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**DECISION ON THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE THIRD
AFRICA-EUROPEAN UNION SUMMIT**

Doc. Assembly/AU/16(XV)

The Assembly,

1. **WELCOMES** the progress made in the preparations for the Third Africa-European Union (EU) Summit scheduled to be held in the Great Jamahiriya on 29 and 30 November 2010;
2. **REQUESTS** the Commission to work closely with the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC) and its relevant Sub-Committee to elaborate a Second Action Plan, jointly with the EU side on the basis of guidelines endorsed by the 14th Africa-EU Ministerial Troika meeting held in Luxembourg on 26 April 2010;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission in collaboration with Member States to engage the EU side to discuss the possibility of adopting "Economic Growth, Job Creation and Investment" as the overarching theme of the Summit;
4. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to report on the implementation of this Decision to the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly through the Executive Council in January 2011.



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**DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PAN AFRICAN UNIVERSITY
Doc. EX.CL/579(XVII)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the progress achieved towards the establishment of the Pan African University and the recommendation of the Executive Council thereto;
2. **DECIDES** to create the Pan African University, in accordance with the model proposed by the Commission;
3. **ALSO DECIDES** the allocation of the thematic areas to the following regions and countries:
 - i) West Africa: Nigeria for Life and Earth Sciences;
 - ii) Eastern Africa: Kenya for Basic Sciences, Technology and Innovation;
 - iii) Central Africa: Cameroon for Governance, Humanities and Social Sciences.
4. **URGES** the Southern and Northern regions of Africa to finalise consultations and nominate the country with the capacity to host the thematic areas of Space Sciences and Water and Energy Sciences including climate change Institutes respectively by the next Ordinary Session scheduled for January 2011 for consideration and adoption by the Assembly through the Executive Council;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to draft the Statutes of the Pan African University and to submit it, in conformity with the established rules and procedures, to the Assembly, through the Executive Council at its next Ordinary Session in January 2011 for consideration.

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**DECISION ON THE FIVE (5)-YEAR REVIEW OF THE ABUJA CALL FOR
ACCELERATED ACTION TOWARDS UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO HIV/AIDS,
TUBERCULOSIS AND MALARIA SERVICES IN AFRICA
Doc. EX.CL/592(XVII)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Progress Report on the Five (5)-Year Review of the Abuja Call for Accelerated Action Towards Universal Access to HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis (TB) and Malaria (ATM) Services by 2010;
2. **REAFFIRMS** the commitments undertaken at the Special Summit on HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria in 2000, 2001 and 2006, as well as the commitments made under the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the Decade for Roll Back Malaria;
3. **WELCOMES** the solidarity, support and encouragement by partners and stakeholders at national, regional and international levels;
4. **ENDORSES** the Progress Report on the Abuja Call for Accelerated Action Towards Universal Access to HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria Services in Africa;
5. **DECIDES** to extend the Abuja Call for Accelerated Action Towards Universal Access to HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Services in Africa (the Abuja Call) to 2015 to coincide with the MDGs;
6. **URGES** Member States to accelerate the implementation of the Abuja Call through the strengthening of health systems, financing of health research, partnerships with relevant stakeholders; and a multi-sectoral and integrated approach to disease control;
7. **CALLS UPON** Development Partners and stakeholders at national, regional and international levels to provide sustained, well-coordinated and harmonized support, including fulfilling their commitment for adequate funding;
8. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with other African Union (AU) Organs, the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and partners to revise the reporting framework and disseminate it to Member States after consideration by the 5th Session of the AU Conference of Ministers of Health;
9. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with other AU Organs, RECs and partners to monitor and conduct an evaluation of the implementation of the Abuja Call and to submit a progress report in 2013 and a final report in June/July 2015 in preparation for the review of the MDGs in 2015.

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**DECISION ON THE ABUSE OF THE PRINCIPLE
OF UNIVERSAL JURISDICTION
Doc. EX.CL/606(XVII)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Progress Report of the Commission on the Implementation of Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.271 (XIV) adopted in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in February 2010;
2. **REITERATES** its commitment to fight impunity in conformity with the provisions of Article 4(h) of the Constitutive Act of the African Union;
3. **ALSO REITERATES** its conviction that there has been blatant abuse of the Principle of Universal Jurisdiction, particularly in some non African States and **CALLS** for immediate termination of all pending indictments;
4. **FURTHER REITERATES** its conviction on the need for an international regulatory body with competence to review and/or handle complaints or appeals arising out of the abuse of the Principle of Universal Jurisdiction by individual States;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to finalise the study on the implications of empowering the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights to try international crimes such as genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes and report to the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly through the Executive Council in January/February 2011;
6. **CALLS ON** all concerned States to respect International Law and particularly the immunity of state officials when applying the Principle of Universal Jurisdiction;
7. **URGES** the European Union (EU) and its Member States to extend the necessary cooperation to the African Union (AU) to facilitate the search for a durable solution to the abuse of the Principle of Universal Jurisdiction;
8. **ALSO URGES** the EU and its Member States to implement the recommendations of the AU-EU Joint ad-hoc Expert group;
9. **EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** to the Chairperson of the AU and the Chairperson of the AU Commission for efforts made so far towards ensuring that this matter is exhaustively discussed at the level of the United Nations;
10. **UNDERSCORES** the need for African States Parties to speak with one voice to ensure that the interests of Africa are safeguarded during the forthcoming negotiations on the Principle of Universal Jurisdiction at the level of the United Nations;

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11. **REQUESTS** the African Group in New York to follow-up on the implementation of this Decision in collaboration with the Commission and to ensure that the concerns raised by the AU and its Member States regarding the Abuse of the Principle of Universal Jurisdiction by some non African States are properly addressed at the Level of the United Nations with a view to finding a durable solution and to submit a report thereon to the Assembly through the Executive Council on actions taken;
12. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to follow-up on the implementation of this Decision and to report to the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly through the Executive Council in January 2011.



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**DECISION ON THE ADOPTION OF THE AFRICAN
MARITIME TRANSPORT CHARTER
Doc. Assembly/AU/3(XV)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of Decision EX.CL/Dec.542(XVI) on the Report of the Second African Union Conference of Ministers responsible for Maritime Transport adopted by the Sixteenth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2010;
2. **ADOPTS** the African Maritime Transport Charter as recommended by the Second African Union Conference of Ministers responsible for Maritime Transport held in Durban, South Africa in October 2009 and the Sixteenth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2010;
3. **URGES** Member States to speed up signature and ratification of the African Maritime Transport Charter in order to ensure its speedy entry into force to facilitate accelerated development of maritime transport in the Continent;
4. **ALSO URGES** Member States, the Regional Economic Communities and Specialised Agencies to participate effectively in the implementation of the African Maritime Transport Charter;
5. **APPEALS** to the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, the African Development Bank, the International Maritime Organization, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the World Bank, European Union, interested countries and all development partners to support the implementation of the African Maritime Transport Charter;
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission to prepare and manage a plan of action for the implementation of the African Maritime Transport Charter;
7. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to report regularly to the Assembly through the Executive Council on the implementation of this Decision.

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**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL ON ITS
ACTIVITIES AND THE STATE OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN AFRICA
Assembly/AU/6(XV)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU) on its Activities and the State of Peace and Security in Africa;
2. **RECALLS** the Tripoli Declaration on the Elimination of Conflict and the Promotion of Sustainable Peace in Africa [SP/ ASSEMBLY/PS: DECL (1)] and Plan of Action [SP/ASSEMBLY/PS/MAP], adopted at its Special Session on the Consideration and Resolution of Conflicts in Africa, held in Tripoli, Libya, on 31 August 2009. The Assembly **REITERATES** the need for the effective follow-up and implementation of both the Declaration and the Plan of Action;
3. **WELCOMES** the efforts deployed by the AU and the Regional Economic Communities / Regional Mechanisms for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution (RECs/RMs), with the support of the international community, towards the full operationalization of the African Peace and Security Architecture, in particular the Continental Early Warning System (CEWS) and the African Standby Force (ASF). In this respect, the Assembly **NOTES** the significance of the exercise *Amani Africa*, scheduled to be held in October 2010, to test the operational readiness of the ASF. The Assembly **CALLS FOR** continued support to the African Centres of Excellence on Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping;
4. **ALSO WELCOMES** the efforts made towards conflict prevention and resolution, as well as the consolidation of peace, where it has been achieved, and **CALLS ON** all stakeholders to redouble their efforts with a view to speeding up the achievement of the objective of a conflict-free Africa;
5. **REITERATES ITS CONCERN** at the continued impasse in the process aimed at restoring constitutional order in Madagascar, due mainly to the refusal of the *de facto* authorities to cooperate with the AU and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) towards the implementation of the Maputo Agreements of 6 August 2009 and the Addis Ababa Additional Act of 6 November 2009. The Assembly **ENCOURAGES** the SADC Mediator, former President Joachim Chissano, to pursue and intensify his consultations with the Malagasy parties, with a view to facilitating an early and consensual return to legality, in accordance with the AU relevant instruments and decisions. In the meantime, the Assembly **CALLS FOR** renewed efforts to fully implement the targeted sanctions imposed

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by the PSC, in line with the decisions adopted at its meetings held on 19 February and 17 March 2010, respectively;

6. **WELCOMES** the signing in Moroni, on 16 June 2010, of the “Agreement for the Management of the Interim Period” by the President of the Union and the Governors of the Autonomous Islands of Ngazidja, Anjouan and Mohéli. The Assembly **URGES** the Comorian parties to work in good faith for the strict implementation of this Agreement, including the organization, within the scheduled timeframe, of the harmonized elections of the President of the Union and the Governors of the Autonomous Islands and the handing over of power between the President-elect and the outgoing one, and **URGES** the international community to provide the financial and technical support necessary for the success of the process;
7. **REAFFIRMS ITS FULL SUPPORT** to the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) of Somalia, and **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the attacks and other acts of violence perpetrated by Al Shabab and other terrorist groups against the TFG, the Somali people and the AU Mission in Somalia (AMISOM). The Assembly **FURTHER CONDEMNS** the despicable terrorist attacks claimed by Al Shabab that were committed in Kampala, on 11 July 2010, against innocent civilians. The Assembly **CALLS ON** Member States and the entire international community to isolate and take all required measures against individuals, entities and States engaged in terrorist acts and whose action is undermining the peace and reconciliation process in Somalia, as well as regional stability and international security;
8. **ENCOURAGES** the Transitional Federal Institutions (TFIs) to enhance their cohesion and work purposefully towards national reconciliation and unity among Somalis, in line with the Djibouti Agreement of August 2009. In this respect, the Assembly **WELCOMES** the signing and implementation of the Agreement reached in Addis Ababa, on 15 March 2010, between the TFG and Ahlu Sunna Wal Jamma'a, as well as the Agreement signed with the Somali region of Puntland, on 12 April 2010;
9. **EXRESSES, ONCE AGAIN, ITS APPRECIATION** to the Troop Contributing Countries (TCCs) to AMISOM, namely Uganda and Burundi, for their invaluable contribution to peace in Somalia and for the sacrifices made. The Assembly **ENCOURAGES** ongoing efforts to build the capacity of the Somali security forces, and **ENDORSES** the decisions, contained in the communiqué of the 15th Extra-ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the

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Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD), held in Addis Ababa, on 5 July 2010, and **DEEPLY APPRECIATES** the regional initiative under the African Peace and Security Architecture to enable AMISOM reach its authorized strength of 8,100 troops. The Assembly **MANDATES** the Commission to initiate the planning for the new phases of the deployment of AMISOM, supported by the ASF, once operationalized;

10. **FURTHER RECOGNISES** the imperative of political engagement in Somalia, and **REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Commission to appoint a High Level Personality, to galvanize international support and attention for Somalia, and the engagement of the population in governance processes, in order to enhance the legitimacy of the TFG. The Assembly **AFFIRMS** that the Djibouti process remains the sole basis for peace and reconciliation in Somalia, and **URGES** the TFG to continue the efforts that it has been making to broaden its political base in the context of the legitimacy of the TFIs, by including those who genuinely embrace peace and renounce violence. The Assembly **CALLS ON** all actors in Somalia to support and bolster activities that guarantee the livelihoods of the population. The Assembly **ALSO REITERATES** its call to the larger international community and the United Nations Security Council, in particular, to play their rightful role, including the transformation of AMISOM into a United Nations Peace Mission, and to mobilize resources commensurate with the magnitude of the challenges facing Somalia and the region;
11. **REITERATES ITS CONCERN** at the continued impasse in the peace process between Ethiopia and Eritrea and **REAFFIRMS** AU's readiness to assist the two countries to overcome the current deadlock through dialogue, and normalize their relations;
12. **WELCOMES** the signing, under the mediation efforts of the Emir of Qatar, of an Agreement between Djibouti and Eritrea, in which the two countries agreed to settle their border dispute through mediation and peaceful means. The Assembly **CALLS FOR** the scrupulous implementation of this Agreement and **EXPRESSES THE HOPE** that this development will have positive impact on the overall situation in the Horn of Africa, through sustained efforts to be deployed in a comprehensive and consistent manner, as well as in good faith;
13. **WELCOMES** the sustained efforts aimed at consolidating peace in Burundi and **UNDERSCORES**, in this regard, the importance of successfully completing the electoral process which began in May and is due to end in September 2010. The Assembly **APPEALS URGENTLY** to all the political actors to draw lessons from

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the local and presidential elections of 21 May and 28 June 2010, and work together to strengthen the democratic process, especially by participating in future elections and in contributing to the proper functioning of the institutions. The Assembly **ALSO COMMENDS** the progress which continues to be made in the consolidation of peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The Assembly **UNDERScores THE IMPORTANCE** of the swift implementation of the recommendations of the AU multidisciplinary mission that visited the DRC and Burundi in January and February 2010, as endorsed by the PSC at its 230th meeting held on 27 and 31 May 2010;

14. **WELCOMES** the peaceful and successful holding of the April 2010 General Elections in the Sudan, despite the challenges that faced the process, and **ENCOURAGES** the Sudanese parties to redouble their efforts towards the democratic transformation of the country, in line with the vision articulated in the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) ;
15. **NOTES** that the CPA is entering its final stage of implementation, which will culminate in the holding of the self-determination referendum in Southern Sudan and the referendum in Abyei, in January 2011. The Assembly **STRESSES** the critical importance of the partnership between the NCP and the SPLM and **URGES** them, in consultation with the other stakeholders, to expeditiously address the outstanding issues in the CPA implementation, particularly the resolution of the issue of Abyei, the modalities for the organization of popular consultations in Blue Nile and Southern Kordofan states, and the completion of the demarcation of the North-South border;
16. **FURTHER URGES** the parties to work towards the successful completion of the negotiations on post-referendum issues and arrangements, building on the Mekele Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) of 22 June 2010 and the outcome of the Exposure Session held in Juba on 19 and 20 July 2010, in order to ensure sustainable peace, close cooperation between the North and South and the protection of the rights of all Sudanese, regardless of the outcome of the referendum on self-determination. The Assembly **PLEDGES AU'S FULL SUPPORT** to the efforts being made by the Sudanese parties and its commitment to respect the outcome of the self-determination referendum and facilitate its implementation, as one of the CPA's Guarantors;
17. **EXPRESSES CONCERN** at the recent degradation of the security situation in Darfur, and **CALLS ON** all parties to demonstrate restraint and refrain from actions likely to further complicate the situation. The Assembly **ENCOURAGES** the parties to the

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Doha process, led by the AU-UN Joint Chief Mediator, with the support of the Government of Qatar, to intensify their efforts towards achieving further progress, and **URGES** the Movements that are not participating in the Doha talks to join the process without any further delay. The Assembly **EXPRESSES ITS FULL SUPPORT** to the early convening, in Darfur, of the Darfur-Darfur Conference, as envisaged by the AU High-Level Implementation Panel (AUHIP) on Sudan, and **CALLS ON** all concerned to extend the necessary cooperation and support;

18. **WELCOMES** the work being done by the AUHIP since its establishment in October 2009, in particular the support to the implementation of the CPA, the negotiations on the post-referendum issues and arrangements and the search for an inclusive and comprehensive solution to the conflict in Darfur. The Assembly **STRESSES** the importance of effective coordination at international level and on the ground, in support of the efforts of the Sudanese parties. In this respect, the Assembly **WELCOMES** the establishment of the Sudan Consultative Forum co-chaired by the AU and the UN, which held its first meeting in Khartoum on 17 July 2010;
19. **WELCOMES** the consolidation of the normalization process in the relations between Chad and Sudan, and **COMMENDS** the two countries for the steps taken in this respect, as well as the two Heads of State for their vision and leadership;
20. **NOTES WITH CONCERN** the delays in the implementation of the calendar of elections in the Central African Republic (CAR) and in the execution of the DDR program. The Assembly **FURTHER EXPRESSES ITS CONCERN** at the continued activities of the Lord's Resistance Army in CAR. The Assembly **CALLS ON** the Central African parties to work towards the early holding of elections and **REQUESTS** the international community to provide the necessary support;
21. **REQUESTS** the Commission, within the framework of the Tripoli Plan of Action, to organize, as soon as possible, action-oriented consultations between the countries affected by the activities of the LRA, and all other interested parties, with a view to facilitating a coordinated regional action in the face of the threat the group represents;
22. **URGES** the Ivorian parties to do their utmost, with the help of the Facilitator, President Blaise Compaoré of Burkina Faso, to scrupulously implement the provisions of the Ouagadougou Political Agreement and its Supplementary Agreements, in order to create an enabling environment for the speedy holding of the elections, which should conclude the process for a way out of the crisis;

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23. **TAKES NOTE** of the transition and the process for the return to constitutional order as defined by the *de facto* authorities in Niger in consultation with the Niger parties, and **REQUESTS** all the stakeholders in Niger to ensure strict compliance. The Assembly **CALLS UPON** Member States and the international community at large to provide the support required for the proper conduct of the transition process, in particular the elections, and the necessary assistance to cope with the food shortages facing Niger;
24. **WELCOMES** the holding on 27 June 2010, of the first round of the presidential election in Guinea and **UNDERScores** the imperative need for the speedy organization of the second round of the presidential elections, to be followed by the legislative elections. The Assembly **COMMENDS** the President of the Transition and the IEC for the efforts deployed and **ENCOURAGES** them to persevere in their determination, and **WARNS** against any attempt to undermine the progress made and the electoral process. The Assembly **INVITES** Member States and international partners to continue to lend their support towards the completion of the ongoing transition in Guinea, as well as the reform of the defence and security sector, and the country's economic recovery;
25. **WELCOMES** the holding in Brussels on 14 and 15 June 2010, under the auspices of the European Union, of the Partners Round Table for Mauritania, and **ENCOURAGES** the partners concerned to rapidly disburse the funds pledged. The Assembly **URGES** the Mauritanian parties to promote political dialogue in good faith, in accordance with the Dakar Framework Agreement;
26. **EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN** at the developments which took place in Guinea Bissau on 1st April 2010, undermining constitutional order, and **CONDEMNNS** the continued interference of the Army in the functioning of the democratic institutions. The Assembly **EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE** of the effective implementation of the security sector reform and **REQUESTS** the AU and ECOWAS Commissions to speed up preparations for the rapid deployment of the stabilization mission provided for in the Tripoli Plan of Action;
27. **REITERATES ITS DEEP CONCERN** over the persistence and spread of maritime piracy, which is an international crime pursuant to relevant international instruments, including resolution 1918 (2010), and **WELCOMES** the holding in Addis Ababa, on 6 and 7 April 2010, of a Workshop on Maritime Security and Safety. The Assembly **LENDs ITS SUPPORT** to the efforts being made by the Commission towards the implementation of the conclusions of the Workshop, including the elaboration of a continental strategy for the management of the continent's maritime domain and the

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involvement of the ASF in efforts to promote maritime security and safety, and **STRESSES**, in this context, the importance of adequate protection of the African maritime domain and that of Island States in particular, against organized crime, as well as illegal fishing and dumping of toxic waste. The Assembly **REITERATES ITS CALL**, as contained in the Tripoli Plan of Action, for the convening, within the framework of the United Nations, of a conference to develop an international Convention on Piracy;

28. **REITERATES** the need for continued and sustained efforts to address the scourge of terrorism, **WELCOMES** the holding of the 4th meeting of Focal Points of the African Centre for the Study and Research on Terrorism (ACSRT), and **CALLS FOR** increased cooperation between Member States, in accordance with the relevant AU instruments. The Assembly **REQUESTS** the Commission to submit to the PSC as soon as possible, a series of new measures designed to enhance the effectiveness of collective African action against the phenomenon of terrorism, including appropriate measures in terms of mutual legal and criminal assistance and the elimination of sources of funding for terrorists groups, including payment of ransom in hostage taking situations;
29. **WELCOMES** the efforts deployed by the Commission to develop a framework of action and AU guidelines on the protection of civilians in peacekeeping operations, pursuant to the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council and other relevant instruments of the AU. In this regard, the Assembly **TAKES NOTE** of the organization, in Addis Ababa, by the Commission, with the help of the Australian Government and the Asia Pacific Civil-Military Centre of Excellence, of a workshop on the issue, and **REQUESTS** the Commission to continue its efforts and to report to the relevant organs of the AU to enable them to take the necessary decisions on the basis of the relevant AU instruments;
30. **WELCOMES** the partnership being developed between the PSC, on the one hand, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) and the European Union Political and Security Committee, on the other hand, including the convening, in New York, on 9 July 2010, of the 4th annual consultative meeting between the AUPSC and the UNSC and **CALLS FOR** the mobilization of the international community as a whole in support to African solutions to African problems;

31. **EXPRESSES SATISFACTION** at the level attained in the operationalization of the African Peace and Security Architecture and **ENCOURAGES** the RECs/RMs and all Member States to strengthen and increase their contributions towards creating the necessary conditions for the success of African efforts to promote peace and security;
32. **REQUESTS** the Commission to continue and intensify its activities for the diligent and full implementation of the Tripoli Declaration and Plan of Action, including aspects relating to the objectives of the Year of Peace and Security in Africa.



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**DECISION ON THE PROGRESS REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF
THE COMMISSION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISION
ASSEMBLY/AU/DEC.275(XIV) ON THE YEAR OF PEACE
AND SECURITY IN AFRICA
Doc. Assembly/AU/7(XV)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Chairperson of the Commission on the implementation of Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.275(XIV) on the Year of Peace and Security in Africa adopted by the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in February 2010;
2. **WELCOMES** the steps taken and the efforts made by the Commission, within the framework of the implementation of this Decision, including the establishment by the Chairperson of the Commission of the Year of Peace and Security Advisory Council and the appointment of Peace Ambassadors;
3. **EXPRESSES SATISFACTION** at the progress made in the implementation of the 2010 Year of Peace and Security in Africa, in particular the momentum gained by the outreach campaign, the spaces opened up to enable the various stakeholders to contribute to the achievement of the objective of a conflict-free Africa, the partnerships built, the efforts made at national and regional levels, as well as the intensification of efforts towards the consolidation of the African Union (AU) normative and institutional framework on peace and security;
4. **URGES** Member States to fully take ownership of this initiative, including by signing and ratifying relevant AU instruments, including the *African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance*, and effectively implementing the commitments contained therein, as well as by intensifying their efforts for peace;
5. **ALSO URGES** Member States to take practical steps to support and popularize the campaign in their respective countries, notably through issuing special stamps, providing free air time and space for advertisements in state media, and facilitating the successful tour of the Flame of Peace, as well as supporting other activities such as the *Make Peace Happen Lesson Plan*, to be implemented with the support of Ministries of Education;
6. **STRESSES** the need to mobilize increased resources from within the continent to ensure real ownership and leadership in the quest for peace;
7. **WELCOMES** the initiatives undertaken by a number of African civil society organizations, in response to the AU's call for partnership, including the *African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD)*, *Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS)*, the *Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS)* of the Addis

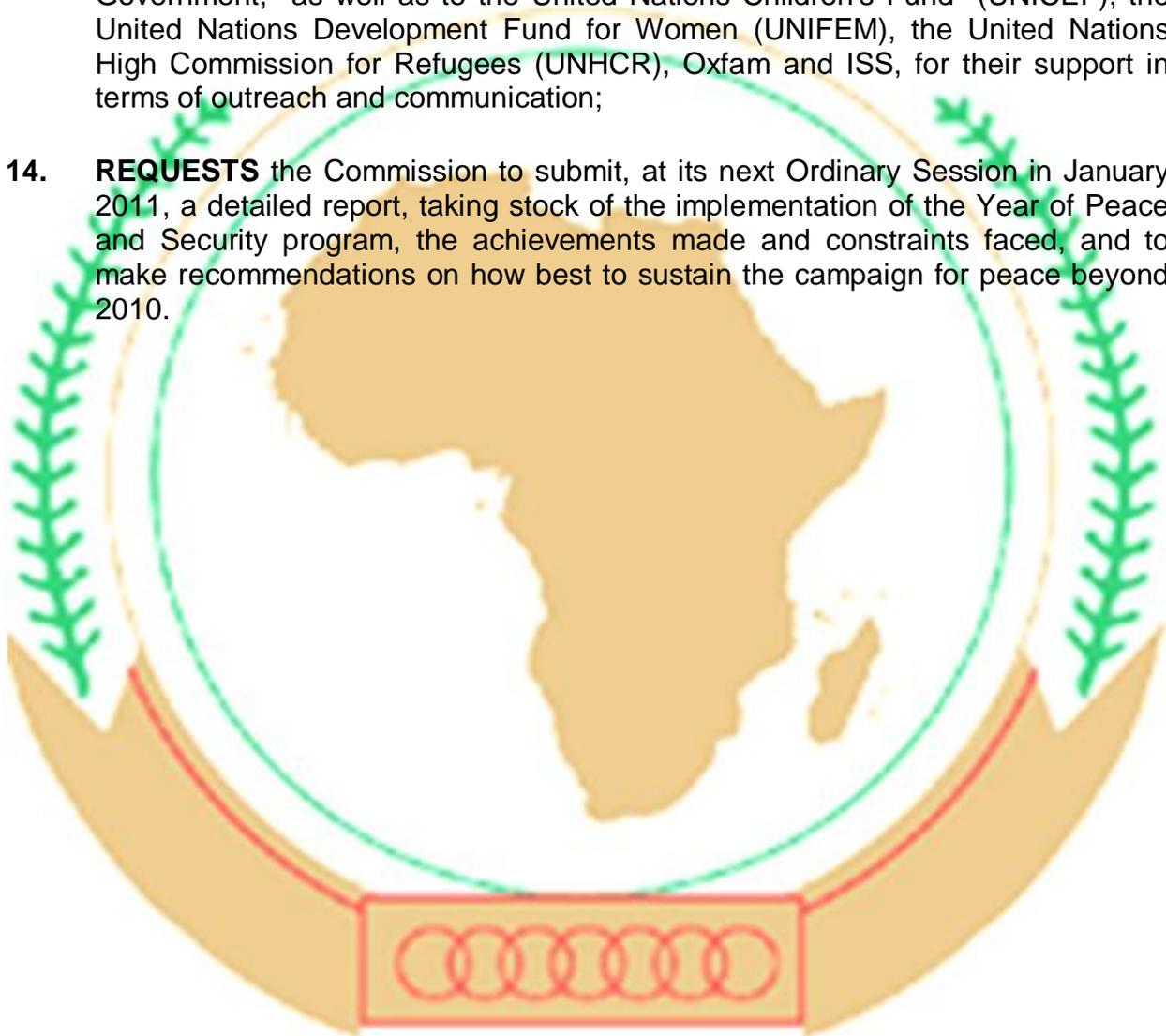
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Ababa University, the *Institute for Security Studies* (ISS), which is working towards the launching of a Peace Academy, an important tool for the enhancement of Africa's capacity in the area of peace and security, the *Organisation for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa* (OSSREA) and the *Council for the Development of Social Science Research* (CODESRIA) and the Cairo Regional Center for Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping in Africa;

8. **ENCOURAGES** all businesses in Africa to contribute to this initiative and also to sign the AU-initiated *Make Peace Happen Industry Charter* and **WELCOMES** the pledges made by some private sector companies, namely Kenya Airways and Ethiopian Airlines, in response to the request by the Commission to contribute to the Year of Peace and Security;
9. **STRESSES** the critical importance of the United Nations proclaimed International Day of Peace, on 21st September, as a way to provide a single rallying point for the continent to show that peace is possible, and **ENDORSES** the objectives being pursued and the activities planned, namely:
 - i) cessation of hostilities in all conflict areas which are still experiencing varying levels of violence,
 - ii) distribution of humanitarian supplies, materials and services to communities in conflict areas, as well as in non-conflict areas in critical need of these,
 - iii) one minute of silence for peace across Africa at 10.00am GMT,
 - iv) relevant developmental work and community support in all AU Member States to be carried out by members of the armed and security forces,
 - v) *One Day One Goal* football games, and
 - vi) *Make Peace Happen Lesson Plan* to be taught in all schools on Peace Day or during other relevant occasions;
10. **URGES** all Member States to start preparations in earnest, to mobilize all stakeholders and set up the required structures to coordinate the activities to be implemented on Peace Day as outlined above;
11. **CALLS ON** all AU partners, humanitarian organizations, civil society, media houses and religious organizations to fully embrace the objectives of the Peace Day and contribute to its success.

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12. **CALLS ON** the UN to take all necessary steps in support of the Year of Peace and Security and Peace Day in Africa, taking into account its critical role in the overall success of Peace Day and the Year of Peace and Security as a whole. ;
13. **EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE** to the AU partners who have contributed financially and technically to the implementation of the Year of Peace and Security, in particular the German Government, through GTZ, and the Italian Government, as well as to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), Oxfam and ISS, for their support in terms of outreach and communication;
14. **REQUESTS** the Commission to submit, at its next Ordinary Session in January 2011, a detailed report, taking stock of the implementation of the Year of Peace and Security program, the achievements made and constraints faced, and to make recommendations on how best to sustain the campaign for peace beyond 2010.



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**DECISION ON THE PROGRESS REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISION ASSEMBLY/AU/DEC.270(XIV) ON THE
SECOND MINISTERIAL MEETING ON THE ROME STATUTE OF
THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT (ICC)
Doc. Assembly/AU/10(XV)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Progress Report of the Commission on the Implementation of Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.270 (XIV) adopted by the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on the Second Ministerial Meeting on the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and all comments and observations made by Member States and **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained therein;
2. **REITERATES** its commitment to fight impunity in conformity with the provisions of Article 4(h) of the Constitutive Act of the African Union;
3. **RECALLS** the African Union (AU) position expressed through the Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.270(XIV);
4. **EXPRESSES** its disappointment that the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) has not acted upon the request by the African Union to defer the proceedings initiated against President Omar Hassan El-Bashir of the Republic of The Sudan in accordance with Article 16 of the Rome Statute of ICC which allows the UNSC to defer cases for one (1) year and **REITERATES** its request in this regard;
5. **REITERATES** its Decision that AU Member States shall not cooperate with the ICC in the arrest and surrender of President El-Bashir of The Sudan;
6. **REQUESTS** Member States to balance, where applicable, their obligations to the AU with their obligations to the ICC;
7. **URGES** all Member States to speak with one voice to ensure that the proposed amendment to Article 16 of the Rome Statute which would allow the UN General Assembly to take over the power of the UNSC to defer cases for one (1) year in cases where the UNSC has failed to take a decision within a specified timeframe;
8. **DECIDES** to reject for now, the request by ICC to open a Liaison Officer to the AU in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and **REQUESTS** the Commission to inform the ICC accordingly;

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9. **EXPRESSES CONCERN** over the conduct of the ICC prosecutor, Mr. Moreno Ocampo who has been making egregiously unacceptable, rude and condescending statements on the case of President Omar Hassan El-Bashir of The Sudan and other situations in Africa;
10. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report regularly on the implementation of this decision.



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DECISION ON THE HISSENE HABRE CASE
Doc. Assembly/AU/11(XV)

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Progress Report of the Commission on the Implementation of Decision Assembly/AU/ Dec.240(XII) adopted in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in February 2010 on the Hissene Habre case;
2. **REITERATES** its commitment to fight impunity in conformity with the provisions of Article 4(h) of the Constitutive Act of the African Union;
3. **REITERATES** its appeal to all Member States to contribute to the budget of the trial and extend the necessary support to the Government of Senegal in the execution of the African Union mandate to prosecute and try Hissene Habre ;
4. **REQUESTS** the Government of Senegal, the Commission and Partners, particularly the European Union to continue consultations with the view to the holding of the Donors Round Table;
5. **INVITES** all partner countries and institutions to attend the Donors Round Table that will be organized in this regard in Dakar, Senegal in November 2010;
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission to monitor the implementation of this decision and to report to the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly through the Executive Council in January 2011.



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**DECISION ON THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE AFRICAN UNION
COMMISSION INTO THE AFRICAN UNION AUTHORITY
Doc. Assembly/AU/12(XV)**

The Assembly,

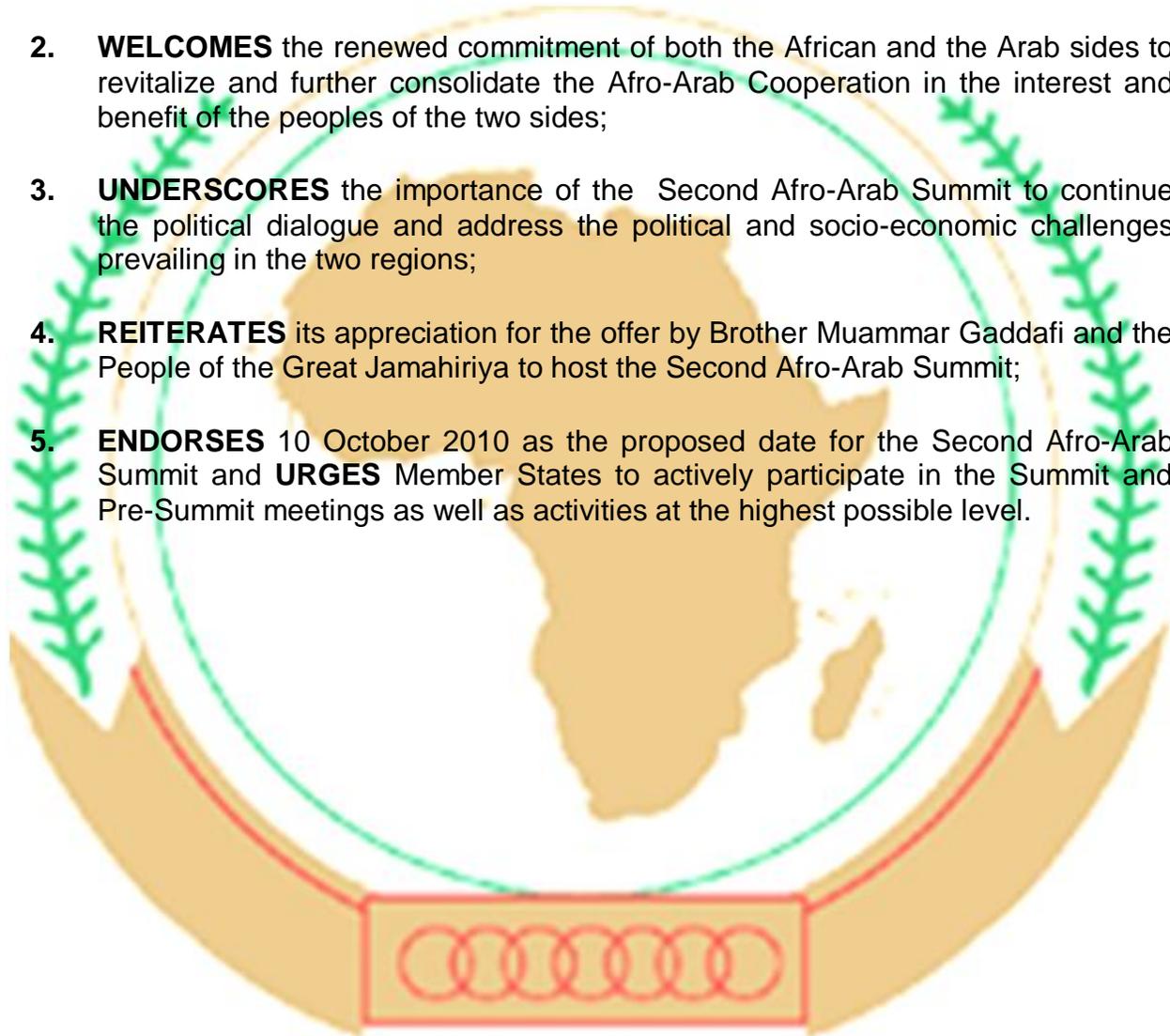
1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Progress Report of the Commission on the Implementation of Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.263(XIII) adopted by the Thirteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly in Sirte, Great Jamahiriya on 3 July 2009;
2. **REITERATES** its commitment to the vision of gradually transforming the African Union Commission into the African Union Authority in order to strengthen the institutional building processes of the African Union and to accelerate the integration of the continent;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to convene a follow-up meeting of Government Experts open to members of the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC) for ten (10) working days to pursue consideration of the remaining legal instruments on the transformation of the African Union Commission into the African Union Authority;
4. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to convene a meeting of Ministers of Justice/Attorneys General of Member States to consider and approve the legal instruments on the transformation of the African Union Commission into the African Union Authority;
5. **DECIDES** that the meetings of experts and Ministers be held as soon as practicable and be financed through the supplementary budget or virement;
6. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to report on the implementation of this Decision and to submit the necessary legal instruments to the Assembly through the Executive Council at its next Ordinary Session in January 2011 for consideration.

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DECISION ON THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE SECOND AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT
Doc. Assembly/AU/15(XV)

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the Status of Preparations for the Second Afro-Arab Summit to be held in the Great Jamahiriya in October 2010;
2. **WELCOMES** the renewed commitment of both the African and the Arab sides to revitalize and further consolidate the Afro-Arab Cooperation in the interest and benefit of the peoples of the two sides;
3. **UNDERScores** the importance of the Second Afro-Arab Summit to continue the political dialogue and address the political and socio-economic challenges prevailing in the two regions;
4. **REITERATES** its appreciation for the offer by Brother Muammar Gaddafi and the People of the Great Jamahiriya to host the Second Afro-Arab Summit;
5. **ENDORSES** 10 October 2010 as the proposed date for the Second Afro-Arab Summit and **URGES** Member States to actively participate in the Summit and Pre-Summit meetings as well as activities at the highest possible level.

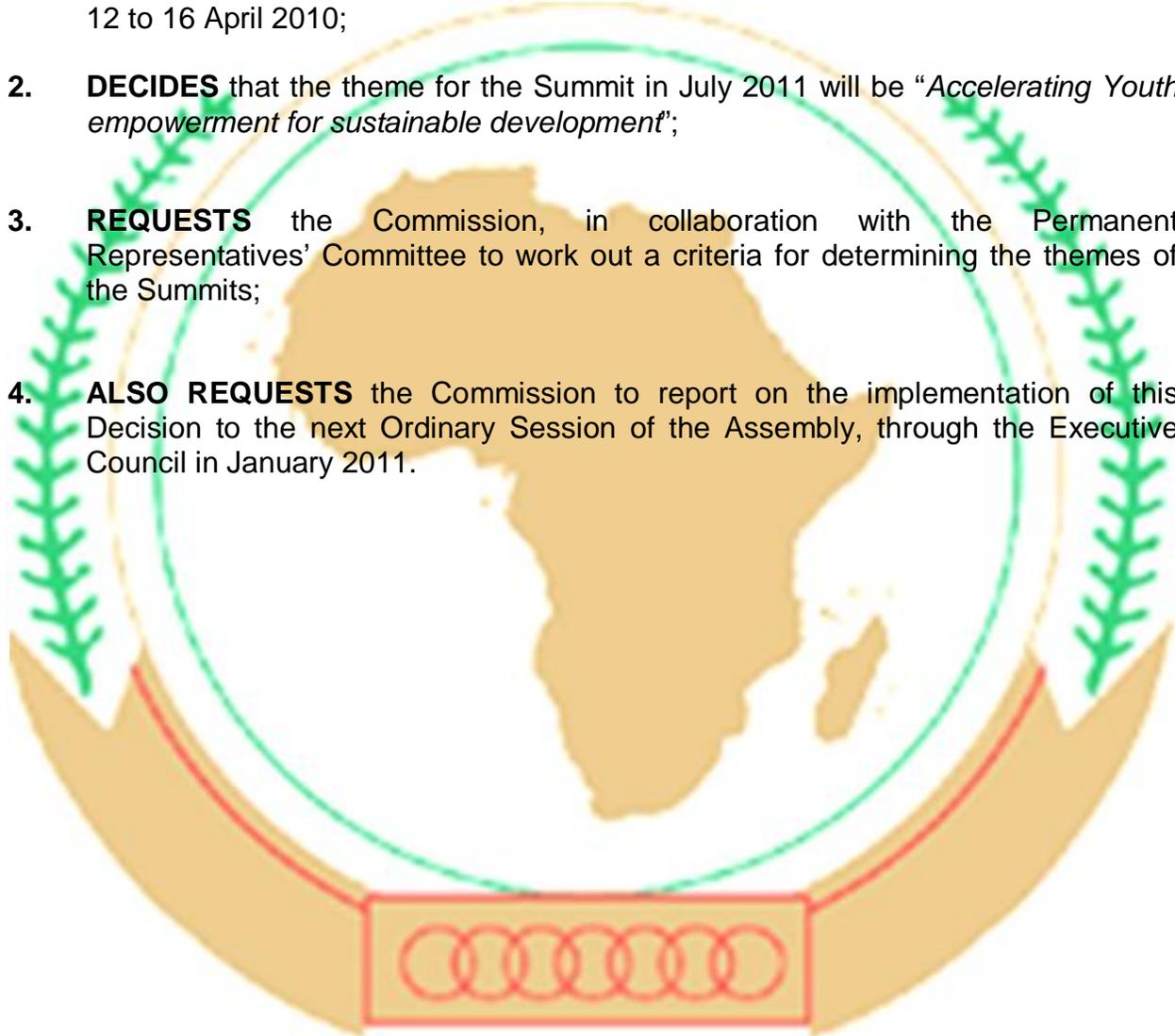


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DECISION ON THE THEME OF THE JULY 2011 AU SUMMIT
Doc.EX.CL/588(XVII)

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the recommendations of the Executive Council on the Report of the African Ministers of Youth (COMY III), held in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe from 12 to 16 April 2010;
2. **DECIDES** that the theme for the Summit in July 2011 will be “*Accelerating Youth empowerment for sustainable development*”;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with the Permanent Representatives’ Committee to work out a criteria for determining the themes of the Summits;
4. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to report on the implementation of this Decision to the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly, through the Executive Council in January 2011.



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**DECISION ON THE DATE AND VENUE OF THE TWENTY-THIRD
ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION**

The Assembly,

1. **WELCOMES** the offer by the Government of the Republic of Gabon to host the Twenty-third Ordinary Session of Assembly of the African Union scheduled for July 2014 in Libreville, Gabon;
2. **ACCEPTS** the offer by the Republic of Gabon to host the Twenty-third Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission in consultation with the host country to propose in due course, dates for the holding of the meetings of the Libreville Summit.



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DECISION ON STRENGTHENING OF THE COOPERATION AMONG THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION, THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA TO ADDRESS THE DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES OF AFRICA

Doc. EX.CL/586(XVII)

The Assembly,

1. **NOTES WITH APPRECIATION** the highly successful convening of the Third Meeting of the Joint African Union (AU) Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) Conference of Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development in Lilongwe, Malawi in March 2010;
2. **REAFFIRMS** the importance of strengthening and increasing cooperation and collaboration between the AU Commission, the African Development Bank (AfDB) and UNECA;
3. **NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the establishment of several joint flagship initiatives between the AU Commission, AfDB and UNECA including the publication of the assessing Regional Integration in Africa Report and annual report of Progress on the Millennium Development Goals;
4. **ALSO NOTES** with satisfaction the improved functioning of the Regional Coordination Mechanism of the UN Agencies working in support of the AU and its New Partnership for Africa' Development (NEPAD) Planning and Coordinating Agency jointly convened by the AU Commission and UNECA and tasked with coordinating UN support to the AU Ten Year Capacity Building Plan as well as NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency activities;
5. **WELCOMES** the recent finalization of arrangements for the establishment of the Joint Support Office of the Joint AU Commission/AfDB/UNECA Secretariat to be operationalized in the third quarter of 2010;
6. **COMMENDS** the 2010- 2012 UNECA Business Plan which is closely aligned to the AU Strategic Plan and **CALLS ON** the UN Secretary General and Africa's Development Partners to continue to support the current management of UNECA to ensure the successful implementation of the Business Plan;
7. **REQUESTS** the AU Commission to continue to cooperate with UNECA in undertaking joint activities, projects and programmes for Africa's development,

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especially by making the Joint AU-UNECA Conference of Ministers as a major annual ministerial platform for the deliberation and exchange of views on issues relating to Africa's growth and development;

8. **ENCOURAGES** Dr. Jean Ping, Chairperson of the AU Commission; Mr. Donald Kaberuka, President of the African Development Bank; and Mr. Abdulie Janneh, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to pursue their on-going joint efforts to deepen the relationship among the three Pan-African institutions.



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**DECISION TO SUPPORT THE SQUARE KILOMETRE
ARRAY (SKA) PROJECT ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT
Doc.EX.CL/584(XVII)**

The Assembly,

1. **ENDORSES** the recommendation of the Executive Council with regard to the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) Project provided for in the Report of the Fourth Ordinary Session of the African Ministerial Conference on Science and Technology (AMCOST IV), held in Cairo, Egypt, from 8 to 11 March 2010;
2. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the importance of science, technology and innovation emanating from the SKA Project in development of our knowledge-based economies and driving human capital development programmes;
3. **APPRECIATES** the efforts of the Republic of South Africa in coordinating Africa's bid to promote space related science and technology matters on the continent;
4. **ENDORSES** the African bid to host the SKA on the African continent, thereby providing the world with the unique instrument for frontier research and discovery, cementing Africa's commitment to contribute to global scientific excellence and enterprise;
5. **ALSO ENDORSES** the Republic of South Africa's bid to host, in collaboration with Botswana, Ghana, Namibia, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Kenya and Zambia the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) Project on the African continent;
6. **CALLS ON** Member States, the Commission and the Regional Economic Communities to fully cooperate with the Republic of South Africa on this project by providing the necessary support to this bid;
7. **ALSO CALLS ON** Africa's development partners and the global scientific community to support the African SKA bid, both directly and in all relevant forums where such support would promote the success of the bid.

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DECISION ON THE THEME, DATE AND VENUE OF THE SIXTEENTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION

The Assembly,

1. **RECALLS** the Decision EX.CL/Dec.525(XVI) adopted by the Sixteenth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council and endorsed by the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly in February 2010 on the theme of the January/February 2011 Summit which shall be devoted to the Shared Values in Africa, in particular, the putting in place of a Pan-African Architecture on Governance;
2. **DECIDES** that the dates of the Sixteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly which will hold in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, shall be the following:
 - i. Twenty-first Ordinary Session of the Permanent Representatives Committee: 24 and 25 January 2011;
 - ii. Eighteenth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council: 27 and 28 January 2011;
 - iii. Sixteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly: 30 and 31 January 2011.



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**DECISION ON THE STAFF REGULATIONS AND RULES
DOC. Assembly/AU/4 (XV)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the recommendation of the Executive Council on the Draft Staff Regulations and Rules of the African Union;
2. **ADOPTS** the Staff Regulations and Rules of the African Union;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report annually on the implementation of the Staff Regulations and Rules to the Assembly through the Executive Council.



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DECISION ON THE AFRICAN UNION KWAME NKRUMAH SCIENTIFIC AWARDS

The Assembly,

1. **ENDORSES** the recommendation of the Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union to honour the memory of the Great Pan-Africanist and First President of the Republic of Ghana, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah;
2. **DECIDES** to name the African Union Scientific Awards as “African Union Kwame Nkrumah Scientific Awards”.

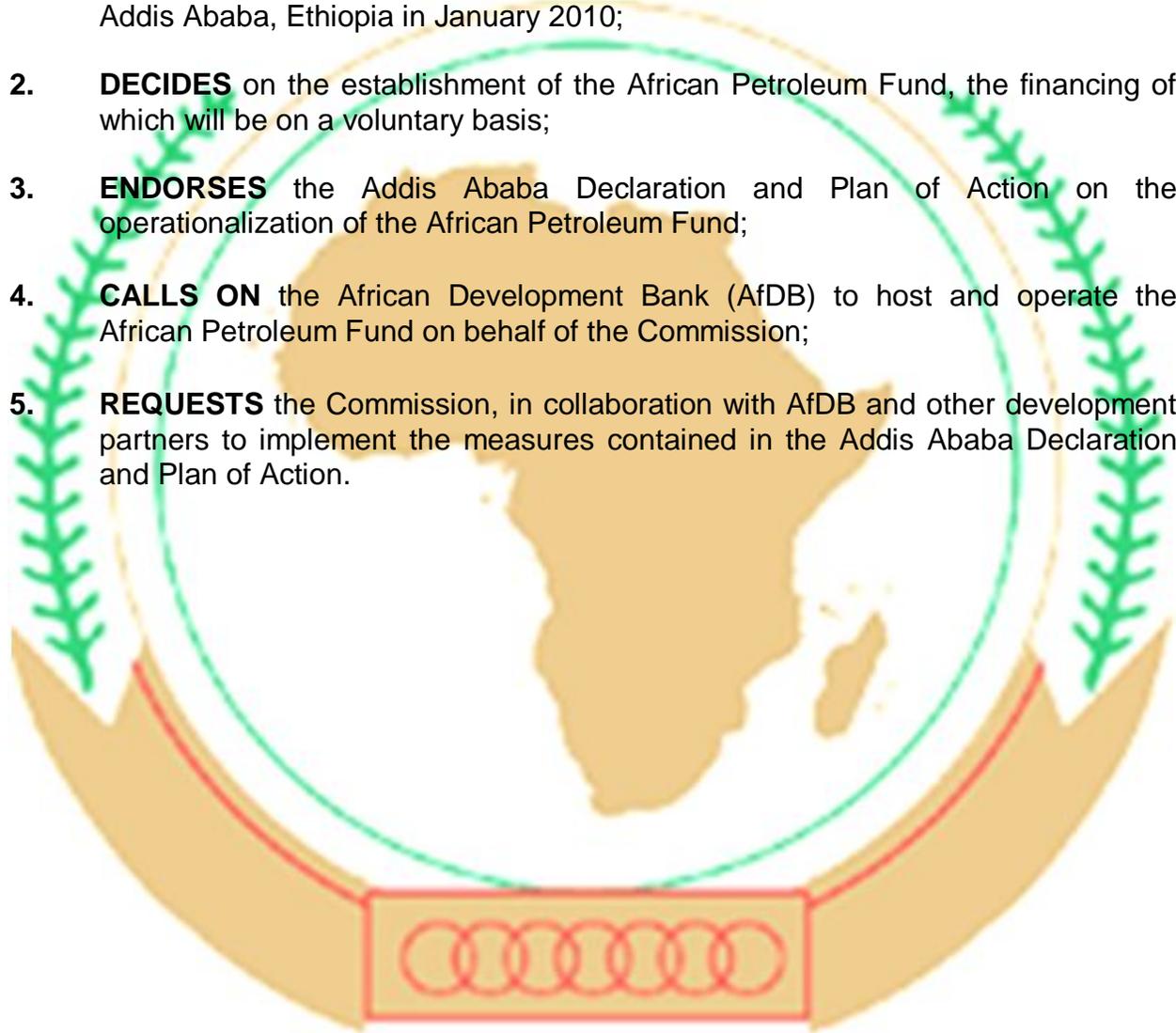


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DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATIONALISATION OF THE AFRICAN PETROLEUM FUND

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of Decision EX.CL/Dec.546(XVI) on the Report of the Second Conference of African Union Ministers responsible for hydrocarbons (Oil and Gas) adopted by the Sixteenth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2010;
2. **DECIDES** on the establishment of the African Petroleum Fund, the financing of which will be on a voluntary basis;
3. **ENDORSES** the Addis Ababa Declaration and Plan of Action on the operationalization of the African Petroleum Fund;
4. **CALLS ON** the African Development Bank (AfDB) to host and operate the African Petroleum Fund on behalf of the Commission;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with AfDB and other development partners to implement the measures contained in the Addis Ababa Declaration and Plan of Action.



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DECISION ON CLIMATE CHANGE NEGOTIATIONS
Doc. Assembly/AU/13(XV)

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Coordinator of the Committee of Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC), H.E. Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia on progress made in the implementation of Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.281(XIV) adopted at the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in February 2010;
2. **COMMENDS** the efforts of H.E. Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia as well as those of the African negotiators under the leadership of CAHOSCC, in promoting the African Common Position on Climate Change and in advancing it through a united African voice;
3. **ENDORSES** the recommendations of CAHOSCC on the streamlined single negotiation structure at the Ministerial and Experts' levels, with a view to ensuring effective coordination of the negotiation on climate change towards the 16th Conference of Parties (COP) 16 and COP 17 in Cancun, Mexico and in South Africa in 2010 and 2011, respectively, as follows:
 - i. Algeria to serve as Coordinator at the Ministerial level and Mali, in its capacity as current Chairperson of the African Ministerial Conference on Environment to serve as Co-Coordinator;
 - ii. The Democratic Republic of Congo to serve as Coordinator at the Experts' level together with Nigeria as Co-Coordinator;
 - iii. The African Group of Technical Negotiators to establish a Bureau.
4. **ALSO ENDORSES** the recommendations of CAHOSCC for the continuation of the membership of the Republic of South Africa, the Host of COP 17, within CAHOSCC, as well as the inclusion of the Democratic Republic of Congo in its capacity as the Chairperson of the African Group of the Technical Negotiators;
5. **FURTHER ENDORSES** the Decision of CAHOSCC to hold a meeting before COP 16 scheduled in Cancun, Mexico in December 2010.

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**DECISION ON THE REFORM OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL
Assembly/AU/9(XV)**

The Assembly,

1. **ADOPTS** the Seventh Report of the Committee of Ten Heads of State and Government on the Reform of the United Nations (UN) Security Council;
2. **TAKES NOTE** of the current developments in the intergovernmental Negotiations and **NOTES WITH APPRECIATION** the efforts of the African Permanent Representatives in promoting and defending the continent's interest in the UN Security Council Reform process;
3. **REAFFIRMS** the Ezulwini Consensus and the Sirte Declaration on the Reform of the UN Security Council containing the African Common Position, **CALLS** for its intensive promotion and **STRESSES** the need for Africa to continue to speak with one voice on this question;
4. **REQUESTS** the Committee of Ten Heads of States to intensify their efforts in advocating, canvassing and promoting the African Common Position as well as endeavouring to reach out at the highest political levels including, holding of regular meetings, with a view to considering developments and providing updates;
5. **ALSO REQUESTS** the African Permanent Representatives to the United Nations of the Committee of Ten to continue to work closely with other African Permanent Representatives to the UN as well as with other Interest Groups in the context of the ongoing inter-governmental Negotiations on the Security Council Reform Process;
6. **CALLS ON** the Committee of Ten to remain seized of this matter until Africa achieves its objectives and report on progress made at the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly in June/July 2011.

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**DECISION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS
OF THE PANEL OF THE WISE
Doc. Assembly/AU/14(XV)**

The Assembly;

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Chairperson of the Commission on the Panel of the Wise of the African Union (AU) and on the appointment of new members, including the Addendum to the report;
2. **DECIDES**, in line with the provisions of Article 11 of the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the AU, to re-appoint, for a further and final mandate of three years, the following personalities as members of the Panel of the Wise, at the expiration of their terms on 17 December 2010:
 - i) President Ahmed Ben Bella (North Africa),
 - ii) Dr. Salim Ahmed Salim (East Africa);
3. **FURTHER DECIDES**, in line with Article 11 of the PSC Protocol, to appoint, for a mandate of three (3) years, starting from 18 December 2010, the following personalities as new members of the Panel of the Wise:
 - i) President Kenneth Kaunda (Southern Africa);
 - ii) Mrs. Marie Madeleine Kalala-Ngoy (Central Africa);
 - iii) Mrs. Mary Chinery Hesse (West Africa).
4. **TAKES NOTE** of the steps being envisaged by the Chairperson of the Commission to enhance the capacity of the Panel of the Wise, as outlined in his report, including the establishment of a team of “Friends of the Panel of the Wise”;
5. **PAYS TRIBUTE** to the outgoing members of the Panel of the Wise, namely their Excellencies Miguel Traovoda, Brigalia Bam and Elizabeth Pognon, for their contribution to the quest for peace, security and stability on the continent, and **LOOKS FORWARD** to their continued support and contribution as members of the team of “Friends of the Panel of the Wise”, as envisaged by the Chairperson of the Commission in the Addendum to his report. The Assembly **FURTHER ENCOURAGES** the Chairperson of the Commission to select two more distinguished Africans as members of the team of “Friends of the Panel of the Wise”.

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DECISION ON THE PREVENTION AND COMBATING OF TERRORISM**The Assembly,**

1. **RECALLS** all the relevant African Union (AU) instruments on the prevention and combating of terrorism, in particular the Algiers Convention of 1999 and the related Protocol, as well as the Plan of Action on the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism, and **NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the role played by the African Centre for Study and Research on Terrorism;
2. **EXPRESSES** serious concern over the worsening of the scourge of terrorism and the threat posed by this situation to peace, security and stability in Africa;
3. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** all terrorist attacks perpetrated in the continent and **EXPRESSES ITS DETERMINATION** to fight any form of acts of terrorism;
4. **CONDEMNS MOST VEHEMENTLY** the attack perpetrated on 11 July 2010, in Kampala, by Al Shabab terrorists, which resulted in the death and injury of innocent civilians, and **CONSIDERS** this cowardly act that targeted innocent civilians as an attack against the entire people of Africa. The Assembly **UNDERSCORES THE NEED** to leave no stone unturned to apprehend the perpetrators and the masterminds of this ignoble act, with a view to bringing them to justice and taking all other necessary measures. The Assembly **EXPRESSES** its condolences to, and solidarity with, the Ugandan Government and the families of the victims;
5. **UNDERSCORES** the need for renewed efforts and increased mobilization to combat the scourge of terrorism. In this regard, the Assembly **REQUESTS** the Commission to expeditiously submit to the Peace and Security Council concrete recommendations aimed at strengthening the effectiveness of Africa's actions in the prevention and combating of terrorism;
6. **REJECTS** all forms of blackmailing carried out by terrorist groups, such as the threat of execution or execution of hostages and demand of ransom to finance terrorist operations;
7. **REQUESTS** all African States to work closely together, directly and through the relevant organs of the AU, to implement enhanced measures for cooperation, mutual legal assistance and coordination between the security services, in order to boost Africa's collective action against terrorism;

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8. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to carry out all necessary consultations and initiate appropriate measures to mobilize wide support and effective contribution of the international community towards combating terrorism in Africa, including cutting off its financing sources and ending the payment of ransom;
9. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to submit regular reports on the status of the fight and cooperation against terrorism in Africa.

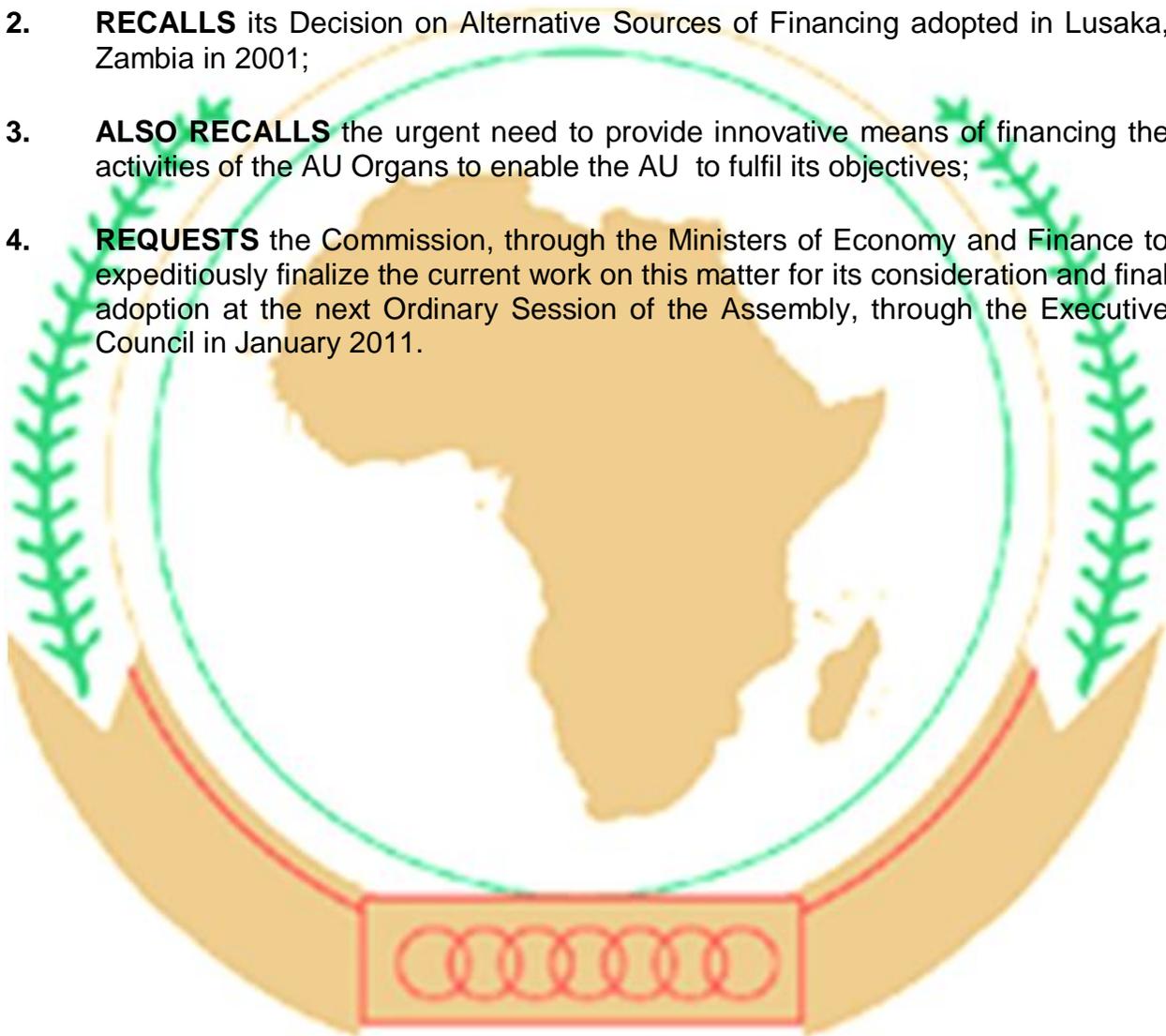


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DECISION ON THE ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF FINANCING

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Chairperson on the Activities of the Commission covering the period January to June 2010;
2. **RECALLS** its Decision on Alternative Sources of Financing adopted in Lusaka, Zambia in 2001;
3. **ALSO RECALLS** the urgent need to provide innovative means of financing the activities of the AU Organs to enable the AU to fulfil its objectives;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission, through the Ministers of Economy and Finance to expeditiously finalize the current work on this matter for its consideration and final adoption at the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly, through the Executive Council in January 2011.



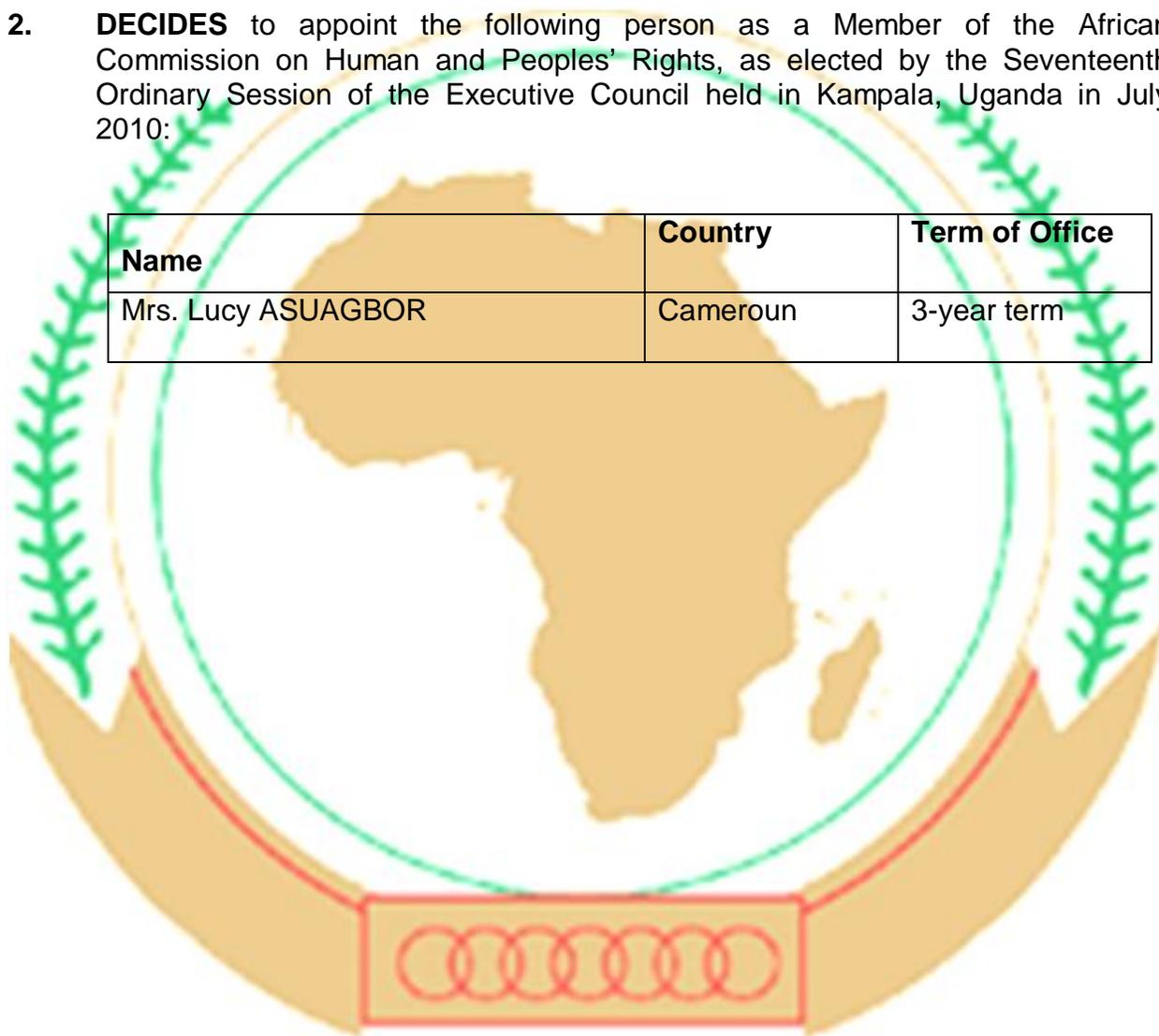
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**DECISION ON APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE AFRICAN
COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS
DOC. EX.CL/616 (XVII)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the election conducted by the Executive Council;
2. **DECIDES** to appoint the following person as a Member of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, as elected by the Seventeenth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council held in Kampala, Uganda in July 2010:

Name	Country	Term of Office
Mrs. Lucy ASUAGBOR	Cameroun	3-year term



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**DECISION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF THE CHILD
Doc. EX.CL/617(XVII)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the election conducted by the Executive Council;
2. **DECIDES** to appoint the following persons as Members of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, as elected by the Seventeenth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council held in Kampala, Uganda in July 2010:

No.	Name	Country	Term of Office
1.	Mrs. Amal Muhammad AL-HANGARI	Libya	5-year term
2.	Mr. Alfas M. CHITAKUNYE	Zimbabwe	5-year term
3.	Mr. Benyam DAWIT Mezmur	Ethiopia	5-year term
4.	Mrs. Fatima DELLADJ-SEBAA	Algeria	5-year term
5.	Mr. Clement Julius MASHAMBA	Tanzania	5-year term
6.	Ms. Félicité MUHIMPUNDU	Rwanda	5-year term

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**DECISION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES OF THE
AFRICAN COURT ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS
Doc. EX.CL/618(XVII)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the election conducted by the Executive Council;
2. **DECIDES** to appoint the following persons as Judges of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, as elected by the Seventeenth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council held in Kampala, Uganda in July 2010:

No.	Name	Country	Term of Office
1.	Mr. Fatsah OUGUERGOUZ	Algeria	6-year term
2.	Mr. Augustino S. L. RAMADHANI	Tanzania	6-year term
3.	Mr. Duncan TAMBALA	Malawi	6-year term
4.	Ms. Elsie Nwanwuri THOMPSON	Nigeria	6-year term
5.	Mr. Sylvain ORE	Côte d'Ivoire	4-year term

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**DECISION ON PROCEDURES RELATING TO ITEMS PROPOSED BY MEMBER STATES TO THE ASSEMBLY
PRC/Rpt.(XX)**

The Assembly,

1. **RECALLS** the relevant provisions of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly relating to items proposed for the agenda of the ordinary sessions of the Assembly;
2. **TAKES NOTE** that some of the items proposed by Member States to the Fifteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly did not comply with Rule 8(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly which provides that:
 - i) Items proposed by a Member State be submitted sixty (60) days before the opening of the Session;
 - ii) Supporting documents and draft decisions be communicated to the Chairperson of the Commission at least thirty (30) days before the opening of the meeting;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to ensure compliance with Article 19(3) of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly to provide the financial implications for all draft decisions submitted for consideration to the Policy Organs;
4. **URGES** Member States and the Commission to strictly comply with the Rules of the Policy Organs.

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**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
ORIENTATION COMMITTEE ON NEPAD
Assembly/AU/8 (XV)**

The Assembly:

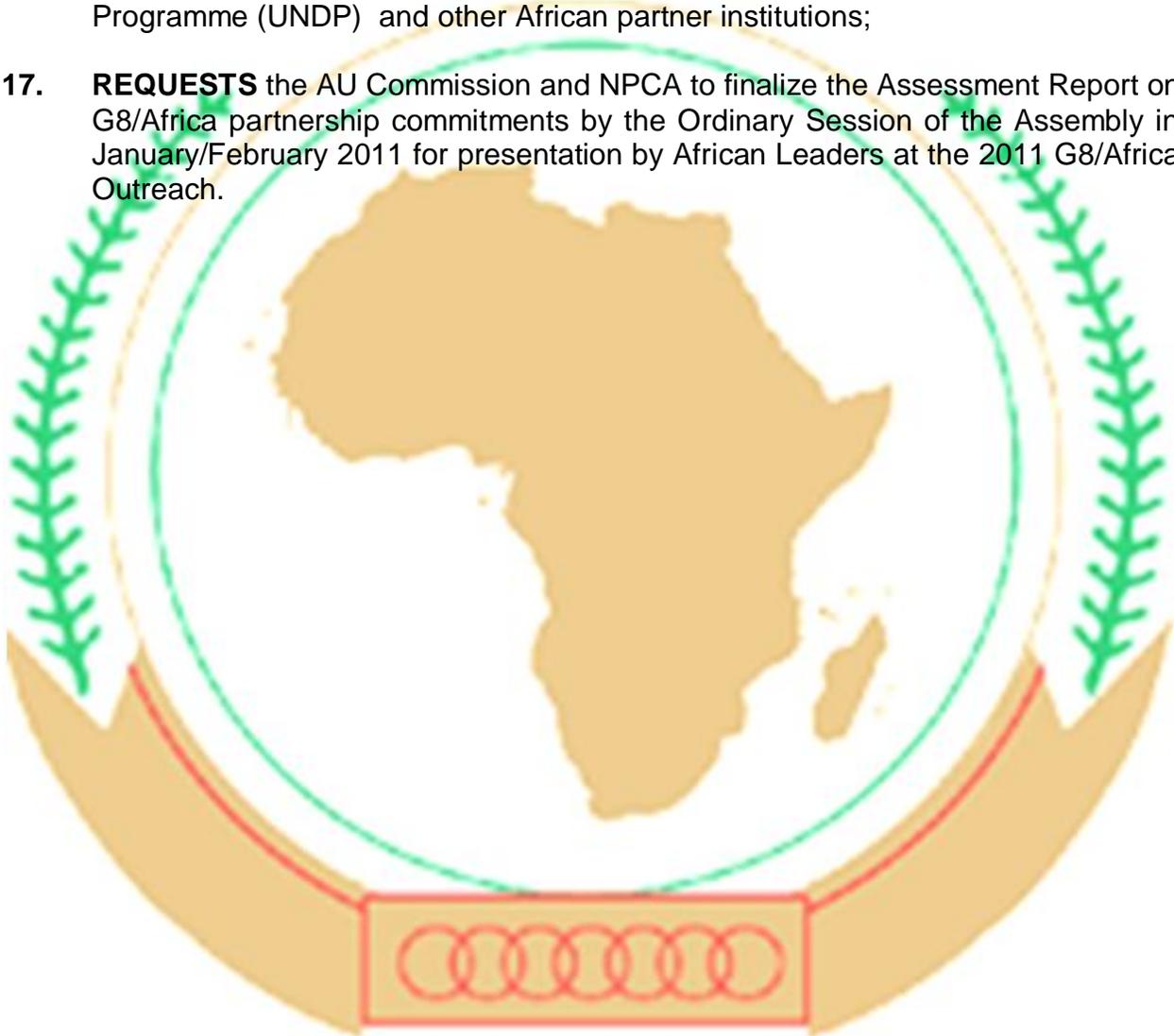
1. **WELCOMES** the Report by the Chairperson of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC), H.E. Meles Zenawi Prime Minister of Ethiopia;
2. **RECALLS** the Assembly Decision of February 2010 on the integration of NEPAD into the African Union (AU) structures and processes, which approved the establishment of the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) and **REAFFIRMS** the NEPAD vision and core objectives as adopted by the AU in 2001 and the NPCA mandate and status as the technical body of the AU;
3. **WELCOMES** the progress made on the integration of NEPAD into the AU structures, particularly NPCA transition towards adopting AU rules, regulations and practices for Human Resources, Administration and Finance systems; and the work program harmonization between the Commission and the NEPAD Agency;
4. **COMENDS** the Chairperson of the Commission and the NPCA Chief Executive Officer for the progress on NEPAD integration into the AU towards implementing the Assembly Decision;
5. **NOTES** the NPCA Strategic Direction based on the Strategic Plan of the African Union Commission: 2009-2012, including the Agency's thematic priorities, operating model and organizational design, and **CALLS ON** NPCA to ensure that its thematic and programmatic work fully encompasses the sectoral priorities identified in the NEPAD framework;
6. **REQUESTS** NPCA to re-focus on concrete delivery of its mandate and the key objectives of NEPAD especially in coordinating the implementation of Africa's regional and continental priority programs/projects and mobilizing partners and resources;
7. **ENDORSES** NPCA's activity report for February to June 2010, noting in particular the increasing support for the Comprehensive African Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Compact signing and bankable investment projects by countries and RECs; technical support for the Great Green Wall (GGW) initiative; transformation of the e-Africa Commission into the "NEPAD e-Africa Programme" to drive the ICT sector priority; NPCA's role as regional coordinator for the setup of the Africa Platform on Development Effectiveness in conjunction with AUC; and the launch of NEPAD Regional Centre for African Bio-safety in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso;

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8. **REQUESTS** NPCA to scale up technical support to AU Member States on agriculture and food security by providing necessary technical guidelines on access to global financing to boost CAADP's implementation;
9. **RECALLS** the intrinsic importance of infrastructure to realizing Africa's growth and development goals and existing African Union and NEPAD infrastructure initiatives, particularly the AU/NEPAD African Action Plan: 2010-2015 as endorsed by the 21st NEPAD HSGOC and the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA), and **RE-EMPHASISES** the urgent need to overcome challenges relating to regional and multi-country infrastructure projects including limited technical capacity, financial resources and political ownership at the highest level;
10. **NOTES** that primary responsibility for implementing NEPAD priority programmes/projects outlined in the African Action Plan (AAP) lies with national governments and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), and **UNDERSCORES** the overriding need for sponsoring regional infrastructure projects, through political leadership and championing of specific regional infrastructure projects as a key prerequisite for success;
11. **NOTES** the participation of African Leaders and the conclusions of the G8/Africa Outreach and G20 Summit held in Muskoka and Toronto Canada respectively in June 2010 and **WELCOMES** in particular the G8 Muskoka Initiative on Maternal, Newborn and Under-5 Child Health, the G20 enlargement of Africa's participation to two seats, and the G20 inclusion of development of low income countries in its mandate for the first time and for this purpose the decision to setup a Working Group on Development with South Africa and South Korea as co-chairs;
12. **AFFIRMS** that the Decision on Africa's representation in the G20 should be made by Africa itself, and in this regard **RECOMMENDS** that the Chairpersons of the AU and the NEPAD Orientation Committee be designated as Africa's representatives in the G20. Furthermore, **CALLS FOR** Africa to participate in all levels of consultations and decision-making processes of the G20;
13. **REITERATES** the call for the two (2) seats reserved for the Continent in the G20 to be based on membership and **FURTHER EXPRESSES** support for additional individual African countries to become members of the G20;
14. **UNDERSCORES** that Africa's partnership with the G20 should be based on the key priorities of NEPAD as presented in the summary Report of the HSGOC Chairperson;
15. **FURTHER REITERATES** the critical need for delivery on commitments by development partners and in this regard **URGES** G8 Partners to fully fulfill their commitments to Africa for the sustainability of the partnership;

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16. **ALSO UNDERSCORES** the paramount importance of the partnership principle of mutual accountability and **WELCOMES** mutual accountability mechanisms being put in place within Africa's partnership processes and **EMPHASIZES** that the Mutual Review of Development Effectiveness (MRDE) should form the primary basis of Africa's monitoring of G8 partnership commitments, jointly coordinated by the AU Commission and NPCA, in consultation with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and other African partner institutions;
17. **REQUESTS** the AU Commission and NPCA to finalize the Assessment Report on G8/Africa partnership commitments by the Ordinary Session of the Assembly in January/February 2011 for presentation by African Leaders at the 2011 G8/Africa Outreach.



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**DECISION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PREVIOUS
DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND THE ASSEMBLY
Doc. EX.CL/581(XVII)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Implementation of the Previous Decisions of the Executive Council and the Assembly of the African Union;
2. **REQUESTS** the Commission to improve on the format of the Report on the Implementation of Decisions of the Executive Council and the Assembly of the African Union;
3. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to take necessary measures to elaborate in collaboration with the Permanent Representatives' Committee the guidelines on the preparation and adoption of decisions, including the number of decisions, the timeframe for reporting and to make appropriate recommendations to the Assembly, through the Executive Council at its next Ordinary Session in January 2011.



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DECISION ON THE AFRICAN DIASPORA SUMMIT AND THE DIASPORA INITIATIVE

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the updated information provided by South Africa on the status of its preparations towards hosting the African Diaspora Summit;
2. **COMMENDS** the efforts by the Republic of South Africa and the Commission in this regard;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in consultation with the Republic of South Africa, to continue to work closely on this initiative in order to develop an appropriate roadmap and timeline for this exercise;
4. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to work together with Member States to ensure the successful preparation and conduct of the Diaspora Summit and the advancement of the Diaspora initiative in general.



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**DECISION ON THE PARTNERSHIP FOR THE ERADICATION
OF MOTHER-CHILD TRANSMISSION OF HIV/AIDS
Doc. Assembly/AU/17 (XV) Add.1**

The Assembly,

1. **REAFFIRMS** its previous commitments, especially as contained in the Abuja Declaration on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria and other Related Infectious Diseases, the Maputo Plan of Action and the Campaign for the Reduction of Maternal Mortality in Africa;
2. **RECALLS** that despite the progress achieved, Africa continues to be gravely affected by the scourge of HIV/AIDS;
3. **EXPRESSES** its preoccupation with the seriousness of the phenomenon of the transmission of HIV/AIDS from mother to child, which constitutes a threat to the future of the Continent;
4. **INVITES** all Member States to intensify efforts relating to antiretroviral treatment and prevention of mother to child transmission and to extend such efforts to primary health centres;
5. **UNDERSCORES** the need to promote throughout the continent, programs for the total eradication of mother to child transmission so that no child is born with HIV/AIDS;
6. **REQUESTS** the coordination, within the shortest time possible, of collective action of all African actors concerned, with help of interested international partners, to put a final end to the transmission of HIV/AIDS from mother to child.

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**DECISION ON THE ACCESSION OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO THE CONVENTION
ON BANNING THE USE OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WITH A
TRAUMATIC EFFECT OR WHICH STRIKE INDISCRIMINATELY**

Doc. Assembly/AU/17 (XV) Add.2

The Assembly,

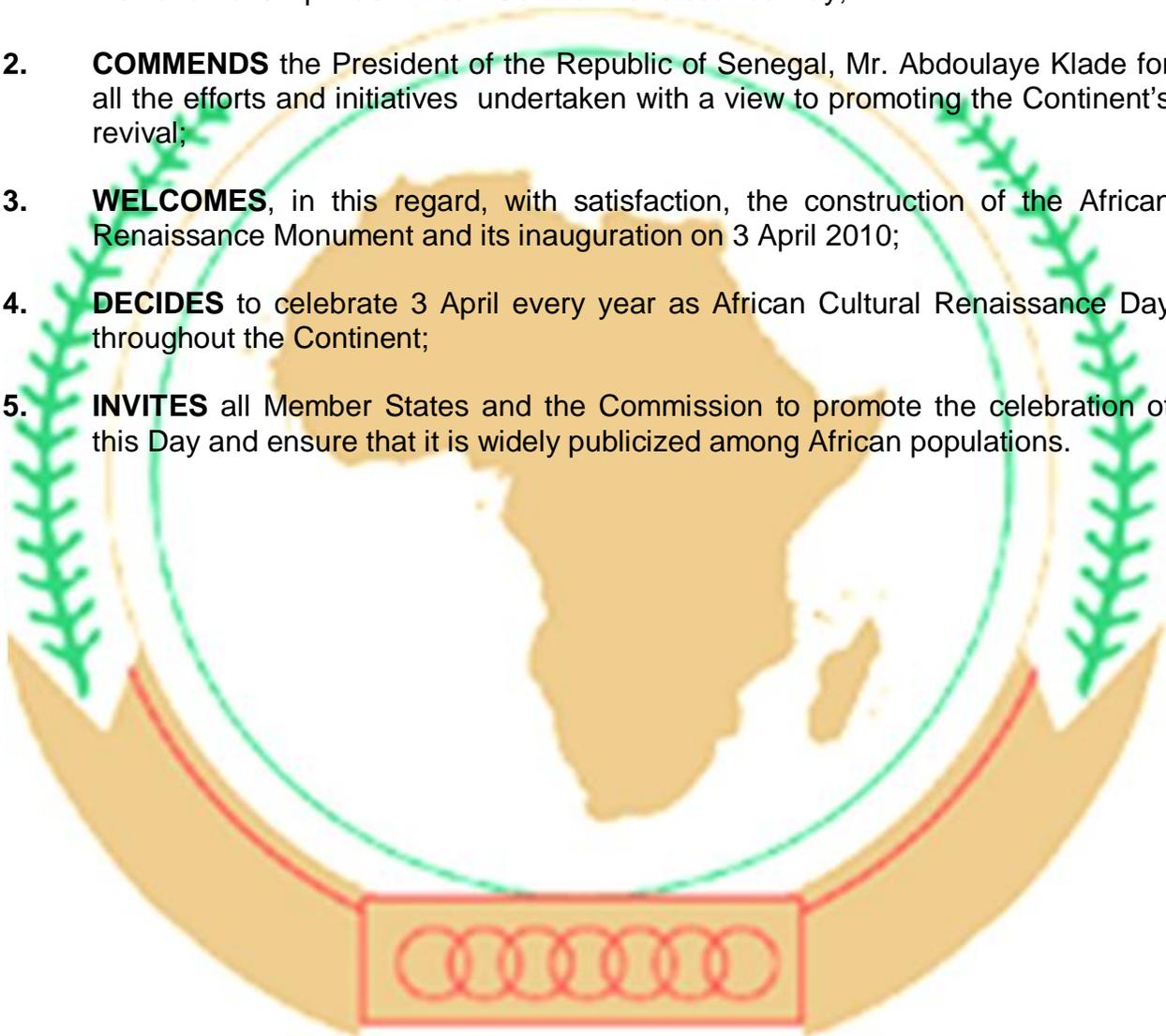
1. **TAKES NOTE** of the proposal by the Republic of Senegal inviting Member States of the African Union to accede to the Convention on Banning the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons with a Traumatic Effect or Which Strike Indiscriminately;
2. **REITERATES** its determination to promote peace and security in Africa and in the world by contributing to the non-proliferation, disarmament and maintenance of International Humanitarian Law as a priority on the international agenda;
3. **REAFFIRMS** the need to take on board the interests and views of African countries during international negotiations including those held within the context of the Convention on Banning the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons with a Traumatic Effect or Which Strike Indiscriminately;
4. **INVITES** African States to massively accede to this Convention in order to strengthen their contribution to the building and consolidation of International Humanitarian Law, particularly the formulation of international rules for the control of conventional weapons.

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**DECISION ON THE INSTITUTION OF 3 APRIL AS AFRICAN
CULTURAL RENAISSANCE DAY
Doc. Assembly/AU/17 (XV) Add.3**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report presented by the Republic of Senegal on the institution of 3 April as African Cultural Renaissance Day;
2. **COMMENDS** the President of the Republic of Senegal, Mr. Abdoulaye Klade for all the efforts and initiatives undertaken with a view to promoting the Continent's revival;
3. **WELCOMES**, in this regard, with satisfaction, the construction of the African Renaissance Monument and its inauguration on 3 April 2010;
4. **DECIDES** to celebrate 3 April every year as African Cultural Renaissance Day throughout the Continent;
5. **INVITES** all Member States and the Commission to promote the celebration of this Day and ensure that it is widely publicized among African populations.



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**DECISION ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA: ENERGY, RAILWAYS,
ROADS AND ICT SECTORS – Doc. Assembly/AU/17(XV) Add.4**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the paper proposed by the Republic of Uganda titled “Socio-Economic Transformation and Infrastructure Development in Africa: Energy (Electricity), Railways, Roads and ICT Sectors”; and **EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** to H.E. President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni for the proposal;
2. **RECALLS** its previous decisions on infrastructure development in Africa, particularly its “Declaration on development of Transport and Energy Infrastructure in Africa” adopted by the 12th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union on 3 February 2009 in Addis Ababa and “Declaration on ICT in Africa (challenges and prospects)” adopted by the 14th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union on 2 February 2010 in Addis Ababa;
3. **FURTHER RECALLS** the ongoing programmes in the energy and transport sectors, especially: The Programme on Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA), jointly initiated by the AUC, AfDB and NEPAD; and the Trans-African Highway (TAH) programme, launched with the objective of linking Africa’s capitals and other commercially important centres of production and consumption;
4. **RECOGNIZES** that effective implementation of the above Declarations, Programmes and other related initiatives will require policy re-orientations and innovative funding mechanisms;
5. **FURTHER RECOGNIZES** that, in the energy sector, Africa will have to diversify its energy sources to meet the ever increasing gaps in energy production and consumption; and **COGNIZANT** of the fact the development and peaceful use of nuclear energy will be essential in the long run;
6. **ENDORSES** the recommendations in the above mentioned paper and, more in particular, agrees on the following measures:

(a) FINANCING

- i) Prioritize and ring fence infrastructure funding in national budgets for infrastructure development to enable long term planning and development of projects;

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- ii) Utilize and promote Public Private partnerships to implement infrastructure projects. This may entail respective Member States to have PPP policy and legal and institutional framework;
- iii) Generate funding using infrastructure bonds, and other available modalities, at national, regional and international markets for specific infrastructure projects;
- iv) Encourage public companies to float shares to generate revenue from the public which can be used for infrastructure development;
- v) Harmonize the financing and execution of cross-border project.

(b) ENERGY

- i) Make electricity infrastructure development a key priority sector in the national development plans;
- ii) Realizing that conventional energy sources are not sufficient to meet the growing demand, consider developing our capacity to generate power from non-traditional sources such as renewable and nuclear energy in the long run. This will entail putting in place a sound framework for the purpose;
- iii) Seek support from multilateral and bilateral development partners to make it a priority to support energy development in Africa in order to meet the MDGs and subsequently reduce dependency on them in the long run.

(c) TRANSPORT

- i) Include in the national priorities the various regional and continental interconnection infrastructure network projects and programmes;
- ii) Harmonize regulations, standards and executions to promote country-to-region interconnection and efficient operation of networks and market development;

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- iii) Create appropriate institutional frameworks for development of the major integration projects and carry out the necessary reforms to ensure better operation and maintenance of the projects;
- iv) Contribute financially to the NEPAD infrastructure projects preparation facility;
- v) Reduce the cost of construction and maintenance of railway infrastructure by using cheap labour provided by National Armies;

(d) ICT

- i) Strategic investment in broadband and its integration in national and regional development strategies;
- ii) Establish and operationalise ICT Incubation centres and ICT Parks to harness the economic benefits of increased band width;
- iii) Adopt e-government models that have been demonstrated to work elsewhere (Egypt, Kenya, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, etc);
- iv) Develop regularly frameworks that promote competition and eliminate entry barriers in order to increase competition, reduce prices, and drive growth.

7. **REQUESTS** the Commission of the African Union to integrate the above measures within the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA).

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**DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
AN AFRICAN FRAMEWORK FOR CONSTITUTIONAL JUSTICE
Doc. Assembly/AU/17(XVII) Add. 5**

The Assembly,

1. **REITERATES** Africa's commitment to the universal values and principles of Rule of Law, Democracy and Human Rights;
2. **RECALLS**, in this regard, that the Constitutive Act of the African Union underscores the will of the Heads of State and Government of the African Union to "promote and protect human and peoples' rights, consolidate democratic institutions and cultures, and ensure good governance and the rule of law";
3. **RECALLS ALSO** that the African Charter on Democracy, Election and Governance reaffirms that Member States shall be guided by the "common mission to strengthen and consolidate the institutions for good governance, continental unity and solidarity";
4. **RECALLS WITH SATISFACTION** that African countries have progressively provided for themselves, individually, judicial mechanism for control of the constitutionality of laws;
5. **WELCOMES** Algeria's initiative in creating an African Framework for Constitutional Justice, as a collective space for consultation, experience-sharing and cooperation in the area of constitutional control;
6. **NOTES** that the said Framework is intended to complement the various mechanisms established by the African Union to consolidate the Rule of Law, Democracy and the primacy of the law in the Continent; and **AFFIRMS** that the Framework, once created, will enable Africa to bring its contribution to bear, at international level, in the domain of constitutional justice;
7. **DECLARES**, in this connection, that Africa should get itself in readiness for the Conference scheduled to take place in Rio de Janeiro in January 2011, at which it is expected that a global Framework for Constitutional Courts and Councils would be established, in pursuance of the meetings held in Seoul, Vilnius and Algiers, which prepared the First World Conference on Constitutional Justice held in Cape Town, South Africa, in January 2009;

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8. **ENCOURAGES** Member States to convene a Conference of the **Presidents** of African Constitutional Courts and Councils in any Member State to deliberate on the project to establish an African Framework for Constitutional Justice;
9. **REQUESTS** African Union Commission to follow up on the issue and work towards achieving this objective.



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**DECISION ON THE THIRD AFRICAN CONFERENCE
ON THE APPLICATION OF SPACE SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGIES
FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA
Doc. Assembly/AU/17(XVII) Add.6**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Communication of the Algerian delegation on the deliberations of the Third African Conference on the Application of Space Sciences and Technologies for Sustainable Development in Africa held in Algiers, Algeria from 7 to 9 December 2009;
2. **WELCOMES** the establishment of the satellite constellation between Algeria, Nigeria, South Africa and Kenya and calls on other Member States of the African Union to join in this initiative in order to strengthen African cooperation in this area;
3. **ALSO WELCOMES** the signing an Agreement between Algeria and the Office for Outer Space Affairs (OOSA) of the United Nations Office in Vienna (UNOV) for the opening of a Regional Support Office for North Africa and the Sahel of the United Nations Platform for Space-based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response (UN-SPIDER);
4. **FURTHER CALLS ON** Member States to develop bilateral and multilateral cooperation in the area of Space Technologies in order to speed up their development

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**DECISION ON THE INTEGRATION OF THE AFRICAN REGIONAL ORGANIZATION
FOR STANDARDIZATION**

Doc. Assembly/AU/17(XV) Add.7

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the proposal by the Republic of Kenya to integrate the African Regional Organization for Standardization (ARSO) into the African Union Structures;
2. **WELCOMES** the critical role ARSO has played in promoting Africa's contribution to global trade;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to work in collaboration with the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC) and its relevant Sub-Committees, and the Republic of Kenya in compiling a report on ARSO including the structural and financial implications of ARSO's integration into the AU structures for consideration by the Assembly through the Executive Council;
4. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to report on the implementation of this Decision to the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in January/February 2011.



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**DECISION ON THE COMMEMORATION OF AFRICA DAY
FOR FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY
Doc. Assembly/AU/17(XV) Add.8**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the proposal made by the Republic of Malawi to launch an Africa Day for Food and Nutrition Security;
2. **RECALLS** the vision of the Current Chairperson of the African Union (AU) on a Food Secure Africa within five (5) years from 2010;
3. **ALSO RECALLS** the relevant previous Assembly decisions on agriculture, food and nutrition security including the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP);
4. **NOTES** Africa's potential in becoming food secure and the global momentum to support Africa's cause;
5. **WELCOMES** and **ENDORSES** the proposal submitted by the Republic of Malawi to establish a strategic Group of Seventeen (17) countries to spearhead and monitor the African Food Basket Initiative;
6. **DECIDES** that an Africa Food and Nutrition Security Day (AFND) will be commemorated on 30 October every year;
7. **REQUESTS** the Commission to coordinate efforts of Member States to commemorate the Africa Day for Food and Nutrition Security;
8. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission together with the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA), in collaboration with partners, to take necessary steps to develop and coordinate the implementation of a strategy to take forward the vision of a food secure Africa within five (5) years.

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**DECISION ON THE PROMOTION OF COOPERATION, DIALOGUE AND
RESPECT FOR DIVERSITY IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS
Doc. Assembly/AU/17(XV) Add.9**

The Assembly,

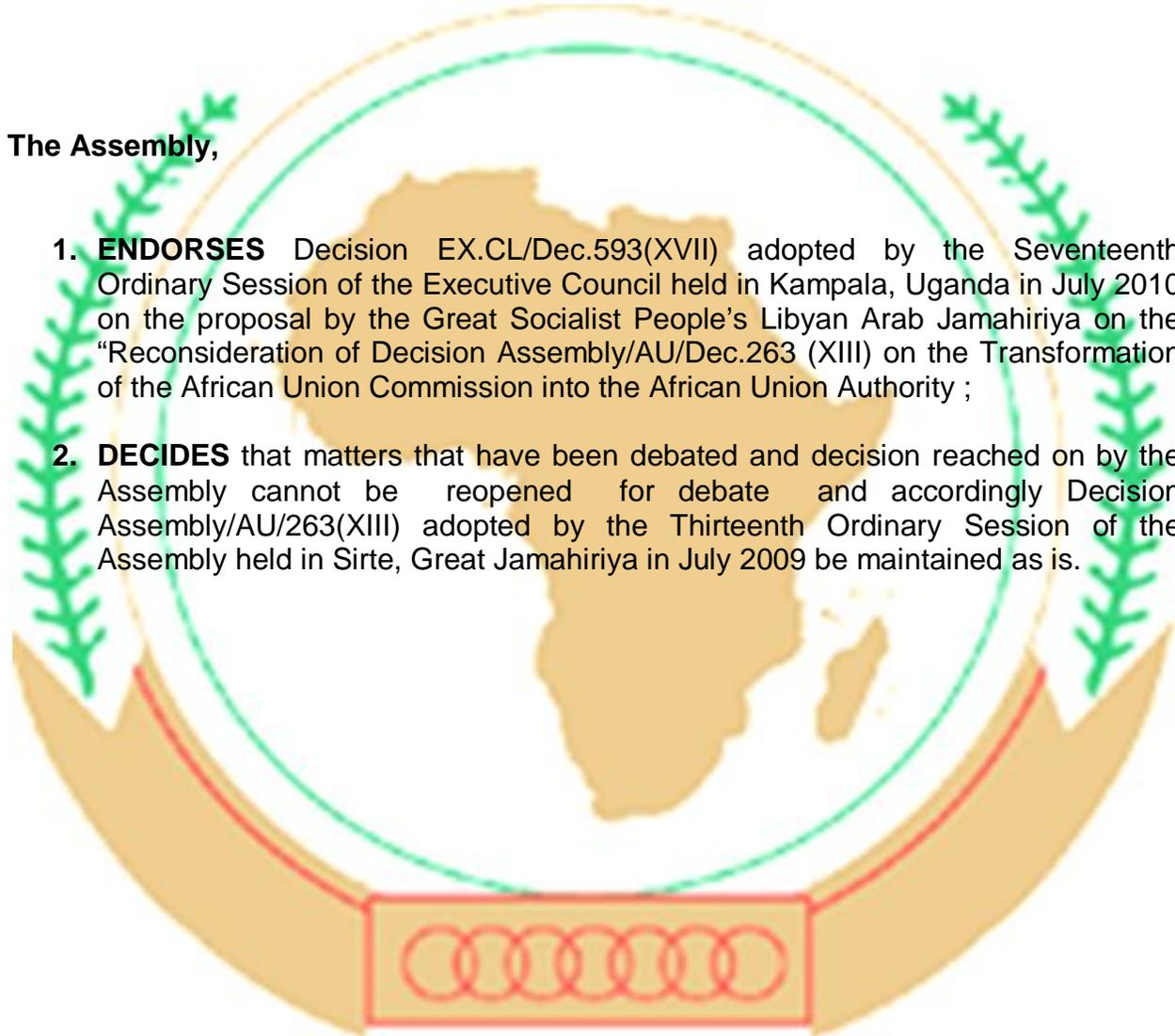
1. **RECALLS** the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights adopted in June 1981;
2. **REITERATES** the importance of respecting regional, cultural and religious value systems as well as particularities in considering human rights issues;
3. **STRESSES** the need to maintain joint ownership of the international human rights agenda and to consider human rights issues in an objective and non-confrontational manner;
4. **STRONGLY REJECTS** any attempt to undermine the international human rights system by seeking to impose concepts or notions pertaining to social matters, including private individual conduct, that fall outside the internationally agreed human rights legal framework, taking into account that such attempts constitute an expression of disregard for the universality of human rights;
5. **TAKES NOTE** of the upcoming review of the United Nations (UN) Human Rights Council and **DECIDES** to support the UN Human Rights Council as a global forum for dialogue on human rights issues based on the principles of mutual respect, cooperation, objectivity and non-selectivity;
6. **UNDERTAKES** to support the Human Rights Council's broad and balanced agenda, and to strengthen the mechanisms addressing issues of importance for Africa, including fighting racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, in all their forms.

Adopted by the Fifteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union on 27 July 2010 in Kampala, Uganda

**DECISION ON THE “RECONSIDERATION OF DECISION
ASSEMBLY/AU/DEC.263(XIII) ON THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE AFRICAN
UNION COMMISSION INTO THE AFRICAN UNION AUTHORITY”**
Doc. ASSEMBLY/AU/17(XV) Add.10

The Assembly,

1. **ENDORSES** Decision EX.CL/Dec.593(XVII) adopted by the Seventeenth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council held in Kampala, Uganda in July 2010 on the proposal by the Great Socialist People’s Libyan Arab Jamahiriya on the “Reconsideration of Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.263 (XIII) on the Transformation of the African Union Commission into the African Union Authority ;
2. **DECIDES** that matters that have been debated and decision reached on by the Assembly cannot be reopened for debate and accordingly Decision Assembly/AU/263(XIII) adopted by the Thirteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly held in Sirte, Great Jamahiriya in July 2009 be maintained as is.

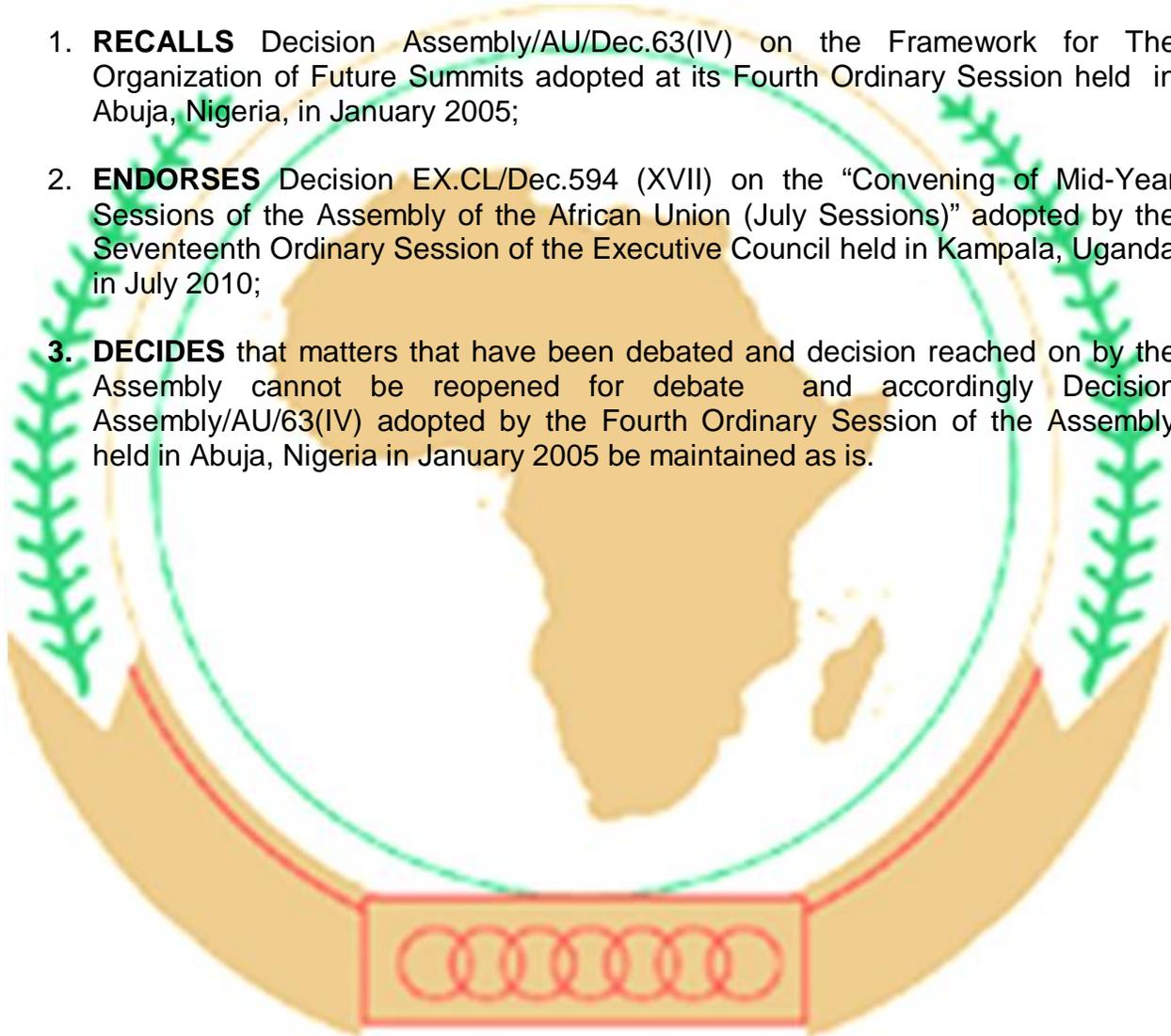


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**DECISION ON THE “CONVENING OF MID-YEAR SESSIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY
OF THE AFRICAN UNION (JULY SESSIONS)”
Doc. Assembly/AU/17(XV)Add.11**

The Assembly,

1. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.63(IV) on the Framework for The Organization of Future Summits adopted at its Fourth Ordinary Session held in Abuja, Nigeria, in January 2005;
2. **ENDORSES** Decision EX.CL/Dec.594 (XVII) on the “Convening of Mid-Year Sessions of the Assembly of the African Union (July Sessions)” adopted by the Seventeenth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council held in Kampala, Uganda in July 2010;
3. **DECIDES** that matters that have been debated and decision reached on by the Assembly cannot be reopened for debate and accordingly Decision Assembly/AU/63(IV) adopted by the Fourth Ordinary Session of the Assembly held in Abuja, Nigeria in January 2005 be maintained as is.



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DECISION ON THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS OVER THE CHAGOS ARCHIPELAGO

The Assembly,

1. **RE-AFFIRMS** that the Chagos Archipelago, including Diego Garcia, which was unlawfully excised by the former colonial power from the territory of Mauritius in violation of UN Resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and 2066 (XX) of 16 December 1965 which prohibit colonial powers from dismembering colonial territories prior to granting independence, forms an integral part of the territory of the Republic of Mauritius and **CALLS UPON** the United Kingdom to expeditiously put an end to its continued unlawful occupation of the Chagos Archipelago with a view to enabling Mauritius to effectively exercise its sovereignty over the Archipelago.



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**ACTIONS ON MATERNAL, NEWBORN AND CHILD HEALTH
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**ACTIONS ON MATERNAL, NEWBORN AND
CHILD HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT
IN AFRICA BY 2015**

We, the Heads of State and Government of the African Union, meeting at our Fifteenth Ordinary Session in Kampala, Republic of Uganda, from 25 to 27 July 2010, following our debate on **“Promoting Maternal, Infant and Child Health and Development in Africa”**:

Acknowledge the progress made in the implementation of these and other relevant commitments on maternal, infant and child health and the launching of the Campaign on Accelerated Reduction of Maternal Mortality in Africa (CARMMA) by the African Union continentally and nationally but remaining deeply concerned that Africa still has a disproportionately high level of maternal, newborn and child morbidity and mortality due largely to preventable causes;

Mindful that universal access to quality healthcare is a human right and that large segments of our population do not have access to this right which impact on their dignity and leads to morbidity and death;

Also Mindful of the important role we have to play in improving the wellbeing of women and children for Africa’s development through provision of an enabling environment, including strong leadership and political will for concrete actions, allocation of resources as well as effective governance of our health delivery systems;

Welcome the G8 Muskoka Initiative and the pledge to support maternal, newborn and child health.

Hereby commit to the following:

1. Individually and collectively **REAFFIRM** our previous commitments aimed at accelerating the health of our people and the social development of Africa. In this regard, we re-dedicate ourselves and commit our countries to accelerate efforts to improve the state of health of Africa’s women and children and thereby attain all Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) particularly MDGs 4, 5 and 6 by 2015.
2. **COMMIT TO UNDERTAKE** the following actions:

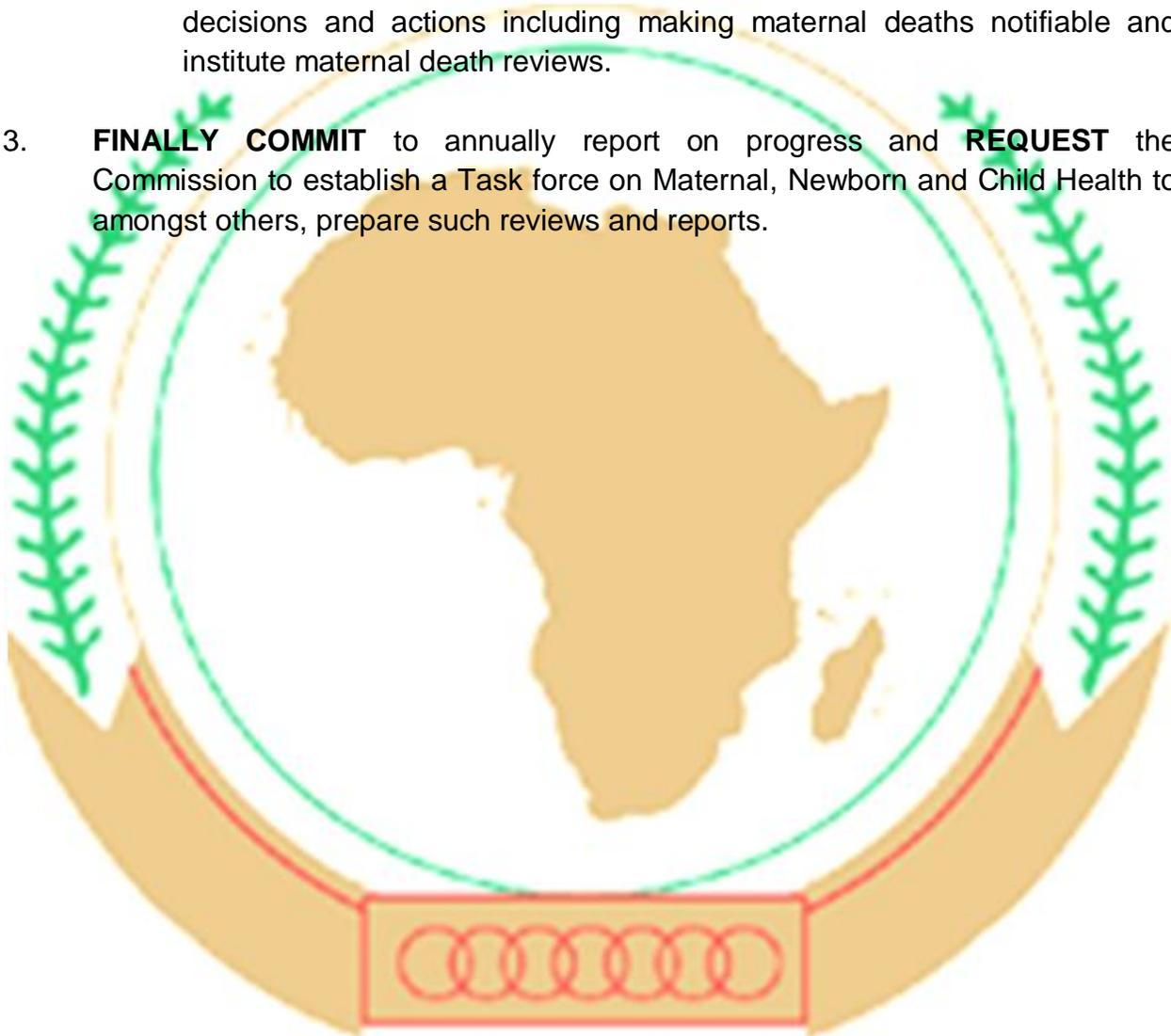
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- (i) Launch CARMMA in our countries and broaden it as an advocacy strategy for the promotion of Maternal, Newborn and Child Health and involve all key stakeholders such as the women, children and young people, persons with disabilities, parliamentarians, community and religious leaders, civil society organizations, the media, and the private sector and institutionalize an annual CARMMA week in solidarity with the women and children of Africa for the next four years;
 - (ii) Strengthen the health system to provide comprehensive, integrated, maternal, newborn and child health care services, in particular through primary health care, repositioning of family planning including reproductive health commodities security, infrastructure development and skilled human resources for health in particular to train Community Health Workers to mitigate the human resource crisis in the Health sector;
 - (iii) Provide stewardship as national Governments and achieve policy coherence by developing integrated health plans within the development plan with cross disease and cross sector health goals and coordinate multi-sectoral actions and multi-agency partnerships;
 - (iv) Provide strong support for sharing and scaling up of identified good practices that have high impact and that are cost effective; and request the AU Commission to map and disseminate such practices;
 - (v) Provide sustainable financing by enhancing domestic resources mobilization including meeting the 15% Abuja target, as well as, mobilizing resources through public-private partnerships and by reducing out-of-pocket payments through initiatives such as waiving of user fees for pregnant women and children under five and by instituting national health insurance;
 - (vi) Request the AU Commission in collaboration with partners including the G-8 to develop a mechanism for accessing such fund by AU Member States;
 - (vii) Call on the Global Fund for Fight against HIV/AIDS, Malaria and TB to create a new window to fund maternal, Newborn and Child Health. In this context, we appeal to development partners and donors for the replenishment of the Global Fund during its October 2010 meeting and to ensure that the new pledges are earmarked for Maternal Newborn and

Child Health. We also appeal for equitable access to the Global Fund resources for all African Union Member States;

- (viii) Institute a strong and functional monitoring and evaluation (M&E) framework at country level to provide accurate, reliable and timely maternal, newborn, and child data to monitor progress against agreed indicators and targets, measure health performance and for informed decisions and actions including making maternal deaths notifiable and institute maternal death reviews.

- 3. **FINALLY COMMIT** to annually report on progress and **REQUEST** the Commission to establish a Task force on Maternal, Newborn and Child Health to amongst others, prepare such reviews and reports.



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**DECLARATION ON THE SUCCESSFUL HOSTING OF THE 2010 FIFA
WORLD CUP BY THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

The Assembly,

Recalling the historic decision of FIFA accepting the offer by South Africa to host the 2010 World Cup, the first ever on the African continent;

Also Recalling the Khartoum Assembly Decision declaring 2007 as the International Year of African Football, as an expression of solidarity with South Africa;

Further Recalling the January 2010 Assembly Decision declaring that the 2010 Africa Day celebration focus on: Building and Maintaining Peace through Sport in Africa;

Noting with pride and satisfaction the impressive planning, organization and hosting of the FIFA World Cup by South Africa, from 11 June to 11 July 2010;

- 1. CONGRATULATES** the President, the Government and People of the Republic of South Africa for the successful world event which raised the profile of South Africa and indeed the whole Continent.
- 2. COMMENDS** the African teams that participated in the World Cup, namely, Algeria, Cameroun, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria and South Africa, in particular the Black Stars of Ghana which had sterling performance in the service of Africa.



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**RESOLUTION ON THE SPECIAL TIES BETWEEN AFRICA
AND CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES**

We the Heads of State and Government of the African Union meeting at our Fifteenth Ordinary Session in Kampala, Uganda, from 25 to 27 July 2010:

1. **EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION** for the participation of some Caribbean Leaders in the Official Opening Ceremony of its Fifteenth Ordinary Session held in Kampala, Uganda on 25 July 2010;
2. **WELCOME** the strong message of solidarity conveyed to the Assembly on behalf of the Caribbean Leaders by the Right Honourable Dr. Ralph E. Goncalves, Prime Minister of St. Vincent and Grenadines;
3. **DECIDE** to further strengthen Africa-Caribbean relations and to hold, as soon as possible, the first African Diaspora Summit in the Republic of South Africa and **REQUEST** the Commission, in consultation with the Republic of South Africa to continue to work closely on this initiative in order to develop an appropriate roadmap and timeline for this exercise;
4. **FURTHER REQUEST** the Commission to work together with all Member States to ensure the successful preparation and conduct of the Diaspora Summit and the advancement of the Diaspora initiative in general;
5. **CALL ON** the Government of the United States of America to remove the long-standing and unjustifiable economic and trade embargo imposed on the Republic of Cuba to enable it to enjoy all the legitimate prospects for its sustained development, which is long overdue.

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“We are determined to deal once and for all with the scourge of conflicts and violence on our continent, acknowledging our shortcomings and errors, committing our resources and our best people, and missing no opportunity to push forward the agenda of conflict prevention, peacemaking, peacekeeping and post-conflict reconstruction. We, as leaders, simply cannot bequeath the burden of conflicts to the next generation of Africans.”

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