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**DECISION ON THE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET
FOR THE 2012 FINANCIAL YEAR
Doc. PRC/Rpt(XXV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Permanent Representatives Committee on the issue of the Supplementary Budget, **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained therein and **REQUESTS** the Commission to implement them;
2. **APPROVES** a Supplementary Budget amounting to **US\$11,498,829.49** of which **US\$3,886,373.89** is for operating expenses and **US\$7,612,455.60** for Programmes;
3. **CALLS UPON** the Commission to strictly observe the Financial Rules and Regulations in respect of supplementary budget;
4. **APPROVES** that the Supplementary budget be financed as follows:
 - a) **US\$3,947,619.64** from collection of arrears comprising **US\$3,913,699.64** for AUC, including **US\$690,000** for Pan-African University, and **US\$33,920.00** for AUCIL;
 - b) **US\$7,551,209.85** from International Partners for AUC.

**DECISION TO REVIEW SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES OF ELECTED
OFFICIALS AND STAFF OF THE AFRICAN UNION
Doc. PRC/Rpt(XXV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) on the matter of revision of salary and allowances of staff;
2. **DECIDES**, based on the PRC recommendations, as follows:
 - i) **Basic Salary**: Five percent (5%) increment on the current scale;
 - ii) **Post Adjustment Allowance**: 0% increment;
 - iii) **Housing Allowance**: 0% increment;
 - iv) **Education Allowance, Spouse Allowance and Child Allowance** shall remain at the same rates.
3. **DECIDES** that the increase shall take effect from 01 January 2012 in compliance with Decision EX.CL/721(XXI) of July 2012 in Addis Ababa;
4. **ALSO DECIDES** that the total financial implications for the increase covering the period 2012 to 2013, shall be paid from arrears of contributions whilst that of 2014 shall be included in the 2014 budget;
5. **FURTHER DECIDES** that the increase in the basic salary should be within the maximum ceiling of 5% annual budget growth as per Executive Council Decision EX.CL/Dec.278(IX)Rev.2;
6. **AGAIN DECIDES** that the current preferential exchange rate regime for Geneva and Brussels Offices be maintained until a comprehensive review of AU salaries and allowances is carried out by independent consultants;
7. **REQUESTS** the Commission to prepare, not later than September 2013, a comprehensive Policy on salaries and allowances that will be the basis for future reviews, taking into account the performance of the Organization and individual staff evaluation.

**DECISION ON THE ADOPTION OF INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC
SECTOR ACCOUNTING STANDARDS (IPSAS)
Doc. PRC/Rpt(XXV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) on International Public Standards Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS);
2. **RECALLS** its previous Decision EX.CL/Dec.218(VII) adopted in Sirte, Libya in July 2005 requiring the presentation of Financial Reports of the African Union in line with International Standards;
3. **DECIDES** to approve the adoption of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards;
4. **APPROVES** the request for the Chairperson of the AU Commission to mobilize the resources from partners to begin implementation of the Standards and **AUTHORIZES** the PRC to approve the budget of the related expenditure;
5. **FURTHER AUTHORIZES** the Chairperson of the AU Commission and Accounting officer of the African Union to coordinate the Union-wide adoption of the Standards;
6. **REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the AU Commission to report annually on the status of implementation of the Standards;
7. **CALLS UPON** the PRC to liaise on regular basis with the Commission and other Organs in addressing challenges being faced in the implementation of the Decision.

**DECISION ON THE AU/ WASHINGTON DC OFFICE CONSTRUCTION/
RENOVATION PROJECT
Doc. PRC/Rpt(XXV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) on the status of the AU/ Washington DC Construction/ Renovation Project and the need for supplementary budget that is required to complete the project;
2. **EMPHASIZES** that lessons be learned from the purchase of the Washington DC office so as to avoid a reoccurrence in future;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to undertake an Audit of the purchase of the building of AU Washington office with a view to establishing responsibilities and holding accountable those who failed to fulfil their obligations before the next session of the Executive Council in May 2013;
4. **APPROVES** a supplementary budget amounting to USD 3,499,368.94 that is required to complete the project;
5. **ALSO APPROVES** the continuation of the construction works with remaining balance of the budget in addition to the supplementary budget;
6. **RECOMMENDS** the establishment of a proper project coordination team at the Headquarters level to monitor the progress and control the day-to-day activities of the project so as to ensure that the project would be completed within the revised budget and time.

DECISION ON AFRICA'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS
Doc. EX.CL/751(XXII)iv

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Sub-Committee of the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) on its activities relating to Multilateral Cooperation and on Africa's strategic partnerships;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the progress made in the preparations for the various meetings and Summits scheduled to be held in 2013;
3. **RECALLS** the recommendation of the global review on strategic partnerships with other parts of the world, as endorsed by the Executive Council in January 2012;
4. **NOTES** that this is work in progress and requests that an overall evaluation and stock taking be undertaken per existing partnerships and report back to the Executive Council in January 2014;
5. **DECIDES** as follows:

Africa-Arab Cooperation:

- i) **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the First Meeting of the Coordination Committee of the Africa-Arab Partnership, which was held at the Headquarters of the African Union Commission in Addis Ababa on 5 November 2012, following the recommendation of the Tripartite Brainstorming Session held in Cairo, Egypt, on 4 October 2012;
- ii) **URGES** the Commission and the League of Arab States to actively start implementation of the Action Plan 2011-2016 adopted by the 2nd Africa-Arab Summit, held in Sirte, Libya, in October 2010;
- iii) **REQUESTS** the PRC, through its Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation and in close collaboration with the Commission, to actively prepare for the 3rd Africa-Arab Summit, planned to take place in Kuwait in November 2013.

Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) V:

- i) **TAKES NOTE** of the recommendations of the Senior Officials meeting held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, from 15 to 17 November 2012 to set up a Joint Drafting Committee to finalize the Yokohama Declaration and TICAD-V Plan of Action;
- ii) **RECALLS** the role of the Commission, as one of the TICAD Co-organizers, and **REQUESTS** the PRC, through its Sub-Committee on Multilateral

Cooperation and in close collaboration with the Commission, to actively prepare for the TICAD V Ministerial Meeting, which will be held in Addis Ababa on 16-17 March 2013 and for the TICAD V Summit to be held in Yokohama, Japan, on 1-3 June 2013;

- iii) **CALLS UPON** all Member States to actively participate in the TICAD-V Ministerial meeting and Summit.

Africa-South America

- i) **CALLS FOR** the immediate convening of the Working Group on the Financing of Africa-South America (ASA) Activities, in compliance with the decision of the ASA Ministerial Meeting held in November 2011 in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, and the agreement reached during the meeting of the ASA Coordination Mechanism held at Ministerial Level in New York on 27 September 2012 in the margins of the UN General Assembly;
- ii) **URGES** the South American side to provide a common and coordinated response to the African proposed priority projects;
- iii) **REQUESTS** the PRC, through its Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation and in close collaboration with the Commission, to finalize preparations for the ASA Summit scheduled for February 2013;
- iv) **CALLS UPON** all Member States to actively participate in the ASA Summit.

Africa-EU

- i) **REQUESTS** the AU Member States to review after the 4th Africa-EU Summit the composition of all the current African Co-Chairs of the Joint Expert Groups (JEGs), so as to make the African representation more geographically spread amongst the five regions;
- ii) **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to take the necessary steps, in consultation with Member States, to evaluate the cooperation and resume the political dialogue with the European Union with a view to strengthening the Africa-European Union Dialogue.

Forum on China Africa Cooperation (FOCAC)

- i) **REQUESTS** the Commission to elaborate modalities and inform Member States on how to access the US \$ 20 billion line of credit presented during the 5th FOCAC Ministerial Conference held in Beijing, 19-20 July 2012;
- ii) **CALLS UPON** the PRC, through its Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation and in close collaboration with the Commission, to follow-up on all the concrete outcomes of the 5th FOCAC Ministerial Conference held in

Beijing from 19 to 20 July 2012, with the aim of ensuring that the African Union is a key stakeholder in the FOCAC process.

Africa-Korea

- i) **REQUESTS** the Commission to work in close collaboration with the Government of the Republic of Korea to craft the Africa-Korea Implementation Matrix;
- ii) **WELCOMES** the agreement reached during the 3rd Africa-Korea Forum held in Seoul, Korea, from 16 to 18 October 2012, to convene the Africa-Korea Forum on rotation basis, alternately in Africa and Korea;
- iii) **ENDORSES** the proposal to hold the Africa-Korea Forum every two years.

Africa-Turkey

- i) **REQUESTS** the Commission to urgently provide the necessary information requested by the Government of Turkey for implementation of the six already-approved priority projects to begin as soon as possible;
- ii) **EXPRESSES** the need for the Financial Road Map, to be crafted between the Commission and the Government of the Republic of Turkey, on how the six already-approved priority projects are to be funded;
- iii) **RECALLS** the agreement reached between Africa and Turkey to convene the 2nd Africa-Turkey Summit in Africa in accordance with the principle of rotation. Further recalls the offer made by the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the Republic of Equatorial Guinea to host the Summit during the first Ministerial Review Conference of Africa-Turkey Partnership held in December 2011 in Istanbul (Turkey).
- iv) **ENCOURAGES** the two Member States to finalize consultations and communicate the outcome to the 21st Ordinary Session of the Assembly in May 2013.
- v) **CALLS UPON** the African Union Commission to take all the necessary measures to ensure the successful planning of the Summit.

Africa-India

- i) **REQUESTS** the Commission to work in collaboration with the Government of India, specifically regarding the unpacking of the key AU-endorsed continental programmes for effective implementation of the 2nd Africa-India Action Plan (2010-2014);
- ii) **CALLS FOR** the Eastern Region to identify the country to host the India-Africa Integrated Textile Institute as soon as possible.

**DECISION ON CONTRIBUTION
OF THE AFRICAN UNION MEMBER STATES TOWARDS THE 2012 BUDGET OF
THE AFRICAN UNION
Doc. EX.CL/751(XXII)vi**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the PRC on the contributions of Member States to the Regular budget;
2. **COMMENDS** Member States that are up-to-date in the payment of their contributions to the Regular budget, and **ENCOURAGES** other Member States to pay their assessed contributions in full and on time;
3. **URGES** Member States who are in arrears of contribution to pay up their arrears;
4. **DECIDES** that the temporary lifting of Democratic Republic of Congo from sanctions be maintained so long as it honors its commitments and **REQUESTS** it to continue its commitment to the agreed payment schedule;
5. **ALSO DECIDES** that the temporary exemption from sanction of Somalia be maintained;
6. **AUTHORIZES** the Commission not to report the unpaid contribution balance of Morocco under “Status of Contribution of Member States” but rather show it on the other financial statements like any other outstanding receivables of the African Union;
7. **DECIDES** that sanctions be imposed on the following Member States:
 - i) Guinea Bissau;
 - ii) Madagascar.

**DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUB-COMMITTEE ON AUDIT
MATTERS AND ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE
Doc. EX.CL/752(XXII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the decision of the PRC to establish a Sub-Committee on Audit Matters including its Terms of Reference, composition and mandate of the Sub-Committee.
2. **REQUESTS** the Commission to take the necessary measures to facilitate the launching and operationalization of the Sub-Committee on Audit Matters.
3. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Regional Deans to undertake necessary consultations with a view to expedite the nominations of members to the Sub-Committee on Audit Matters.
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report on the implementation of this decision during the AU Summit of January 2014.

**DECISION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AFRICAN
UNION STRATEGIC PLAN
Doc. EX.CL/751(XXII)ii**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Chairperson on the Development of the African Union Strategic Plan presented by the Commission;
2. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the collaboration between the African Union Commission, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and the African Development Bank in developing the new long-term strategic framework for the Continent;
3. **ENCOURAGES** the three institutions to continue with the work on the formulation of an issue paper entailing a situational analysis of current challenges and prospects for the next 50 years.
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission
 - i) to use the issue paper as a basis for consultations with key stakeholders, namely, Member States, RECs, AU Organs, the NEPAD Agency, civil society, the private sector, academia, research institutions and other Africa think-tanks;
 - ii) to present for consideration by the May 2013 meetings of the AU Policy Organs a Framework Document containing strategic objectives, outcomes and priorities to be pursued for the socio-economic transformation of the continent.

**DECISION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AFRICAN UNION
COMMISSION STRATEGIC PLAN 2014-2017
Doc. EX.CL/751(XXII)ii**

The Executive Council,

- 1. TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Chairperson on the Development of the AU Commission Strategic Plan 2014-2017;
- 2. REQUESTS** the Commission:
 - i) to closely and continuously engage the Permanent Representatives Committee and its Sub-Committee on Programmes and Conferences in the further development of the Plan;
 - ii) to present for consideration by the Extraordinary Session of the Executive Council, the Draft AU Commission Strategic Plan 2014-2017;
 - iii) to adhere to the Executive Council Decision on the new budget calendar and submit to the 2014 AU budget within the stated timelines.

**DECISION ON THE REVIEW OF THE PROCESS OF ELECTIONS
OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION
Doc. EX.CL/754(XXII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the recommendations of the Permanent Representatives Committee on the Report on the Review of the Process of Elections of Members of the Commission;
2. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the need to adopt a holistic approach in reviewing the existing rules of procedure of the policy organs of the Union with a view to addressing challenges, gaps and new developments;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to review, in consultation with the PRC, the rules of procedure of the policy organs of the Union, taking into account the importance of the two-thirds (2/3) qualified majority in the balanced functioning of AU Organs;
4. **ENDORSES** the recommendations on the proposed methodology and timeframe as follows:

	ACTIVITY	PERIOD
1	Desk review and solicitation of views from Member States, AU organs and other experts by the Commission	February to April 2013 (3 months)
2	Compilation of a paper outlining the challenges and gaps as well as proposed solutions by the Commission	June-July 2013 (2 months)
3	Consideration by the Commission	August 2013
4	Submission of paper for consideration of PRC	September 2013
5	Drafting of proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure	October 2013 (1 month)
6	Submission of proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure for consideration of PRC	November 2013
7	Submission to Assembly through the Executive Council	January 2014

5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report on the implementation of this Decision to the Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in January 2014.

**DECISION ON THE LOCATION OF THE AFRICAN
INSTITUTE FOR REMITTANCES (AIR)
Doc. EX.CL/755 (XXII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the offers by the following Member States, Republic of Djibouti, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Republic of Kenya and the Republic of Mauritius to host the African Institute for Remittances (AIR);
2. **URGES** all Member States that have made offers to host AIR to hold consultations with a view to reaching a consensus on the hosting of the Institute;
3. **DECIDES** to refer the issue to the 20th Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government for their decision in selecting the Member State to host the African Institute for Remittances (AIR).

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS OF THE
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND THE ASSEMBLY
Doc. EX.CL/756(XXII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report and its recommendations;
2. **RECALLS** the previous Decisions on this matter and **STRESSES** the need to observe scrupulously the guidance regarding the preparation and adoption of AU Decisions to ensure and facilitate their effective implementation by all concerned parties: the Commission, the Member States and other Stakeholders;
3. **ADOPTS** the Modalities for processing the selection of the recipients of the Wangari Maatai Award for Outstanding African Achievements in Environment and Biodiversity Conservation;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to submit the findings of the study to the relevant PRC Sub-Committee to consider the related financial and technical implications;
5. **DECIDES** that there will be a Retreat in February 2013 between the Commission and the PRC to consider all the pertinent issues including the Draft Strategic Plan and Africa-Wide Strategic agenda, the Theme of the year, Implementation of Decisions and come up with appropriate recommendations and way forward, including on proposal of review of Modality;
6. **AGREES** on the need to follow up on the results of Rio+20 and to prepare an African common position for the follow up of the UN Meeting on the issue scheduled in New York on 20 May 2013.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT ON THE MINISTERIAL
CONFERENCE ON AVIATION SAFETY IN AFRICA
Doc. EX.CL/758(XXII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Ministerial Conference on Aviation Safety in Africa held in Abuja, Nigeria, from 16 to 20 July 2012;
2. **COMMENDS** the Ministers Responsible for Air Transport for the timely implementation of the Executive Council Decision EX.CL/Dec.682(XX) regarding the holding of the Ministerial Conference on Aviation Safety in Africa which has successfully produced substantive results for the enhancement of aviation safety performance in Africa;
3. **ENDORSES:**
 - i) the Aviation Safety Targets and Action Plan for Africa as the continental framework for guiding Africa's aviation industry to meet the international Standards and Recommended Practices under the Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago Convention); and
 - ii) the Abuja Declaration on Aviation Safety in Africa which reflect the continent's commitment to the implementation of the African Civil Aviation Policy (AFCAP) including addressing aviation safety challenges that Africa is facing and continue to ensure seamless operation of aviation in Africa and with the other regions of the world.
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to:
 - i) Make available the endorsed documents to all Member States and other key stakeholders and to facilitate their smooth implementation within the framework of the Treaty establishing the African Economic Community (Abuja Treaty);
 - ii) Collaborate with the Regional Economic Communities, specialised institutions, Member States and other stakeholders to speed up the implementation of the Aviation Safety Targets and Action Plan for Africa with a view to developing a strong and viable aviation sector in the continent;
 - iii) Seek assistance from the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa; the African Development Bank, the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), the European Union, the World Bank and other development partners to support the implementation of the Aviation Safety Targets and Action Plan for Africa and the Abuja Declaration on Aviation Safety in Africa
 - iv) Elaborate a common position on the banishment of some African airlines and face the problem in an appropriate manner

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE FOURTH ORDINARY SESSION OF
THE AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF
COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (CITMC-4)
Doc. EX.CL/759(XXII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Fourth Ordinary Session of the African Union (AU) Conference of Ministers in charge of Communication and Information Technologies held in Khartoum, The Sudan, from 5 to 6 September 2012 and the recommendations contained therein as well as the 2012 Khartoum Declaration requesting the Member States to accelerate the transition from Analogue to Digital Terrestrial Television Broadcasting, and the development of National Cyber-Security Legislation;
2. **COMMENDS** the Commission for the quality of the report;
3. **RECOMMENDS** the report to the Assembly for adoption;
4. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the progress made in the context of the implementation of the decision on the development of the AU Convention on Cyber legislation;
5. **REQUESTS** Member States to:
 - i) provide DotAfrica project with the required support where needed;
 - ii) accelerate the transition from Analogue to Digital Terrestrial Television Broadcasting;
 - iii) support the migration from the Internet Protocol version 4 (IPv4) to Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6) and the development of National Cyber-Security Legislation.
6. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to:
 - i) submit the draft Convention approved by the Fourth Ministerial Conference of the AU Ministers in charge of Communication and Information Technologies (CITMC-4) Khartoum 2012, to the meeting of the AU Ministers of Justice for its finalization and submission for adoption to the next ordinary session of the Assembly of the Union;
 - ii) coordinate with the Science and technology sector to implement the recommendations of the feasibility study on the African Space Agency (AfriSpace) and develop a space policy for the Continent taking into account remote sensing applications and satellite imagery processing;

- iii) develop an updated, integrated and coherent AU strategic Communication and Information Technologies (CIT) framework for Africa in collaboration with NEPAD Planning and Coordination Agency (NPCA), Regional Economic Communities (RECs,) Specialized Institutions (SI), African Development Bank (AfDB) and United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), taking into account existing frameworks of all African CIT stakeholders;
 - iv) develop guidelines for the liberalization of the Postal Sector and a template for a legal framework for postal policies and regulations.
- 7. URGES** Member States and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), to participate and support the Commission for accelerating the implementation of the above activities;
- 8. REQUESTS** the Commission to seek assistance from the UNECA, the AfDB, the International Telecommunication Union, the World Bank, the ICANN, Internet Society, Specialized Institutions and relevant Agencies and development partners to support the implementation of this Decision.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE SECOND CONFERENCE OF THE
AFRICAN UNION OF MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR CIVIL
REGISTRATION AND VITAL STATISTICS
Doc. EX.CL/760(XXII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Second Conference of the African Union (AU) of Ministers Responsible for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics, held in Durban, South Africa, from 3 to 7 September 2012 and the recommendations contained therein as well as the Ministerial Declaration;
2. **UNDERScores** the necessity for enhanced coordination between the African Union Commission and UNECA for Africa with respect to the strategies for national Civil Registration and Statistics systems;
3. **RECOMMENDS** the report for adoption by the Assembly;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission in collaboration with the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the African Development Bank (AfDB) and partners to facilitate building the capacity of Member States to strengthen the civil registration and vital statistics systems in Africa;
5. **URGES** Member States to undertake in-depth assessment of the state of their national civil registration and vital statistics systems and develop a strategic and action plans for improving CRVS;
6. **TAKES NOTE** of the efforts made to organize the third conference of Ministers responsible for civil registration and vital statistics;
7. **REQUESTS** Member States to allocate the necessary human and financial resources for the operations of the Civil Registration bodies and mobilize additional resources for capacity building in order to facilitate it.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE AFRICAN
MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (AMCEN)
Doc. EX.CL/761(XXII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Fourteenth Session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment, (AMCEN) held in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, from 10 to 14 September 2012;
2. **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained therein including the, Declaration, decisions and key messages as follows:
 - i) the development and implementation of the regional flagship programmes as a means for effective implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) in Africa;
 - ii) the establishment of the African Group of Negotiators on Biodiversity and its coordination mechanism at expert, ministerial and Heads of State and Government levels
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to take into account the relevant decisions of the Assembly and the Executive Council on the establishment of a specialized technical committee on the environment;
4. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with UNEP, UNECA, AfDB and other partners to support and facilitate the implementation of this Decision.

**DECISION ON THE FOURTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE
CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF YOUTH
Doc. EX.CL/762(XXII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the conclusions and recommendations of the 4th Conference of Ministers in Charge of Youth (COMY IV);
2. **RECALLS** the 2011 Malabo Summit decisions of the AU Heads of State and Government on the theme “Accelerating Youth Empowerment for Sustainable Development”;
3. **URGES** the Commission and all the relevant stakeholders to expedite the implementation of Malabo Decision on youth empowerment, Assembly/AU/Dec.363(XVII), as well as the Declaration on the promotion of youth employment, Assembly/AU/Decl.1(XVII);
4. **CALLS UPON** the Member States and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to mobilize the necessary resources for the implementation of required actions to accelerate Youth Empowerment for Sustainable Development;
5. **ENCOURAGES** Member States and other stakeholders to strongly support and promote youth employment under the auspices of the African Youth Charter
6. **URGES** the Commission to accelerate the establishment of a Special Fund for Youth Development programmes and decisions implementation;
7. **CALLS UPON** Member States to develop youth exchange programmes;
8. **INVITES** International Agencies, Non-Government Organization (NGOs), Civil Society, Private sector, Diaspora Youth organizations and Development partners to lend their technical and financial support to Youth programmes that are promoting economic growth through Africa’s demographic bonus to achieve the demographic dividend at national, regional and continental levels.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE
AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS
IN CHARGE OF DRUG CONTROL
Doc.EX.CL/763(XXII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Fifth Session of the African Union (AU) Conference of Ministers in charge of Drug Control (CAMDC5), held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 8 to 12 October 2012, and the recommendations contained therein;
2. **ENDORSES** the adoption of the following:
 - i) The Revised AU Plan of Action on Drug Control (2013-2017) as the framework to galvanize national, regional and international cooperation to counter the drug problem on the Continent; and **REQUESTS** the AU Commission to conduct a mid-term review of its implementation in 2015;
 - ii) The African Common Position on Controlled Substances and Access to Pain Management Drugs; and **REQUESTS** the AU Commission to bring the Common Position to the attention of Ministers of Health;
 - iii) Continental Minimum Quality Standards for Treatment of Drug Dependence;
 - iv) Member States to adopt policies channel confiscated proceeds from drug related offences to demand reduction and treatment programmes;
 - v) Strengthen research on drug control and on monitoring and evaluation of drug abuse and trafficking trends;
 - vi) Facilitate a continental training for drug dependence treatment.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE
AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE
FOR METEOROLOGY (AMCOMET)
Doc. EX.CL/764(XXII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Second Session of the African Union Conference of Ministers responsible for Meteorology and the African Ministerial Conference on the Meteorology (AMCOMET) held in Victoria Falls, Republic of Zimbabwe, from 15 to 19 October 2012;
2. **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained therein, including the decisions as follows:
 - i) the Integrated African Strategy on Meteorology (Weather and Climate Services);
 - ii) the establishment of a Task Force to draft the Implementation Plan for the Integrated Strategy on Meteorology (Weather and Climate Services) with detailed annual operational plans and also draft the Resource Mobilization Strategy for the Implementation Plan and to submit its findings for consideration during the Third Session of AMCOMET;
 - iii) the establishment of a Joint Task Force to investigate the feasibility of developing an African Regional Space Programme, ensuring close coordination with other relevant Departments and stakeholders and to submit its findings for consideration during the Third Session of AMCOMET;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and partners to take all necessary steps to establish a regional climate centre in Central Africa;
4. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with WMO, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), African Development Bank (AfDB), United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) and other partners to support and facilitate the implementation of this Decision.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE
AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF CULTURE
Doc. EX.CL/765(XXII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Fourth Session of the African Union (AU) Conference of Ministers of Culture (CAMC4), held in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), from 29 October to 2 November 2012, and the recommendations contained therein;
2. **ENDORSES** the recommendations of CAMC4 and in particular, the following:
 - i) The inclusion of culture in national development strategies and in the post 2015 development agenda;
 - ii) Member States should proactively manage the process of ratification and implementation of the Charter for African Cultural Renaissance in order to ensure the speedy entry into force of the Charter;
 - iii) The implementation by Member States of the Commitment for Action on Combating Harmful Traditional Practices;
 - iv) the Framework for Action of the Third Pan-African Cultural Congress (PACC3) (and **REQUESTS** the AU Commission to transmit the Framework to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations to further facilitate its implementation;.
3. **AGREES** to allocate sufficient physical space for the establishment of the Pan-African Cultural Space within the new AU Conference and Office complex to be inaugurated as part of the OAU/AU 50th Anniversary celebration;
4. **ENCOURAGES** Member States to participate fully in the cultural activities organized in Malabo on the initiative of South American countries within the framework of the ASA Summit in February 2013.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE FIFTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE
AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS IN CHARGE
OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DOC. EX.CL/766(XXII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report and the recommendations of the Fifth Ordinary Session of the African Union Conference of Ministers in charge of Science and Technology (AMCOST V) in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo, from 12th to the 15th November 2012;
2. **ENDORSES** the Science and Technology Framework for the Detection, Identification and Monitoring of Infectious Diseases of Human, Animals and Plants in Africa and to carefully coordinate with existing initiatives and collaborate with relevant institutions and integrating health and social issues in order to maximize the benefits and impact of the implementation of the framework;
3. **FAVOURABLY WELCOMES AND APPLAUDS** the decision of H.E. President Denis Sassou N'Guesso of the Republic of Congo to launch an "African Science Innovation Award";
4. **RECOGNIZES** the role of space science and technology in Africa's development and the need to ensure coordination between all actors and stakeholders in this sector, and especially with regard to the development of an African space policy and strategy, and the creation of relevant institutions such as an African space agency;
5. **TAKES NOTE** of the current on-going review process of Africa's Science and Technology Consolidated Plan of Action (CPA) to accelerate Africa's transition to innovation-based economies through a robust science, technology and innovation foundation;
6. **REQUESTS** Member States, Regional Economic Communities, and the Commission in collaboration with the Development Partners to implement the recommendations of the Fifth Ordinary Session of the African Ministerial Conference on Science and Technology and to report progress in this regard to the May 2013 Summit;
7. **TAKES NOTE** of the offer of the Republic of Namibia to host the next session of the AMCOST, **AND REQUESTS** the Commission to take account of the decision of the Conference on specialized technical committees in the implementation of this proposal.

**DECISION ON AFRICAN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION COUNCIL
DOC. EX.CL/766(XXII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Fifth Ordinary Session of the African Union Conference of Ministers in charge of Science and Technology (AMCOST V) in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo, from 12th to the 15th November 2012;
2. **RECALLS** the Assembly Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.216 (VII) on the need to establish an African Research Council;
3. **FURTHER TAKES NOTE of** the efforts made by the Commission and UNECA for the feasibility study on the establishment of the African Research and Innovation Council and **REQUESTS** the Commission to prepare practical modalities to follow up the study;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to establish a small unit within its existing structure and resources to implement the Decision of the Assembly.

**DECISION ON THE SECOND ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AFRICAN UNION
CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF ENERGY (CEMA)
Doc. EX.CL.767 (XXII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the Second Ordinary Session of the African Union Conference of Ministers in charge of Energy (CEMA), held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 12-16 November 2012;
2. **ENDORSES:**
 - i) the recommendations of the report of the Second Ordinary Session of the African Union Conference of Ministers in charge of Energy in AFRICA (CEMA);
 - ii) Resolution on Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL);
 - iii) Resolution on Africa Bioenergy Policy Framework and Guidelines;
 - iv) Resolution on the Implementation of the PIDA Energy Priority Action Plan;
 - v) Resolution on Investment Financing and the Role of Public-Private Partnership in the Development of Renewable Energy;
 - vi) Resolution on the African Energy Information System & Database (AEIS);
3. **REQUESTS** the African Union Commission to take all the necessary measures in collaboration with the Member States, Regional Economic Communities, specialised institutions and other stakeholders to speed up the implementation of the Resolutions;
4. **APPEALS** to the AU Member States, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa; the African Development Bank, the bilateral and multilateral partners to support the implementation of the adopted resolutions.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE AU JOINT CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF
AGRICULTURE AND MINISTERS OF TRADE
Doc. EX.CL/768(XXII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the AU Joint Conference of Ministers of Agriculture and Ministers of Trade held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 26 to 30 November 2012, and the declarations contained therein, and **URGES** all concerned parties to take necessary measures for their implementation;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the offer made by the Arab Republic of Egypt to provide agricultural training and expertise to the Member States;
3. **FURTHER TAKES NOTE** of the proposal by the Republic of Burkina Faso concerning the ongoing negotiations, notably:
 - a) At the World Trade Organisation (WTO) to negotiate for:
 - An equitable agreement that takes into account development issues in a satisfactory manner;
 - To reject attempts to discuss non-trade related issues.
 - b) the economic Partnership Agreement (EPAs):
 - to unanimously call for additional and sufficient resources to support measures that would be necessary in opening up African markets and compensate losses from customs, and continued access to the EU markets up to the time of the full implementation of the EPAs
 - c) recommends the report to the Assembly for adoption
4. **ENDORSES** the Joint Declaration on boosting Intra-African Trade as a key to agricultural transformation and ensuring Food and Nutrition Security, the Declaration on WTO issues, the Declarations on Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs), the Declaration on AGOA as well as the Declaration of African Ministers of Agriculture and **URGES** all concerned parties to take necessary measures for their implementation;
5. **CALLS UPON** Member States to accelerate the implementation of CAADP and AIDA and the signing of CAADP Compacts for those that have not yet done so, as a means of enhancing agricultural productivity, food nutrition security and transformation;
6. **FURTHER CALLS UPON** Member States to invest in the development of infrastructure, to create incentives aimed at boosting agriculture and trade;

7. **ENCOURAGES** the increased involvement and role of the RECs in the promotion of agriculture and trade in the continent;
8. **ACCEPTS** the offer made by the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to host the AGOA forum in June 2013 in Addis Ababa, and **ENCOURAGES** Member States to actively participate in the Forum;
9. **REQUESTS** the Commission in consultation with the PRC to submit a proposal on the funding of the implementation of Assembly decision AU/DEC 449 (XIX) on the Proclamation of 2014 as the Year of Agriculture and Food Security and the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of CAADP;
10. **REQUESTS** the Commission in collaboration with Member States and Private Sector organisations to undertake efforts aimed at enhancing trade and investment flows among African countries by organising trade fairs regularly;
11. **REAFFIRMS** support for the candidature of Mr. Alan John Kwandwo Kyerematen of the Republic of Ghana for the position of Director General of the World Trade Organization as endorsed by the July 2012 Summit and **REQUESTS** the support of all Member States;
12. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report on the implementation of this Decision after two years.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE
AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS
OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
Doc.EX.CL/769(XXII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Third Session of the African Union Conference of Ministers of Social Development (CAMSD3), held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 26 to 30 November 2012;
2. **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained therein as follows:
 - i) The African Union Disability Architecture (AUDA), consisting of the Legal, Programme and Institutional components aimed at accelerating the full participation, equality and empowerment of people with disabilities in Africa;
 - ii) The Continental Plan of Action on the African Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2010-2019);
 - iii) The dissolution of the African Rehabilitation Institute (ARI) according to Article XVII of its Agreement and the Committee of 7 Member States to oversee the liquidation of the assets of ARI and to prepare a report to be submitted to the Assembly of Heads of States through the Executive Council on the dissolution;
 - iv) The Renewed Call for Accelerated Action on the Plan of Action Towards Africa Fit for Children and **URGES** all Member States to implement the Renewed Call;
 - v) The African Common Position on the Rights of Older Persons in Africa;
 - vi) The African Common Position in preparation for the 20th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2014;
 - vii) The Social Policy Framework for Africa (SPF) should be implemented by Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and for Member States to accelerate their implementation of the SPF through increased investment and budget allocation to the social sector.
3. **REQUESTS** the AU Commission to:
 - i) Facilitate capacity building and training for social policy analysis and expertise in Member States for the successful implementation of the SPF;
 - ii) Facilitate the take-off of the Advisory Council on Ageing to monitor and support the implementation and follow-up of the AU Policy Framework and Plan of Action on Ageing;

- iii) Facilitate the dissolution of the ARI through support for the Committee of 7, development of a replacement structure to ARI , as well as a transition mechanism;
 - iv) Follow-up on the implementation of outcomes of CAMSD3 and report thereon to the Executive Council.
4. **WELCOMES** the offer of the Republic of Guinea to host the fourth session of the Conference of AU Ministers responsible for the Social Development and requests the Commission to take account of the provisions of the decision of the Conference of the African Union on the specialized technical committees (CTS) which the operationalization is expected as early as January 2014.

**DECISION ON PROGRESS REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISION ASSEMBLY/AU/DEC. 422 (XIX) ON THE
PREPARATIONS FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OAU/AU
Doc. EX.CL/771(XXII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the interim report for the preparations of the Fiftieth Anniversary of OAU/AU as work in progress;
2. **URGES** Member States to contribute through declarations by Heads of State and Government on the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the OAU/AU with a view to their publication in a book to commemorate the occasion that could be distributed on 25 May 2013, the day of the celebration, together with declarations made by Heads of State and Government on the inception of the OAU in 1963;
3. **TAKES NOTE** of all the contributions made during discussions and invites the Commission and the PRC to take them into consideration in continuing their deliberations;
4. **WELCOMES** the offer by Nigeria to organise a colloquium on Pan-Africanism and African Renaissance and a Rock Art Exhibition from 22-24 May 2013 at the AUC, Addis Ababa;
5. **ALSO WELCOMES** the offer by Egypt to host the Economic Forum for Africa within the framework of celebrations of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the OAU/AU in 2013;
6. **URGES** all Member States to participate in this event;
7. **REQUESTS** the Commission and the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC) to take all necessary measures to finalize this document immediately after January 2013 Summit, in accordance with the Decision Assembly/AU/Dec. 422(XIX) of July 2012.

**DECISION ON THE 32nd and 33rd COMBINED ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE
AFRICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS
Doc. EX.CL/782(XXII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the 32nd and 33rd combined activity report of the African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights (ACHPR), the activities undertaken by the ACHPR from November 2011 to October 2012 and the recommendations contained therein, and authorizes publication thereof;
2. **FURTHER NOTE** with appreciation the progress made in the promotion and protection of Human and Peoples Rights in Member States in the past 25 years;
3. **COMMENDS** Member States that have submitted their periodic reports and **URGE** those that have not yet done so to comply with the obligations set out in Article 62 of the African Charter;
4. **FURTHER COMMENDS** the ACHPR for the work accomplished during the period under review;
5. **REQUESTS** the African Union Commission (AUC) to address as a matter of priority, the needs of the ACHPR in terms of funding and staffing by providing this important organ with adequate human and financial resources to enable it deliver on its mandate;
6. **TAKES NOTE** of the update made by the delegation of the Gambian on the provision of a permanent headquarters for the ACHPR;
7. **EXPRESSES** its gratitude to the Government of the Republic of The Gambia for kindly hosting ACHPR for the past 25 years;
8. **URGES** the Republic of The Gambia to construct a permanent Headquarters for the ACHPR as provided for in the Host Agreement and **REITERATES** Decision EX.CL/Dec.689(XX);
9. **REQUESTS** the AUC to take all necessary measures with a view to implementing the relevant Executive Council decisions on the emoluments and allowances of officials of the ACHPR;
10. **ACCEPTS** the request of the Commission that the consideration of the report of the Commission to the Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic be deferred to the Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in May 2013;
11. **ENCOURAGES** the ACHPR to respect its procedures when considering reports submitted to it, and consult Member States concerned, as appropriate prior to the issuance of its resolutions;

12. **DECIDES** that in line with Article 54 of the African Charter on Human and People's Rights, the Commission will continue to present its Report at every session of the Executive Council.

**DECISION ON REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE AFRICAN
COURT ON HUMAN AND PEOPLE'S RIGHTS
EX.CL/783(XXII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report and its recommendations and commends the African Court for the efforts invested in 2012 to strengthen its operations;
2. **UNDERScores** the need to accelerate procedures and processes towards extending the competence of the Court to judge crimes against humanity, war crimes and genocide, on the African continent;
3. **URGES** Member States which have not yet done so to ratify the Protocol establishing the Court and to encourage them to make and deposit the Special Declaration allowing interested individuals and non-governmental organizations as well as the civil society organizations to directly seize the Court;
4. **TAKES NOTE** of the principle of geographical distribution with respect to the election of judges of the African Court on Human and People's Rights;
5. **INVITES** Member States and all Organs of the Union to raise awareness about the Court and to have recourse to the Court as much as possible to solicit advisory opinions on human rights related issues;
6. **CALLS FOR** allocation of necessary resources to enable the Court to gradually fill the vacant posts taking into account budgetary provisions ;
7. **TAKES NOTE** of the conclusions of the October 2012 Joint Retreat between the Court and the PRC and encourages the two Organs to strengthen their working relations in the context of the activities of the Court.

**DECISION ON THE INSTITUTION AND CAPACITY BUILDING ASPECTS OF
THE CHAIRPERSONS STATEMENT**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the challenges affecting the social and economic development of the African continent and the importance of redoubling its efforts at all levels so as to respond adequately to those challenges;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the issues contained in the Chairperson's statement on the need to modernize and strengthen the Commission to better support the Union to meet the aspirations of the African people;
3. **RECOGNIZES** the necessity to modernize the Commission so as to enable it perform its mandate effectively and efficiently in support of the Union's goals and objectives;
4. **EXPRESSES** our full support for the efforts of the Chairperson of the Commission for taking necessary actions aimed at enhancing the operational efficiency of the Commission;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to continue to take the necessary measures to modernize and strengthen the Commission in line with international best practices, and performance standards, to achieve a high level of Excellence, Accountability, Transparency, Integrity, Professionalism, Gender Equity and Respect for Diversity.

**DECISION ON THE SITUATION IN PALESTINE
AND THE MIDDLE EAST
Doc. EX.CL/770(XXII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the Situation in the Middle East and Palestine; and **RECALLS** all resolutions and decisions adopted by the OAU/AU on the Situation in Palestine and the Middle East;
2. **COMMENDS** all Member States for re-affirming their solidarity with Palestinian people and **INVITES** them to continue supporting the Palestine to obtain full membership at the United Nations as an independent sovereign state;
3. **WELCOMES** the granting of “observer non-member state” status by the United Nations General Assembly to Palestine;
4. **URGES** the countries that have suspended their contribution to UNESCO, which has granted full membership status to Palestine to revisit their decision with the view to reinstate their contributions.
5. **RECOMMENDS** the Assembly adopt a declaration on the basis of the proposal by the Arab Republic of Egypt;
6. **REAFFIRMS** its full support to the Palestinian people and peaceful resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict in accordance with the principles of international law and all relevant United Nations resolutions calling for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state based on the borders of the fourth of June 1967, with Al-Quds Al-Sharif (East Jerusalem) as its capital;
7. **CALLS FOR** compliance with the ceasefire agreement concluded on 21 November 2012 between Israel and Palestine, and for support to the efforts of Egypt in achieving a truce;
8. **REQUESTS** the Israeli Government to lift the blockade it has imposed on Palestine, halt settlement activities in the entire Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, including Al-Quds Al-Sharif (East Jerusalem) and the release of Palestinian political prisoners;
9. **DENOUNCES** Israeli inhuman practices against prisoners and detainees;
10. **EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN** about the worsening humanitarian situation and economic deterioration in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, due to Israel illegal occupation and activities, as well as continued expansion of settlements;
11. **REQUESTS** the immediate cessation of the construction of illegal settlements in the Palestinian territories;

12. **URGES** the resumption of talks between Palestinians and Israelis, with an agreed timetable which would lead to the creation of a viable Palestinian State existing side by side with the State of Israel.

**DECISION BY THE AD-HOC MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE
ON THE SCALE OF ASSESSMENT
Doc. EX.CL/776(XXII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Ad-hoc Ministerial Committee on the review of the scale of assessments;
2. **DECIDES** to endorse the recommendations of the Ministerial Committee as follows:
 - i) The new scale of assessments will be based on a maximum rate (ceiling) of 12.898 per cent without the imposition of a minimum (floor) rate;
 - ii) The new scale will be adopted in principle for the 3-year financial years 2014, 2015 and 2016;
 - iii) When data for 2011 become available, the scale will be revisited in order to incorporate the updated data.
3. **APPLAUDS** the Government of Libya for accepting to continue paying contributions above its capacity to pay for the approved scale, pending the filing of its formal representation and the next review of the scale;
4. **ENCOURAGES** Member States which have the capacity to and who are able to pay over and above their assessed contributions to do so;
5. **ADOPTS** the new AU Scale of Assessments;
6. **ENDORSES** the recommendation that the Republic of South Sudan be assessed at 0.599 per cent with effect from January 2012;
7. **AGREES** that the assessed contribution of the Republic of Sudan should be fixed temporarily at 2% with effect from January 2012, pending a new proposal based on the findings of consultants mandated by the AU Commission after contacts with the Sudanese Authorities, the evaluation report of which will be considered by the next Council session;
8. **REQUESTS** the PRC Sub-Committee to review the statutory contributions of some small island states taking into account their vulnerability, and make proposals and recommendations to the next Session of Council. The review should be towards proposing a minimum amount to be paid by Member States in arrears of contributions to avoid sanctions;
9. **URGES** Member States to promptly pay their assessed contributions.

**DECISION ON AFRICAN CANDIDATURES WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM
Doc.EX.CL/775(XXII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System;
2. **APPROVES** the following candidatures:
 - (i) For Membership of the Executive Council of the World Tourism Organisation (WTO), the candidature of the Republic of Tunisia during elections to be held at the 20th General Assembly of WTO in 2013;
 - (ii) For the post of Director General of UNESCO, the candidature of H.E M Rachad Farah of Djibouti during elections to be held in October 2013.
3. **TAKES NOTE** of the following candidatures which will be examined at a later session of the Ministerial Committee to be held prior to the said elections:
 - (i) Post of non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for the period 2016-2017, candidature of the Arab Republic of Egypt during the elections to take place at the 70th Session of the UN General Assembly in 2015 ;
 - (ii) Post of non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for the period 2018-2019, the candidature of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea during the elections to take place in New York in October 2017;
4. **DECIDES** to defer the consideration of the following candidatures to the May 2013 Session and invites the North African region to hold consultations in order to propose a single candidate for the region:
 - (i) Post of member of the United Nations Human Rights Council for the period 2014-2016, candidature of the Democratic Popular Republic of Algeria during the elections to take place at the 68th Session of the General Assembly in New York, United States of America;
 - (ii) Post of member of the United Nations Human Rights Council for the period 2014-2016, candidature of the Republic of Tunisia during the elections to take place at the 68th Session of the General Assembly in New York, United States of America;
5. **ALSO DECIDES** to defer to the May 2013 session the consideration of the following candidatures : Post of President of the 69th session of the United Nations General Assembly for the period 2014-2015; invites the two parties who have

presented the said candidatures to continue the consultations at the level of Heads of State in order to reach consensus before the said session and **ENCOURAGES** Member States not to present any new candidature for the post in order to avoid further complicating the search for a solution to the issue;

- (i) The Candidature of the Republic of Cameroon for election to the post of President of the 69th session of the United Nations General Assembly ;
 - (ii) The candidature of the Republic of Uganda for election to the post of President of the 69th Session of the United Nations General Assembly for the period 2014-2015,
6. **TAKES NOTE** of the withdrawal by Uganda of the candidature of Honourable Isaac Isanga Musumba for the post of Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) during elections to take place at the General Assembly of ICO in 2013;
7. **DECIDES** that with respect to the review of the rules of procedure, the Commission (Office of the Legal Counsel) should send a Note Verbale to Member States to solicit their contributions and amendment proposals to enable it to prepare the draft revised document; set up an Ad hoc Committee comprising members of the Permanent Representative Committee of the Ministerial Committee on Candidatures to consider the draft revised document; the submission of the finalized draft document to the Ministerial Committee for consideration at its January 2014 session, followed by its presentation to the Executive Council for approval.

DECISION ON THE ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE COMMISSION
Doc. EX.CL/755(XXII)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report;
2. **COMMENDS** the Chairperson of the Commission and her team for the work done and the important initiatives taken since her assumption of duty in October 2012 and **ENCOURAGES** her to pursue her efforts towards the implementation of the priority actions of the Union Agenda;
3. **RENEWS** its commitment to provide all necessary support to the Commission through the allocation of adequate human and financial resources to enable it to effectively carry out its mandate, while underscoring the importance of greater coordination and harmonization of programmes and the definition of priority areas, taking into account the available resources and ensuring their judicious and optimal utilization with a view to achieving concrete results;
4. **STRESSES** the need to reduce the number of agenda items which will in turn curtail the number of decisions, most of which remain unimplemented;
5. **AGREES** on the need to hold an Extraordinary Session of the Executive Council in March/April 2013 to consider urgent strategic issues, chief among which are the Draft 2014 – 2017 Strategic Plan of the Commission and the Draft 2013 Strategic Framework for the African Union, preparations for the OAU/AU 50th Anniversary, the issue of proliferation of structures and institutions of the African Union and the implementation of Decisions;
6. **CONDEMNS** in no uncertain terms the recent barbaric terrorist attack on the In-Amenas gas plant in Algeria and **COMMENDS** the Algerian Government for the decisive action taken to put an end to such attacks and **RECOMMENDS** that the Assembly adopt a declaration in this regard;
7. **REITERATES** its full cooperation and firm commitment to help all Member States in the throes of crises and conflicts create conditions conducive to Peace and Security on the entire continent, the consolidation of democratic governance and the development of Africa's immense resources with a view to accelerating its full development;
8. **REQUESTS** the Commission to take all the necessary measures for the organization of a referendum for self-determination of the people of f Western Sahara in compliance with the relevant OAU Decisions and UN Resolutions;

9. **INVITES** the Commission and the RECs to speed up the operationalization of the African Standby Force and a Brigade that can be mobilized and made operational in the event of the emergence of any form of insecurity on the continent;
10. **WELCOMES** the positive development to ensure stabilization of the situation in Madagascar and Guinea Bissau and **INVITES** the Peace and Security Council to examine in the light of this development the issue of their return to the African Union;
11. **ENCOURAGES** the Commission, in collaboration with the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the United Nations, to intensify its efforts, towards the speedy implementation of appropriate solutions to the crisis in the East of the Democratic Republic of Congo, mainly through the rapid deployment of the International Neutral Force merged into the UN Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUCO). Considering the humanitarian disaster and the risks of deterioration of the crisis it is a matter of great urgency. Furthermore, recalls the need to preserve the territorial integrity and the sovereignty of the DRC in compliance with the principles of the Constitutive Act of the African Union.

**DECISION ON
THE STATUTES OF THE PAN-AFRICAN UNIVERSITY
Doc. EX.CL/757(XXII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Draft Statutes of the Pan-African University (PAU);
2. **RECOMMENDS** that the Assembly adopt the PAU;
3. **UNDERLINES** the need to gradually include other AU working languages, starting with Arabic, as well as African languages in the academic activities of the University;
4. **UNDERScores** the need to involve Regional Economic Communities in the activities of the University;
5. **RECOMMENDS** that the Rector/Vice Chancellor of the University be elected by Member States through modalities to be agreed on in the near future.

**DECISION ON ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF
FUNDING THE AFRICAN UNION**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.431(XIX) requesting the Commission to undertake a comprehensive study of all options to provide quantifiable data on the expected impact on all Member States to enable the High-Level Panel to make definitive recommendations;
2. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the ongoing efforts undertaken by the Commission to effectively implement the July 2012 Decision and submit the interim report to the Panel and subsequently to Ministers of Finance in March 2013;
3. **TAKES NOTE** of the importance of the need for the Panel Members to pursue consultations and advocacy work and report to the Conference of Ministers and subsequently to the Heads of State and Government;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to utilize the unexpended sum of **one hundred and fifty thousand dollars(\$150,000)** from the 2012 programme budget to complete this activity to enable the 21st Ordinary Session of the Assembly in May 2013 to provide the final observation and position on the alternative source of funding;
5. **MANDATES** the PRC to consider and authorize the use of the remaining funds.

**DECISION ON THE ELECTION OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN
RESOURCES, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE COMMISSIONER
FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OF THE AFRICAN UNION
DOC. EX.CL/777(XXII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Election of Members of the Commission: the Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology and the Commissioner for Economic Affairs of the African Union (AU);
2. **ELECTS** the following persons as Commissioners of the African Union :

Name and Country

Portfolio

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|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| a) Dr. Martial De-Paul Ikounga (Congo) | - Human Resources,
Science and Technology |
| b) Dr. Anthony Mothae Maruping (Lesotho) | - Economic Affairs |

3. **RECOMMENDS** the elected AU Commissioners for appointment by the Twentieth Ordinary Session of the Assembly.

**DECISION ON ELECTION OF THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE PEACE
AND SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE AFRICAN UNION
DOC. EX.CL/778(XXII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Election of the Five (5) Members of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union;
2. **ELECTS** the following five (5) Members of the Peace and Security Council **for a three(3)-year term** as of March 2013:
 1. **Equatorial Guinea** **Central Region**
 2. **Uganda** **Eastern Region**
 3. **Algeria** **Northern Region**
 4. **Mozambique** **Southern Region**
 5. **Nigeria** **Western Region**
3. **RECOMMENDS** the elected Members for appointment by the Twentieth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union.

**DECISION ON THE ELECTION OF ONE JUDGE OF THE AFRICAN
COURT ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS
Doc. EX.CL/779 (XXII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Election of One (1) Judge of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (AfCHPR);
2. **ELECTS Mr. Kimelabalou Aba (Togo)** as Judge of AfCHPR **for a year and a half (1½ year) term.**
3. **RECOMMENDS** the elected Judge for appointment by the Twentieth Ordinary Session of the Assembly.

**DECISION ON THE ELECTION OF THE ELEVEN MEMBERS
OF THE ADVISORY BOARD ON CORRUPTION
Doc. EX.CL/780 (XXII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Election of the Eleven (11) Members of the Advisory Board on Corruption;
2. **ELECTS** the following Members of the Advisory Board on Corruption **for a two (2)-year term**:

No.	Name	Country
1.	Mr. Jacques III ACHIAOU	Côte d'Ivoire
2.	Dr.. Tony AIDOO	Ghana
3.	Ms. Akossiwa AYENA	Togo
4.	Ms. Angèle BARUMPOZAKO	Burundi
5.	Mr. Salem BEN-GHARBIA	Libya
6.	Mr. M'Pèrè DIARRA	Mali
7.	Mr. Jean-Baptiste ELIAS	Benin
8.	Mr. Edward GAMAYA	Tanzania
9.	Mr. Ali Sulaiman MOHAMED	Ethiopia
10.	Mr. Pierre NZOBABELA	Congo
11.	Mrs. Julie ONUM-NWARIAKU	Nigeria

3. **RECOMMENDS** the elected Members of the Advisory Board on Corruption to the Twentieth Ordinary Session of the Assembly for appointment.

**DECISION ON THE ELECTION OF FIVE MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN
UNION COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL LAW (AUCIL)
DOC. EX.CL/781 (XXII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on Election of Five (5) Members of the African Union Commission on International Law (AUCIL);
2. **ELECTS** the following Members of AUCIL for a **five (5)-year term**:

No.	Name	Country
1.	Mr. Rafâa Ben Achour	Tunisia
2.	Mr. Daniel Makiesse Mwanawanzambi	D.R.C.
3.	Mr. Boniface Obinna Okere	Nigeria
4.	Mrs. Naceesay Salla-Wadda	Gambia
5.	Mr. Kholisani Solo	Botswana

3. **RECOMMENDS** the elected Members of the AUCIL to the Twentieth Ordinary Session of the Assembly for appointment.

