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- I. a) Opening Ceremony**
- c) Adoption of the Agenda**
- c) Organization of Work**

II. Consideration of the Report of the 33rd Ordinary Session of the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC)

PRC/Rpt(XXXIII)

The PRC, as the Organ entrusted to prepare the sessions of the Executive Council, considers all agenda items inscribed on its agenda and make appropriate recommendations on each of these items, for consideration and adoption by the Executive Council.

III. Consideration of the Annual Report of the Chairperson of the Commission for the period January to December 2016

EX.CL/994(XXX)

This Report gives an account of activities undertaken by the Commission since the Summit in January 2016, providing indication on the follow up actions made on various Decisions, achievements, constraints and proposals on various issues of interest to the AU.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND ITS COMMITTEES

1. Outcome of the 5th Retreat of the Executive Council held in Addis Ababa Ethiopia on 8 and 9 December 2016

EX.CL/1003(XXX)

The Ministerial Retreats of the Executive have become an important forum towards engagements on the key steps necessary to take forward the continental integration project, the effectiveness of the Union institutions and the implementation of Agenda 2063. As per a decision of the Executive Council, the retreats take place at least twice a year, and are convened by the AU Commission in consultation with the Chairperson of the Executive Council. The four Retreats held in Bahir Dar, Sandton, Mekelle and Nairobi focused on strategic issues, with reports and recommendations to the Summit for adoption. The 5th Ministerial Retreat held in December 2016 focussed on (i)Global and Continental Political Trends Elections,– Positioning of Africa; (ii)Draft Commodities Strategy; (iii)Update on the implementation of Agenda 2063 and Integration. The Executive Council will adopt the recommendations made during the Retreat held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 8 and 9 December 2016.

2. Report of the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures in the International System

EX.CL/1004(XXX)

The fifteen (15) Members of the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System will consider a number of candidatures to various positions within the United Nations and other international organizations. The Report of the deliberations of the Committee will be submitted to the Executive Council for consideration.

3. Report of the Ministerial Panel on Elections of the Members of the African Union Commission

EX.CL/1005(XXX)

The Report of the Ministerial Panel on the processes, procedures and modalities as well as the candidatures received for the eight (8) positions of Commissioners will be submitted by the Office of the Legal Counsel, on behalf of the Commission, to the Executive Council for consideration. Thereafter, the Executive Council will proceed with the election of the Commissioners after the election of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson by the Assembly on 30 January 2017.

4. Report of the Ministerial Committee on the Scale of Assessment and Contributions

EX.CL/1014(XXX)

5. Report of the Open-Ended Ministerial Committee on the International Criminal Court

EX.CL/1015(XXX)

The Report of the Open-Ended Committee will be presented with a view to updating the AU Policy Organs on the progress made since the adoption of the Decision in July 2016 and the way forward in addressing the matter in particular with the United Nations Security Council.

V. CONSIDERATION OF OTHER REPORTS

1. Progress Report of the Commission on the Implementation of Previous Decisions of the Assembly of the African Union on the International Criminal Court (ICC)

EX.CL/1006(XXX)

By virtue of Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.616(XXVII), the Commission, as secretariat of the Open-Ended Committee of Ministers of Foreign Affairs on the International Criminal Court, is requested to follow-up on African proposals and concerns on the ICC and report regularly to the Assembly through the Executive Council

2. Report of the Commission on the implementation of the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa (SDGEA)

EX.CL/1008(XXX)

It will be recalled that the AU Heads of State and Government held their first ever Debate on Gender during their Fourth Ordinary Session in July 2004, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. At the end of this historic Debate, the Assembly adopted the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa (SDGEA). In accordance with Operative paragraph 13 of the SDGEA, the Chairperson of the Commission is mandated to submit an annual report, for the consideration of the Heads of State and Government on measures taken to implement the principle of gender equality and gender mainstreaming, and on all issues raised in the Declaration, both at the national and regional levels.

VI. ELECTIONS

1. Elections of the eight (8) Commissioners of the African Union **EX.CL/1009(XXX)**

The Executive Council, following consideration of the Report of the Ministerial Panel, is expected to proceed with the election of the Commissioners after the election of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson by the Assembly. Thereafter, the elected Commissioners will be submitted to the Assembly for appointment.

2. Election of two (2) Judges of the African Court on Human and People's Rights (AfCHPR) **EX.CL/1010(XXX)**

In accordance with Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.611 (XXVII) adopted in July 2016 in Kigali, the Executive Council is expected to elect two (2) Female Judges of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights from the Northern and Southern Regions for a term of six (6) years and submit their names to the Assembly for appointment.

3. Election of Eleven (11) Members of the Advisory Board on Corruption **EX.CL/1011(XXX)**

The Executive Council is expected to elect eleven (11) Members of the Advisory Board on Corruption for a two (2) year term and submit their names to the Assembly for appointment.

4. Election of one (1) Member of the African Commission on International Law (AUCIL) **EX.CL/1012(XXX)**

Following the untimely death of Amb. Ebenezer Appreku, Member of The African Union Commission on International Law (AUCIL), there is a vacant seat pursuant to Article 14 of the Statue of the AUCIL. In light of the foregoing, the Executive Council, in accordance

with the provisions of Articles 12 (3) and (4) of the Statute of the AUCIL, shall elect a Member to fill the vacancy from the same region. In this regard, the Executive Council is expected to elect, a Member of the AUCIL from the Western Region to fill the vacancy. The elected Member will serve a term of three (3) years.

VII. ADOPTION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE 30TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE AFRICAN UNION

The Executive Council will formally adopt the decisions taken by its 30th Ordinary Session.

VIII. CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA AND DRAFT DECISIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF THE 28TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION

The Executive Council will consider the draft agenda of the 28th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union and will recommend the same to the Assembly for consideration and formal adoption.

IX. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A Member State may raise other matters not covered under the items on the Agenda. However, in conformity with Rule 9 (2) (h) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council, “such agenda item shall be for information only and not subject to debate or decision”.

X. CLOSING CEREMONY

Statements will be made.