germain Zong-Naba Pime** of Burkina Faso;
 - **Mrs Adelaide Anno-Kumi** of the Republic of Ghana;
 - **Mr Bismillah Elyh Ould Ahmed** of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania;
- ix) for the post of **Head of the United Nations Secretariat for the Arms Trade Treaty** during elections scheduled to take place in August 2015 *the candidature of Mr. Dladla Simeon Dumisani of the Republic of South Africa.*
- x) For the post of **Member of the UN Committee on Economic and Social Rights** for the period 2017-2020 for which Egypt requested an early endorsement of the candidature of Ambassador Mohamed Azzedine Abdel-Moneim (Arab Republic of Egypt). The Committee stressed that the endorsement of the candidature was not prejudicial to the submission by Member States of candidatures in line with the number of vacant posts.
3. **TAKES NOTE** of and **DECIDES** to endorse the following candidatures:
- i) for **membership of the Executive Board of UNESCO** for the period 2015-2019 during elections scheduled to take place in Paris, at the 38th General Conference of UNESCO in November 2015, **the candidature of:**
- **the Republic of South Africa;**
 - **the Republic of Senegal;**
 - **the Republic of Niger;**
 - **the Republic of Botswana;**
 - **the Republic of Mali.**
- ii) for **membership of the Executive Board of the International Maritime Organization for the period 2016-2018**, during elections scheduled to take place in December 2015, the candidature of:

- **the Arab Republic of Egypt** in Category C;
- the Republic of South Africa in Category C;
- **the Republic of Liberia** in Category C.

iii) for the post of **Vice-President of the 70th Session of the UN General Assembly for the period 2015-2016** during elections to be held in June 2015, the candidature of:

- **The Republic of Benin;**
- **The Republic of Cameroon;**
- **The Arab Republic of Egypt;**
- **The State of Eritrea;**
- **The Republic of Mozambique;**
- **The Republic of Togo.**

iv) for **membership of the Economic and Social Council** for the Period 2016-2018 during elections scheduled for November 2015 candidature of:

- **The People's Democratic Republic of Algeria;**
- **The Federal Republic of Nigeria;**
- **The Republic of Rwanda;**
- **The State of Somalia;**
- **The Republic of South Africa.**

v) for **membership of the Social Development Committee** for a period 2016-2019 during elections scheduled for February 2016 candidature of:

- **The Republic of Ghana;**
- **The Republic of Rwanda;**
- **The Republic of Senegal.**

With respect to the second post allocated to West Africa, the Committee requested the region concerned to carry consultation in order to nominate a candidate.

vi) for **membership of the Statistics Committee** for the period 2016-2019 during elections scheduled for November 2015 the candidature of:

- **The Republic of Kenya;**
- **The Republic of Togo.**

vii) for **membership of the Population and Development Committee** for the period 2016-2019 during elections scheduled for November 2015 the candidature of:

- **The Republic of Sudan;**
- **The Republic of Uganda.**

viii) **for membership of the Committee on the Status of Women** for the period 2016-2019 during elections scheduled for November 2015 the candidature of:

- **The State of Eritrea;**
- **The Federal Republic of Nigeria.**

ix) **for membership of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice** for the period 2016-2018 during elections scheduled for November 2015 the candidature of:

- **The Republic of Benin;**
- **The Republic of Cameroon;**
- **The Republic of Côte d'Ivoire;**
- **The Republic of South Africa.**

x) **for membership of the Committee for Programme and Coordination** for the period 2016-2018 during elections scheduled to take place in November 2015. The candidature of:

- **The United Republic of Tanzania;**
- **The Republic of Zimbabwe.**

xi) **for membership of the Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting** for the period 2016-2018, during elections scheduled for November 2015, the candidature of:

- **The Republic of Benin;**
- **The Republic of Cameroon;**
- **The Republic of Kenya;**
- **The Republic of Uganda.**

The Committee requested the regions concerned to hold consultations in order to nominate one candidate for Central Africa and two candidates for Southern Africa

xii) **for membership of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs** for the period 2016-2019 during elections scheduled for November 2015.

- **The Republic of Cameroon;**

- **The Democratic Republic of Congo;**
- **The Republic of Kenya;**
- **The Islamic Republic Mauritania;**
- **The Republic of South Africa;**
- **The Republic of Sudan;**
- **The Republic of Uganda.**

xiii) **for membership of the Executive Council of the United Nations Children's Fund** for the period 2016-2018 during elections scheduled for November 2015 candidature of:

- **The Republic of Botswana;**
- **The Republic of Cameroon;**
- **The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia;**
- **The State of Libya;**
- **The Republic of Sierra Leone.**

xiv) **for membership of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFP)** for the period 2016-2018 during elections scheduled to take place in November 2015. The candidature of :

- **The Republic of Benin;**
- **The Republic of Cameroon;**
- **The Republic of Chad;**
- **The Republic of Malawi;**
- **The Republic of Uganda.**

xv) **for membership of the Executive Council of the United Nations Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment** for the period 2016-2018 during elections scheduled for November 2015. The candidature of:

- **The Union of the Comoros;**
- **The Republic of Gabon;**
- **The Republic of Liberia;**
- **The Republic of Namibia;**
- **The Republic of Tunisia.**

xvi) **for membership of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme** for the period 2016-2018 during elections scheduled 2015. The candidature of:

- **The Republic of Liberia**

xvii) for membership of the **Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS** for the period 2016-2018 during elections scheduled November 2015 candidature of:

- **The Republic of Ghana;**
- **The Republic of Malawi.**

xviii) for membership of the **UN-HABITAT Governing Council** for the period 2016-2019 during elections scheduled for November 2015 the candidature of:

- **The Republic of Angola;**
- **The Republic Chad;**
- **The Republic Kenya;**
- **The Federal Republic of Nigeria.**

xix) for membership of the **Human Rights Council** for the period 2016-2018 during elections scheduled November 2015 candidature of:

- **The Republic of Cote d'Ivoire;**
- **The Republic of Burundi;**
- **The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia;**
- **The Republic of Uganda;**
- **The Republic of Togo.**

xx) for membership of the **Conferences Committee** for a period 2016-2018 during elections scheduled November 2015 candidature of:

- **The Republic of Ghana;**
- **The Republic of Liberia.**

xxi) for **Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council** for the period 2018-2019 the candidature of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea to represent Central Africa.



