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**DECISION ON THE REVISED BUDGET OF THE AFRICAN  
UNION FOR THE 2014 FINANCIAL YEAR  
Doc. EX.CL/ 802(XXIV)i**

**The Executive Council,**

1. **RECALLS** its previous decision EX.CL/Dec.767(XXIII) authorizing the African Union Commission to mobilize the sum of US\$78,185,573 from Partners to close the funding gap and report back on the status to the PRC;
2. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the PRC on the effort of the African Union Commission in mobilizing resources to close the funding gap;
3. **ENDORSES** the recommendation of the PRC to reduce the Program budget from the initial approval of US\$322,705,262 to US\$257,328,228 by US\$65,367,034;
4. **FURTHER APPROVES** a new total revised Budget of US\$ 395,223,186 broken down as follows:



Organ	Member States			Partners			Total Budget 2014		
	Operational	Program	Total	Operational	Programs	Total	Operational	Programs	Total
AUC	91,508,707	5,520,089	<b>97,028,796</b>		100,409,513	<b>100,409,513</b>	91,508,707	105,929,602	<b>197,438,309</b>
PAP	10,891,648		<b>10,891,648</b>		3,400,476	<b>3,400,476</b>	10,891,648	3,400,476	<b>14,292,124</b>
AfCHR (The Court)	6,938,014		<b>6,938,014</b>		1,681,571	<b>1,681,571</b>	6,938,014	1,681,571	<b>8,619,585</b>
ACHPR (The Commission)	4,076,044		<b>4,076,044</b>		1,569,423	<b>1,569,423</b>	4,076,044	1,569,423	<b>5,645,467</b>
ECOSSOC	993,710		<b>993,710</b>		-	<b>-</b>	993,710	-	<b>993,710</b>
NEPAD	4,410,000		<b>4,410,000</b>	6,304,442	29,687,801	<b>35,992,243</b>	10,714,442	29,687,801	<b>40,402,243</b>
AUCIL	371,024	44,100	<b>415,124</b>		203,892	<b>203,892</b>	371,024	247,992	<b>619,016</b>
Advisory Board on Corruption	492,436		<b>492,436</b>		1,015,421	<b>1,015,421</b>	492,436	1,015,421	<b>1,507,857</b>
Peace & Security Council		759,253	<b>759,253</b>		-	<b>-</b>	-	759,253	<b>759,253</b>
ACERWC		45,873	<b>45,873</b>		353,696	<b>353,696</b>	-	399,569	<b>399,569</b>
<b>Sub-Total (a)</b>	<b>119,681,583</b>	<b>6,369,315</b>	<b>126,050,898</b>	<b>6,304,442</b>	<b>138,321,793</b>	<b>144,626,235</b>	<b>125,986,025</b>	<b>144,691,108</b>	<b>270,677,133</b>
General Fund	8,916,329		<b>8,916,329</b>			<b>-</b>	8,916,329	-	<b>8,916,329</b>
Acquisition of Properties Fund	2,105,986		<b>2,105,986</b>			<b>-</b>	2,105,986	-	<b>2,105,986</b>
Government of China	876,619		<b>876,619</b>			<b>-</b>	876,619	-	<b>876,619</b>
<b>Sub-Total (b)</b>	<b>11,898,934</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,898,934</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,898,934</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,898,934</b>
<b>Sub Total (a+b)</b>	<b>131,580,516</b>	<b>6,369,315</b>	<b>137,949,831</b>	<b>6,304,442</b>	<b>138,321,793</b>	<b>144,626,235</b>	<b>137,884,958</b>	<b>144,691,108</b>	<b>282,576,066</b>
Special Projects			<b>-</b>		21,084,370	<b>21,084,370</b>		21,084,370	<b>21,084,370</b>
Pass-Through Funds			<b>-</b>		70,134,135	<b>70,134,135</b>		70,134,135	<b>70,134,135</b>
Technical Assistance			<b>-</b>		21,428,615	<b>21,428,615</b>		21,428,615	<b>21,428,615</b>
<b>Sub Total (c)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>112,647,120</b>	<b>112,647,120</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>112,647,120</b>	<b>112,647,120</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>131,580,516</b>	<b>6,369,315</b>	<b>137,949,831</b>	<b>6,304,442</b>	<b>250,968,913</b>	<b>257,273,355</b>	<b>137,884,958</b>	<b>257,338,228</b>	<b>395,223,186</b>

**DECISION ON THE REVISED FINANCIAL RULES  
AND REGULATIONS OF THE AFRICAN UNION  
Doc. EX.CL/ 802(XXIV)i**

**The Executive Council,**

1. **RECALLS** its decision (EX.C/Dec.728 (XXII) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia adopting International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) which calls for the realignment of the financial management of the AU to the international standards;
2. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the PRC on the revised Financial Rules and Regulations and **ENDORSES** its recommendations;
3. **ADOPTS** the new Financial Rules and Regulations of the African Union with the exception of Article 22;
4. **REQUESTS** the African Union Organs to fully implement the provisions of the said Financial Rules and Regulations;
5. **DECIDES** that the revised Financial Rules and Regulations supersede the previous one and will be in force as of the date of adoption.



**DECISION ON THE AU 2012 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**Doc. EX.CL/802(XXIV)iii**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Permanent Representatives Committee on the 2012 Audited Financial Statements and, **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained therein and **REQUESTS** the Commission to implement them;
2. **CALLS UPON** the Commission and other AU Organs to strictly observe the AU Rules and Regulations in respect of budget execution and general operations of the Union;
3. **ALSO CALLS UPON** the Commission to address the areas of weakness raised in the 2012 audit report and implement all the recommendations;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission and other AU Organs to ensure staff give justifications for home leave travel;
5. **URGES** the Commission to speed up and conclude the study on salary review which also addresses the preferential rates for Brussels and Geneva Offices, and submit it for consideration during the AU summit of June /July 2014;
6. **URGES** the Commission to put its efforts to improve the implementation rate of all the programs planned during each year;
7. **REQUESTS** all AU Organs to submit quarterly budget performance reports to Policy Bodies;
8. **CALLS UPON** all AU Organs to cooperate with the Board of External Auditors when carrying out annual audits and submit the audited reports to Policy Bodies;
9. **REQUESTS** the Commission to carry out a study on how the Board of External Auditors can be strengthened and report to the AU summit in June /July 2014.



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE PRC SUB-COMMITTEE  
ON MULTILATERAL COOPERATION WITH RESPECT TO  
AFRICA'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS  
Doc. EX.CL/802(XXIV)iv**

**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the PRC Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation with respect to Africa's Strategic Partnerships;
2. **REQUESTS** the Commission, working with a Panel of African Experts, and in collaboration with the Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation, to undertake a comprehensive evaluation of all Africa's Strategic Partnerships, bearing in mind the Africa's Agenda 2063 and to submit the Report during the 23<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session of the AU Summit in June/July 2014;
3. **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained in the Report;

***ON TICAD V SUMMIT***

4. **EXPRESSES** profound gratitude and appreciation to the People and Government of Japan for successfully hosting the TICAD V Summit, held in Yokohama, Japan, from 1 to 3 June 2013;
5. **ENDORSES** the Yokohama Declaration and the TICAD V Action Plan adopted by the TICAD V Summit and **REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with the Co-organizers and other stakeholders, to ensure full implementation of the Action Plan;
6. **WELCOMES** the offer made by the Republic of Cameroon to host the TICAD Ministerial Meeting in May 2014 and **REQUESTS** the Commission in collaboration with the PRC and the Host Country to make all the necessary preparations for the successful convening of the meeting
7. **ALSO WELCOMES** the adoption of the principle of Rotation in hosting the TICAD V follow up mechanisms, including the Summit, and **REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Commission to undertake consultations with Member States of the African Union with a view to identifying the host for TICAD VI Summit to be held in Africa in 2018;

***ON THE 3RD AFRICA-ARAB SUMMIT***

8. **RECOMMENDS** the report on the outcome of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Africa-Arab Summit held in Kuwait in November, 19-20, 2013 for consideration by the Assembly;
9. **WELCOMES AND RECOMMENDS** to the Assembly to endorse the offer made by the Republic of Equatorial Guinea to host the 4th Africa-Arab Summit in 2016

and **REQUESTS** the Commission to begin consultations with the country with a view to deciding on the exact dates of the Summit.

#### **ON AFRICA-TURKEY PARTNERSHIP**

10. **AGREES** to hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> Africa-Turkey Summit in November 2014 and **REQUESTS** the Commission to convene a Senior Officials Meeting as soon as possible to develop a Roadmap for the hosting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Africa-Turkey Summit and endorse that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Summit will be hosted in Equatorial Guinea;

#### **ON AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA (ASA) PARTNERSHIP**

11. **REQUESTS** the PRC and the Commission, in consultation with the South American side, to urgently finalize work towards jointly establishing an ASA Financing Mechanism and Fund for the implementation of agreed specific projects;
12. **ALSO REQUESTS** the PRC and the Commission, in consultation with the South American side, to take urgent steps for the implementation of concrete projects that would attract benefits to the two sides;
13. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the PRC and the Commission, working closely with the South American side, to agree on the modalities for the functioning of the ASA Strategic Presidential Committee.

#### **ON AFRICA-EU PARTNERSHIP**

14. **TAKES NOTE** of the progress made in the preparation of the 4th Africa – EU Summit under the Theme “Investing for Peoples’ Prosperity and Peace”;
15. **STRESSES** the imperative need for all partners including the European Union to extend specific invitations to all AU Heads of State and Government for their full participation in all partnership Summits and in this regard, **MANDATES** the Commission to follow up on the matter to ensure respect and implementation of this principle;
16. **ENDORSES** the final Revised African Position Paper on the Restructuring of the Africa-EU Dialogue (Rev.4); and the recommendations contained therein; and
17. **URGES** the Commission, in collaboration with the Follow-Up Committee on Africa-EU Partnership and the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation to expedite action on the process of preparation of the Summit including the finalization of the working and outcome documents.

***ON AFRICA-CHINA PROCESS***

18. **REQUESTS** the Commission in collaboration with the host country, to make necessary logistical and material preparations for the 10th Senior Officials Meeting of FOCAC to be held in South Africa during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2014;

***ON AFRICA-KOREA FORUM***

19. **URGES** the Commission, in collaboration with the Korean side, to draft the implementation matrix for the Africa-Korea Joint Action Plan before 31 March 2014 and convene the Joint Experts meeting during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2014 to finalize the document;

***ON AFRICA-INDIA PARTNERSHIP***

20. **WELCOMES** the signing of the Plan of Action of the Enhanced Framework for Cooperation of the 2nd Africa-India Forum Summit 2011-2014; and **ENCOURAGES** both parties for the steps being taken to implement it;
21. **EXPRESSES CONCERN** over the delay in finalizing consultations on the remaining Institutes to be established in Africa;
22. **CALLS UPON** AU Member States and the Commission to finalize consultations on the locations of the remaining Institutes to be established by India in Africa;
23. **REQUESTS** AU Member States that have expressed their willingness to host these Institutes to abide by the MoU signed with the Indian side;
24. **CALLS FOR** the setting up of a Joint Working Group to accelerate implementation of the programs and projects contained in the Plan of Action within the agreed deadline.



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES,  
RETURNEES AND INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS IN AFRICA  
Doc. EX.CL/802(XXIV)v**

**The Executive Council**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons in Africa;
2. **CALLS UPON** all Member States that have not yet done so to expedite signing and ratification of the Kampala Convention on Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and to implement the Action-Plan aimed at addressing the root causes and challenges of forced displacement on the continent;
3. **RECALLS** Decision Ex.CL/Dec.567(XVII) of July 2010 raising from 2% to 4% of the operational budget in a gradual manner with effect from January 2011 to enable the AU have a quantum of funds to meet emergency humanitarian interventions;
4. **STRESSES** the need to review and clarify the roles and mandates of the Sub-Committee on Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons in Africa and that of the Special Emergency Assistance Fund for Drought and Famine in Africa (SEAF) to enable them effectively fulfil their mandates;
5. **URGES** the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons in Africa to undertake field missions to DRC and Seychelles in the course of 2014.



**DECISION ON MEMBER STATES' CONTRIBUTIONS**  
**Doc. EX.CL/802(XXIV)vi**

**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Sub-Committee on African Union Member States' Contributions;
2. **COMMENDS** the countries that are up-to-date in their contributions;
3. **INVITES** Member States to pay their contributions on time and **ENCOURAGES** other Member States that are in arrears to clear the amounts owed;
4. **COMMENDS** the Republic of Seychelles with special commendations for honouring its commitments vis-à-vis the African Union;
5. **EXPRESSES SERIOUS CONCERN** on the obstructions imposed by external powers on the transfer of the Republic of Sudan's contributions to the Union and **REQUESTS** the Commission to work with the Republic of The Sudan to find ways and means to make the payment;
6. **RECOMMENDS** that sanctions be imposed against the following Member States for non-payment of contributions:
  - i) Central African Republic;
  - ii) Republic of Guinea Bissau;
7. **RECALLS** the AU regulations on payment of Contributions and **REITERATES** the commitment of all AU Member States to implement it and **DECIDES** that on an exceptional basis, given the efforts made by the People and State of Madagascar to join again the family of the African Union after a long standing crisis, to suspend temporarily the sanctions against Madagascar;
8. **URGES** Madagascar to clear its contribution arrears at least 30 days before the commencement of the next session of the Executive Council in July 2014;
9. **REQUESTS** the Federal Republic of Somalia to start paying its contribution normally as from January 2014 by arranging with the Commission to establish a convenient schedule for payment of its arrears;
10. **REQUESTS** the Commission to impose disciplinary sanctions against Departments that fail to submit their reports to partners on time, so as to avoid delays in the release of partner funds.

**DECISION ON THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION FOR 2013**  
**Doc. EX.CL/803(XXIV)**

**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Annual Report of the Commission and **COMMENDS** the Chairperson of the Commission and her team for spearheading the programmes and activities of the African Union as well as the rich comments and observations of Member States on the same;
2. **ENCOURAGES** the Commission to pursue its efforts, in collaboration with Member States, Regional Economic Communities and other relevant Stakeholders, including the Civil Society, in addressing the key issues identified in the Report towards the achievement of the targets set in the Strategic Plan 2014-2017, the follow up of the Solemn Declaration on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary outcomes; the adoption of Africa Agenda 2063 framework and the post 2015 Development Agenda, the coordination of activities linked to the Year of Agriculture and Food Security as well as the operationalization of the Africa Peace and Security Architecture (APSA), the continued support to Member States in conflict situations; the AU Flagship Projects, including PIDA, CAADP, Pan African University, CARMMA, the Pharmaceutical Plan, Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa (SDGEA); the Youth Policy, the Integration deepening as well as the promotion of the Defence of Africa's strategic interests on the world scene;
3. **CALLS UPON** Member States to support the programmes and activities of the Commission by timely paying up their assessed contributions and providing the relevant information on the implementation of the legal instruments and decisions of the Union as well as through contributing to the development and mobilization of additional domestic and innovative resources, including the AU Foundation as approved by the 22<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Session of the Assembly for these resources to enable the AU to fulfil its Strategic Plan without over depending on external resources;
4. **STRESSES** the need for the Commission, Member States, RECs and other relevant stakeholders to devise ways and means of building on the rich outcomes of the recently concluded Ministerial Retreat in Bahar Dar, Ethiopia held from 24 to 26 January 2014 with a view to coming up with concrete recommendations on the development of Agenda 2063 and mobilisation of requisite resources in the Continent to achieve its targets in the spirit of full ownership and accountability;
5. **CONGRATULATES** Madagascar and the newly democratically elected president and salutes Madagascar for the regaining of its seat in the African Union after having fulfilled all the conditions for return to constitutional order.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON  
DEVELOPMENT OF THE AFRICAN UNION AGENDA 2063  
Doc. EX.CL/805 (XXIV)**

**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the development of the African Union Agenda 2063, as well as the detailed Progress Report and the Draft Framework document that have been submitted to Member States;
2. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the progress attained in the development of the Framework Document and **COMMENDS** the efforts of all contributors in this regard;
3. **WELCOMES** the sustained efforts of the Commission to engage Africans and people of African descent to get their aspirations, and **REQUESTS** Member States to study the draft framework document and provide the Commission with inputs not later than mid-April 2014, for use in enriching and finalising the Agenda 2063 document;
4. **REITERATES** its request to the Commission in collaboration with the PRC to expedite the remaining work with the goal of providing a fully developed Draft Agenda 2063 by the Mid-Year AU Summit in June/July 2014, and to submit a comprehensive monitoring and evaluating framework as well as the first ten year implementation plan for consideration in January 2015;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to ensure that the Pan-African Development goals of Agenda 2063 inform Africa's Common Position on the Post 2015 Development Agenda and other relevant global negotiations.



**DECISION ON THE SIXTH ORDINARY JOINT ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE AU  
CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE AND ECA  
CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN MINISTERS OF FINANCE,  
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
Doc.EX.CL/806(XXIV)**

**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Sixth Ordinary Joint Annual Meetings of the African Union (AU) Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, from 25 to 26 March 2013; and **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained in the Report;
2. **RECALLS** Resolution (8) of the 6th Joint Ordinary Annual Meetings of the African Union (AU) Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development held in March 2013 in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, and Decision Assembly/AU/Dec/486 (XXI) of the AU Summit of Heads of State and Government held in May 2013 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, respectively, requesting the convening of an Extra-Ordinary Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance;
3. **NOTES** that the Extra-Ordinary meeting of the Ministers of Economy and Finance which was scheduled for 24 to 25 October and later October 31 to 01 November, 2013 respectively could not take place because a quorum could not be formed; and request the Commission to implement the resolution and Decision in paragraph (2) before the Seventh Joint Ordinary Annual Meetings of the African Union (AU) Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development to be held in, Abuja, Nigeria in March 2014;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report to the Assembly at its next Ordinary Session in June/July 2014.



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE NINTH CONFERENCE OF  
MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANIMAL RESOURCES  
Doc. EX.CL/807(XXIV)**

**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Ninth Ministerial Conference on Animal Resources on increasing and sustaining investment in livestock sector held in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, from 18 to 19 April 2013, and **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained therein;
2. **WELCOMES** the sustained efforts of the Commission to promote the development of livestock as a resource for food security, regional integration and economic development on the continent;
3. **CONTINUES** to invite Member States to honour the Maputo commitments to allocate 10% of their national budgets to agriculture, by introducing policy and institutional reforms to attract investments, especially within the framework of public/private partnerships;
4. **URGES** the Commission and RECs to enhance initiatives fostering regional integration through harmonisation of veterinary and animal science curricula based on international standards, mobility of professionals and mutual recognition of qualifications by Member States;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to lead and coordinate the formulation of a Livestock Development Strategy for the Continent that will fast track the reforms in the sector and the realization of its full potential , and to report to the Executive Council in January 2015;
6. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission and the RECs:
  - i) to assist Member States in identifying and strengthening initiatives on conservation and utilisation of African Animal genetic resources, including establishment of gene banks for in-situ and ex-situ conservation;
  - ii) to support Member States in strengthening resilience of livestock production systems and livestock dependent communities to extreme events including outbreaks of diseases affecting resilience.
7. **CALLS UPON** the relevant development partners to provide the required technical and financial support to Member States, the Commission and RECs to ensure the effective implementation of this Decision;
8. **ENCOURAGES** Member States to recognize and support the role of women in livestock development.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE NINTH SESSION OF  
THE LABOUR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION  
Doc.EX.CL/808(XXIV)**

**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Ninth Ordinary Session of the Labour and Social Affairs Commission of the African Union (LSAC9), held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 8 to 12 April 2013, and of the recommendations contained therein;
2. **ENDORSES** the decisions of the LSAC9, in particular, the following:
  - i) The Youth and Women Employment Pact as a framework for reducing Youth and Women unemployment by at least two percent (2%) annually in line with Assembly Declaration on Creating Employment for Accelerating Youth Development and Empowerment (Assembly/AU/Decl.1(XVII)) and the African Youth Decade Plan of Action 2009-2018;
  - ii) Appropriate measures to strengthen the capacity of labour market institutions, including through enhancing the capacity and modernizing the existing African Regional Labour Administration Centres (ARLACs);
  - iii) The Communication Strategy for the Implementation of the Social Protection Plan for the Informal Economy and Rural Workers (SPIREWORK) towards the provision of social protection coverage for the informal economy and rural workers and members of their families;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to:
  - i) Accelerate the implementation of the AU Labour Market Information System Harmonization Framework; and directs that the Technical Working Group on Employment and Informal Economy should be Tripartite to include social partners;
  - ii) Collaborate with the RECs for the harmonization of labour and social protection laws, as part of measures to improve regional labour migration as an important factor in sustainable development.
4. **TAKES NOTE** of the Decision of the Labour and Social Affairs Commission to support the establishment of a Tertiary Training Institute on Social Security in Algiers, an initiative undertaken by the Algerian Government;
5. **WELCOMES** the offer by the Republic Namibia to host the Special Session of the Labour and Social Affairs Commission (LSAC) on the progress of implementation of the Ouagadougou 2004 Declaration and Plan of Action in Windhoek, Namibia, on 21-25 April 2014, in line with the Executive Council Decision EX.CL/Dec.648(XIX). The Special Session will also prepare for the

Extraordinary Session of Heads of States and Government , which is to be held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, in September 2014;

6. **REQUESTS** the Commission to follow-up on the implementation of the outcomes of the LSAC9 and report regularly to the Executive Council.



**DECISION ON THE SIXTH CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN  
MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF INTEGRATION (COMAI VI)  
Doc. EX.CL/809(XXIV)**

**The Executive Council,**

- 1 **TAKES NOTE** of the report and declaration of the Sixth Ordinary Session of the Conference of African Ministers in charge of Integration held in Balacava Fort, Mauritius, from 18 to 19 April 2013 and **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained therein;
- 2 **CALLS UPON** Member States to develop and promote a new form and spirit of Pan-Africanism to address current global challenges by incorporating practical measures to maximize the benefits to the continent and achieve emancipation of its development and consolidate its economic transformation;
- 3 **INVITES** Member States to put in place national forums to discuss issues of integration with the various stakeholders, including, private sector, media, women and youth associations, and civil society;
- 4 **URGES** Member States to act together to domesticate regional and continental decisions in line with the Constitutive Act and the Abuja Treaty;
- 5 **REQUESTS** the Commission to undertake the following actions:
  - i) to establish an integration observatory and develop a harmonized framework to scientifically assess the implementation of the integration process, using integration indicators and Common Benchmarks of evaluation and assessment, based on the African Agenda 2063 when approved;
  - ii) to organize an integration forum as a platform for public private dialogue on integration matters and help foster accelerated implementation and responsive policy making;
  - iii) to undertake a study on the integration needs of island and landlocked countries with a view to developing a special assistance programme to accelerate their integration.
- 6 **TAKES NOTE** of the proposal to establish an integration observatory and integration Forum and **CALLS ON** the Commission to undertake an assessment of the financial, structural and legal implications thereof;
- 7 **REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with the RECs, Member States and relevant partners, to convene a consultative meeting on the “Blue Economy”.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN UNION MINISTERS OF HEALTH AND REPORT OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE AFRICAN TASK FORCE ON FOOD AND NUTRITION DEVELOPMENT  
Doc.EX.CL/810(XXIV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Reports of the Sixth Ordinary Session of the Conference of African Union of Ministers of Health (CAMH6), held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 22 to 26 April 2013; and the Fifth Meeting of the African Task Force on Food and Nutrition Development in Africa (ATFFND) that took place in Maseru, Lesotho from 29 to 30 July 2013 and of the recommendations contained therein, as well as the Addis Ababa Declaration on the Outcome of the CAMH6 and **ENDORSES** the recommendations of the Sixth Session of CAMH and the Fifth Meeting of the ATFFND;
2. **ADOPTS** the Continental Framework on the Control and Elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Africa by 2020 and **COMMITTS** to using the Framework for developing and revising national plans, as appropriate;
3. **CALLS UPON** all partners to support initiatives on mitigation of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and NTDs in Africa and together with the RECs, Regional Health Organizations, WHO and other relevant partners to develop and implement Resource Mobilization and Advocacy Strategy for the Continental Framework on the Control and Elimination of NTDs in Africa by 2020, including the framework convention on Tobacco control;
4. **ENDORSES** His Majesty King Letsie III of Lesotho as Champion for Nutrition in Africa to advocate for the child under nutrition and mechanism to help improve the efficiency and effectiveness on nutrition interventions;
5. **RECOMMENDS** to the Assembly for endorsement of the proposal to organize a joint meeting of African Union Ministers of Health and WHO and **REQUESTS** the African Union Commission to work out the modality of the biennial joint meeting with a view to strengthen coordination, avoid duplication and create synergies;
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission to follow-up on the implementation of the outcomes of the Sixth Session of the African Union Conference of Ministers of Health and Fifth Meeting of the ATFFND and report thereon to the Executive Council.

**DECISION ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE  
OF AU MINISTERS OF INDUSTRY (CAMI XX)  
Doc. EX.CL/811(XXIV)**

**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report and **ENDORSES** the Nairobi Declaration of the 20<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Conference of AU Ministers of Industry (CAMI XX) on the theme of Accelerating Industrialisation for Africa within the Post 2015 Development Agenda which was held in Nairobi, Kenya on 13 – 14 June 2013;
2. **DIRECTS** the Commission, in collaboration with UNIDO, UNECA and AfDB to ensure that the African Industrialization is included in the Post 2015 Development Agenda for fostering African Structural Transformation;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission in collaboration with the NEPAD Planning and Coordination Agency, and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to harmonize and coordinate the formulation and implementation of development goals in the area of structural transformation and sustainable economic growth stimulated by industrialization;
4. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to strengthen South – South Industrial Cooperation (SSIC), as an important element of International Cooperation that offers visible and viable opportunities for African countries in their individual and collective pursuit of sustainable industrial growth, structural change and economic diversification;
5. **ENCOURAGES** the Commission, working with Regional Economic Communities (RECs) UNIDO, UNECA and the private sector to implement all Industry Initiatives such as Accelerating Industrial Development of Africa (AIDA) and the African Mining Vision AMV within the framework of boosting intra African Trade and the realization of the Continental Free Trade Area;
6. **RECOGNISES** the importance of industrialization, particularly value addition as a means of creating employment and the consequent need for African Governments to create an enabling environment for the growth of Small and Medium Industries and Enterprises; as well as to collaborate with the private sector to mobilize resources for industrial financing;
7. **DIRECTS** the Commission, UNECA and AfDB to develop and implement concrete mechanisms for mobilizing additional resources dedicated to Industrialization.
8. **STRESSES** the need to enhance the capacity of the Department of Trade and Industry in terms of staffing and relevant expertise to enable it deliver on its programmes and **REQUESTS** the Commission to submit appropriate recommendations to the decision policy organs for consideration within the overall restructuring of the AU Commission.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE HIGH LEVEL MEETING ON RENEWED PARTNERSHIP FOR A UNIFIED APPROACH TO END HUNGER IN AFRICA BY 2025 UNDER THE FRAMEWORK OF THE COMPREHENSIVE AFRICA AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**  
**Doc. EX.CL/812(XXIV)**

**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the High Level Meeting on Partnerships towards Ending Hunger in Africa, that was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June 2013, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; and **ENDORSES** the Declaration of the High Level Meeting On Ending Hunger in Africa by the year 2025;
2. **COMMENDS** the Commission, the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) and the Lula Institute of Brazil for their collaborative efforts in successfully organizing the High Level Meeting;
3. **URGES** Member States to commit and work towards achieving this vision of hunger free Africa by 2025 in implementing Maputo Declaration of July 2003 on Agriculture and Food Security;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission, the FAO and Lula Institute to continue to work together to support Member States in their efforts towards achieving the vision of hunger free Africa by 2025;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission and NPCA to mainstream this vision and strategy within the CAADP planning, monitoring and reporting framework;
6. **REQUESTS** partners to step up their technical and financial support towards materializing this vision;
7. **ENCOURAGES** Member States to invest in the youth in order to allow them contribute effectively to agricultural transformation.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE  
CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN UNION MINISTERS OF SPORT  
Doc. EX.CL/813(XXIV)**

**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Fifth Session of the Conference of African Union Ministers of Sport (CAMS5), held in Abidjan, Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, from 22 to 26 July 2013, and the recommendations contained therein;
2. **ENDORSES** the recommendations of CAMS5 and in particular, the following:
  - i) Implement effective and targeted strategies that integrate sport into the wider human capital development sectors, in particular health, education, science and technology and culture;
  - ii) Provide favourable conditions and opportunities for athletes to train and compete at acceptable standard at national, regional and international levels as part of measures to discourage and minimize the emigration of young talents and proven athletes who are enticed to change nationalities in order to represent countries in other continents;
  - iii) Implement the previous decisions of a monitored minimum quota of twenty percent (20%) of women and persons with disabilities' representation in sport management structures.
3. **TAKES NOTE** of the dissolution of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa (SCSA) by the Extraordinary General Assembly of the SCSA on 26 July 2013 in accordance with the Executive Council Decisions EX.CL/Dec.543(XVI) and EX.CL/Dec.680(XX), as well as the setting up of a Transitional Technical Committee to oversee the transition and smooth integration of the functions of SCSA into the African Union Commission;
4. **REQUESTS** the AU Commission to facilitate the work of the Transitional Technical Committee and to report on the implementation of this decision in January 2015;
5. **COMMENDS** the Republic of Congo for the infrastructure being put in place for the 2015 African Games in Brazzaville;
6. **WELCOMES** the offer by the Republic of Botswana to host the Sixth Session of the African Union Conference of Ministers of Sport in 2015.



**DECISION ON THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND  
DEVELOPMENT BEYOND 2014, ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA,  
30 SEPTEMBER - 4 OCTOBER 2013  
Doc. EX.CL/814(XXIV)**

**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the outcomes of the African Regional Conference on Population and Development, and the Addis Ababa Declaration on ICPD beyond 2014, as well as the report of the 9<sup>th</sup> Session of the African Population Commission (APC);
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the 2012 State of African Population Report devoted to Demographic Dividend and the recommendations contained therein;
3. **NOTES** the recommendations contained in the report of the Africa Population Commission (APC) and the Addis Ababa Declaration on Population and Development in Africa beyond 2014;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission in collaboration with the United Nations system, especially UNFPA to facilitate the implementation of the recommendations and integration into the Africa Common Position on post 2015 development agenda and **INVITES** the members of the High Level Committee on the Post-2015 development agenda to fully support this;
5. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission, through the African Population Commission in collaboration with the United Nations system, especially UNFPA, to follow up on the implementation of the recommendations and report to Assembly.



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION  
OF THE AFRICAN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE  
ON THE ENVIRONMENT (AMCEN)  
Doc. EX.CL/815(XXIV)**

**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Fifth Special Session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment, (AMCEN) held in Gaborone, Botswana, from 15 – 18 October 2013;
2. **ENDORSES** the key messages, recommendations, declaration, and decisions of the Fifth special session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment as follows:
  - i) To reaffirm the African common position on climate change and the key messages as the basis for negotiations by African States on strengthening the international climate change regime and reiterate that the African common position will be continuously backed by new findings, including the best available scientific, economic and technical information;
  - ii) To mandate the African group of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme, in collaboration with African permanent missions in Addis Ababa, Geneva and New York and the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment, to prepare and advance a common strategy for Africa's engagement with the United Nations Environment Assembly on environment and sustainable development matters;
  - iii) To request the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to continue supporting the Africa Ministerial Conference on the Environment in the advancement of its responsibilities as the regional ministerial forum on environment matters.
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with UNEP, UNECA, AfDB and other partners to support and facilitate the implementation of the decisions of the Fifth Special Session of AMCEN and to report on a regular basis to the Executive Council.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE 8<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY SESSION  
OF THE AU CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF TRADE,  
21-25 OCTOBER 2013, ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA  
Doc. EX.CL/816(XXIV)**

**The Executive Council,**

**TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Eight Ordinary Session of the Conference of AU Ministers of Trade (CAMOT 8) held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 21 to 25 October 2013; and **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained in the Report and the Addis Ababa Declaration of CAMOT 8 on AGOA, EPAs and WTO;

**On WTO issues:**

1. **NOTES** the outcome of the 9th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC9) held in Bali, Indonesia in December 2013, mainly on trade facilitation, agriculture and LDC issues;
2. **INVITES** the Ministers of Trade to evaluate the implications of the Bali Agreement and report on its implications for Africa;
3. **REAFFIRMS** full solidarity with all African countries engaged in the process of acceding to the WTO and **INVITES** Members of the WTO to define transparent rules for the implementation of provisions of Article XII of agreement establishing the WTO.

**On Economic Partnership Agreements,**

4. **STRESSES** that the objectives for Economic Partnership Agreement (EPAs) are the achievement of sustainable development of African countries, their smooth and gradual integration in the world economy and the eradication of poverty;
5. **REAFFIRMS** that EPAs must be development-oriented instruments, should not undermine Africa's economic integration and should ensure meaningful market access and policy space;
6. **RECOGNISES** that EPAs are to be a WTO compatible agreement and needs not include WTO plus commitments;
7. **STRESSES** the need to include the EPAs on the agenda of the Fourth Africa-EU Summit to end the current impasse in the EPA negotiations, bearing in mind the upcoming Fourth Africa-EU Summit scheduled to take place in Brussels, Belgium, on 2-3 April 2014;

8. **ENCOURAGES** on going consultations at the level of RECs for harmonization of positions of Member States in order to be able to defend a common position reached by consensus that is acceptable to both parties.

**On AGOA,**

9. **CONGRATULATES** the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia for successfully organizing and hosting the 12<sup>th</sup> AGOA Forum;
10. **TAKES INTO ACCOUNT** Africa's international trade relations and economic partnerships particularly in the context of Sub-Saharan Africa-U.S. Trade and Investment Relations and its cornerstone policy, the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA);
11. **WELCOMES** the positive outcomes of the 12th AGOA Forum, held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on August 12-13, 2013, under the theme "Sustainable Transformation through Trade and Technology";
12. **MANDATES** the African Group of Ambassadors in Washington, D.C., to continue engaging actively with the U.S. Administration and members of Congress towards a timely, seamless and meaningful reauthorization of AGOA by October 2014 for a period of at least 15 years to ensure that trade with the U.S. takes place on a predictable, reliable and legally secure basis in order to inspire investors' confidence;
13. **CALLS UPON** the U.S. Administration to integrate AGOA into an inclusive, predictable and sustainable framework that would promote industrial, commercial and agricultural development in the beneficiary countries, as well as expand targeted trade-capacity building and technical assistance in quality assurance and standards, simplify compliance requirements, improve trade-related infrastructure and trade facilitation; enhance trade support and trade finance; and strengthen the regional integration processes in Africa;
14. **DIRECTS** that a delegation/team of Experts headed by the Chairperson of the Commission and consisting of Commissioner for Trade and Industry, the RECs and others travel to the United States of America (USA) to consult and negotiate with the US Administration on all aspects regarding the extension of AGOA for the next fifteen (15) years.

**On BIAT/CFTA,**

15. **RECOGNIZES** the importance of the Boosting Intra African Trade Agenda and the establishment of the Continental Free Trade Area to the continent's economic development agenda;

16. **TAKES NOTE** of the on-going Tripartite FTA negotiations between COMESA, EAC and SADC;
17. **URGES** the AUC, RECs and Member States to make progress and accelerate the implementation of the Boosting Intra Africa Trade Agenda and the CFTA;
18. **DIRECTS** the AUC, RECs and Member States to fast track the preparations for the negotiations of the CFTA to enable its establishment by the indicative date of 2017.



**DECISION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JULY 2008 ASSEMBLY  
DECLARATION ON THE SHARM EL-SHEIKH COMMITMENTS FOR  
ACCELERATING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF WATER AND  
SANITATION GOALS IN AFRICA [Assembly/AU/ Decl.1 (XI)]  
Doc. EX.CL/817(XXIV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the 2011 Report of the Commission on the Implementation of the July 2008 Assembly Declaration on the Sharm El-Sheikh Commitments for Accelerating the Achievement of Water and Sanitation Goals in Africa;
2. **COMMENDS** the positive response of Member States in conducting self-assessments and providing information for the preparation of the inaugural report to the Assembly of the African Union on progress in achieving water and sanitation goals in Africa;
3. **NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the enormous effort invested by Member States in implementing Assembly Declaration [Assembly/AU/ Decl.1 (XI)] to accelerate the achievement of the water and sanitation goals;
4. **FURTHER NOTES** the great promise of those efforts to assure water and food security in Africa, as well as reducing the vulnerability of many Member States and the peoples of Africa to climate variability and change;
5. **ACKNOWLEDGES** that considerable challenges also still abound, particularly to mobilise the minimum levels of investment required to meet the targets of the Africa Water Vision 2025 for basic water supply and sanitation; irrigated agriculture; and for supporting institutional development, capacity building, research, education and information management;
6. **RECOGNISES** the efforts of the African Union Commission, in collaboration with the African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW), in mobilising the key stakeholders and development partners to strengthen the partnership with AU Member States and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) for establishing a mechanism for regular monitoring, evaluation and reporting on progress in implementing the commitments on water and sanitation to the AU Assembly;
7. **WELCOMES** the Commitment of Africa's leadership to further the pursuit of water and sanitation goals; and on the capacity challenges to be addressed to establish a functional African Water and Sanitation Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting System as a basis for informed decision making within the African Union;
8. **ENCOURAGES** the participation of Member States in the subsequent rounds of the report preparation in order to obtain a complete picture of progress in the implementation of the Sharm El-Sheikh Commitments and requests the

Commission to ensure that the template reaches all MS with a view to ensure that all member states respond;

9. **RECOMMENDS** that the report be updated with data that Member States have promised to provide;

10. **RECOMMENDS** as follows:

- a) to increase investment in Member States to improve access to basic sanitation in Africa and raise the profile of sanitation;
- b) to ensure synergy and complementarity of the efforts of sector institutions and development partners to avoid duplication of actions. Furthermore, more emphasis should be placed on actions with benefits that can be felt at community level, thus improving the living conditions of our people;
- c) to conduct a study to determine levels of underground water available in Member States with a view to support irrigated agriculture. The Commission of the African Union, in collaboration with AMCOW, will support Member States in this activity;
- d) to raise at least 50 million Euros from Member States and development partners to fund implementation of activities for water development, utilisation and management, as well as improvement of hygiene and sanitation at community level. With the aim of reaching at least an additional five million people, focus for this intervention should be placed on the 10 Member States in which the least progress has been reported in water and sanitation development. Part of this funding shall be raised by forgoing water and sanitation events in 2015;
- e) to submit to the Heads of States and Government, the designate His Excellency Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda to provide leadership in the implementation of the intervention in 9(d) above. He will present the 2015 African Water and Sanitation Report to the AU Assembly;
- f) to enhance the capacity of Member States to prepare bankable projects, as well as resolving all bottlenecks hindering an accelerated use of available funds at the African Development Bank to support fragile and poor performing countries in closing the gap for improving their water sector performance;
- g) to intensify efforts to facilitate peer-to-peer experiential learning and networks development among the water and sanitation Monitoring and Evaluation Focal persons at national level, particularly to share lessons from the experiences of the top performing Member States while at the same time appreciating the challenges faced by those Members States facing

difficulties in either implementing the commitments and or monitoring their progress;

- h) to conduct a comprehensive capacity needs assessments by Member States to inform a programme to strengthen national level M&E systems as well as institutionalising the vertical (continental-regional-national) and horizontal (between Member States or regional institutions) linkages required to establish a fully functional African Water and Sanitation M&E System.

11. **ENJOINS** the pursuit of the Africa Water Vision 2025; not as an option but, rather, as vital to unleashing Africa's development potential.





**DECISION ON THE REPORT ON THE SITUATION  
IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND PALESTINE  
Doc. EX.CL/819(XXIV)**

**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the Situation in the Middle East and Palestine; and **RECALLS** all resolutions and decisions of the Organization of African Unity/ African Union on the Situation in Palestine towards achieving lasting peace and security in the Middle East;
2. **REAFFIRMS** its full support to the Palestinian people in their quest for the restoration of their legitimate rights to establish an independent State co-existing peacefully with the State of Israel;
3. **REITERATES** its support for the peaceful resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict in accordance with the principles of international law and all relevant United Nations resolutions; and **EXPRESSES** support for the two-state solution;
4. **WELCOMES** the observer status granted to Palestine by the UN General Assembly on 21 November 2012 and **SUPPORTS** the Palestinians' efforts to obtain the full membership for the State of Palestine in the United Nations; **RENEWS** the call to those countries that have not yet recognised the state of Palestine to do so;
5. **WELCOMES AND SUPPORTS** the recent negotiations between Palestine and Israel based on the Arab Peace Initiative;
6. **CONDEMNS** the continued occupation of Palestinian lands and the Judaization campaign aimed at changing all Islamic and Christian features of the Holy City and reducing the Palestinian population to the fullest extent through the confiscation of their lands and the destruction of their homes;
7. **FURTHER CONDEMNS** the continued expansion of Israeli settlements on Palestinian lands in violation of international law, an action which constitutes a major blockage in the on-going peace processes; And also **CALLS FOR** the immediate cessation of these illegal settlements;
8. **REJECTS AND CONDEMNS** the land and sea blockage imposed on the Gaza Strip and **CALLS FOR** the opening of crossing points to allow free movement of persons and goods; and also **EXPRESSES** concern over the humanitarian crisis caused by these illegal settlements;
9. **DEMANDS** that Israel immediately releases all political Palestinian prisoners languishing in Israeli jails; and **EQUALLY DEMANDS** that Israel refrains from arbitrary arrests of Palestinians including children and women which is an act of violation of international laws and human rights norms including the Geneva Convention on the Rights of Women and Children;

10. **REQUESTS** Member States to continue to stand shoulder to shoulder with the Palestinian people in their struggle to establish a sovereign state over its national territory with Qods El-Sharif (Jerusalem) as its capital; and **FURTHER REQUESTS** Member States that have not yet done so, to recognize the State of Palestine; in this regard, **TAKES NOTE** of the overwhelming support of the United Nations General Assembly of 21 November 2012 for the right of people to self-determination;
11. **EXPRESSES** its grave concern over the persistent conflict situation in Syria, **ALSO EXPRESSES** its unflinching support to the UN/LAS Special Envoy, H.E. Lakhadar Brahimi, for his constant efforts in assisting the Syrian parties to arrive at a nationally acceptable solution to the conflict and **ENCOURAGES** the Syrian parties to cooperate with the Special Envoy in order to reach a lasting peace in their country;
12. **ENDORSES** the recommendations of the Conference of Ministers of the Islamic Conference held in Conakry, Guinea in December 2013 and those of the Al Qods Committee held in January 2014.



**DECISION ON THE THIRTY- FIFTH ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE  
AFRICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS  
Doc. EX.CL/824(XXIV)**

**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Thirty-fifth (35th) Activity Report of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and the recommendations contained therein and **AUTHORISES** its publication;
2. **EXPRESSES** appreciation for the efforts deployed by the ACHPR during the reporting period to promote and protect human rights in Africa;
3. **TAKES NOTE** of the human rights situation on the continent as outlined in the Activity Report, **CONGRATULATES** those Member States that have taken positive measures to improve the human rights situation in their respective countries; and **EXHORTS** those Member States, where challenges have been identified, to take concerted action to address the continuing concerns in their countries;
4. **CALLS UPON** Member States to implement decisions and recommendations of the ACHPR, respond to Urgent Appeals from the ACHPR, and to comply with Provisional Measures issued by the ACHPR;
5. **COMMITTS** to provide adequate resources (human, material and financial) to the ACHPR to enable it effectively implement the crucial and sensitive mandate entrusted to it;
6. **REITERATES** its request for the AUC to expedite the recruitment process for the ACHPR Secretariat to enable the ACHPR effectively deliver on the mandate entrusted to it;
7. **AUTHORISES** the ACHPR to implement the applicable provisions of Executive Council Decision EX.cl/351(XI) with regards to sitting allowances within the confines of the budget already approved for the ACHPR in 2014;
8. **REQUESTS** the African Union Commission (AUC) to finalize insurance cover for Members of the Commission;
9. **EXHORTS** the AUC to finalize the harmonization of the emoluments of elected officials and submit proposals to the next Ordinary Session of the Council;
10. **COMMENDS** Member States that are up to date with their reporting obligations under Article 62 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (the African Charter), and **ENCOURAGES** all those that have overdue Reports to submit them as soon as possible;

11. **TAKES NOTE** of the offer by the Republic of Angola and the Republic of Niger to host the 55<sup>th</sup> and 56<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sessions of the ACHPR respectively, and **ENCOURAGES** other Member States, especially those that have never done so, to consider hosting some of the future Sessions of the ACHPR;
12. **DECLARES** 2016, “the African Year of Human and People’s Rights, particularly, Women’s Rights”, in commemoration of 35 years of the adoption of the African Charter, 30 years of the entry into force of the African Charter, 29 years of the operationalization of the Commission and 10 years of the operationalization of the African Court;
13. **REQUESTS** the Commission and the African Court and all the relevant stakeholders, to submit a Concept Note, setting out the rationale and modalities for celebrating the year 2016 as the African Year of Human and Peoples’ Rights, particularly Women’s Rights,, and to ensure the involvement of other AU Organs with human rights mandate.



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE FACT-FINDING MISSION  
TO THE REPUBLIC OF MALI BY THE ACHPR  
Doc. EX.CL/824(XXIV)**

**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Fact-Finding Mission to the Republic of Mali and the recommendations contained therein;
2. **EXPRESSES** its appreciation to the ACHPR for undertaking the fact-finding mission to Mali as mandated by the Solemn Declaration on the Situation in Mali adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the AU during its 19<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session;
3. **REAFFIRMS** the commitment of the Union to remain engaged with its efforts towards finding a lasting solution to the situation in Mali, and **CALLS UPON** the international community to provide it with the necessary support;
4. **UNDERSCORES** that the protection of human rights is the collective responsibility of all, and **EXHORTS** the Malian authorities, the international community and all other stakeholders to continue to work together to ensure respect for the human rights of all those within the country.



**DECISION ON THE 2013 ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE  
AFRICAN COURT ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS  
Doc. EX.CL/825(XXIV)**

**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Activity Report of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Court) for 2013 and the recommendations therein, including the non-compliance of Libya with the Courts' Order as well as the reservations and concerns of Libya on paragraphs 26 to 33, 110 and 114;
2. **CONGRATULATES** the Court for the activities it has undertaken during the period under consideration;
3. **URGES** all Member States, and parties appearing before the Court, to co-operate fully with the Court in the exercise of its mandate, to assure the proper administration of justice;
4. **TAKES NOTE** of the adoption of a legal assistance policy and of the proposal to establish a special fund and the institutionalisation of Dialogue among African judicial systems and **REQUESTS** the Commission in collaboration with the PRC and the African Court to carry out a study on the advisability and feasibility of the fund as well as the financial implications of the said Dialogue;
5. **TAKES NOTE** that the year 2016 marks a veritable watershed in the continental human rights trajectory: 2016 celebrates the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the African Charter in 1981; 2016 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the entry into force of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights in 1986; the year marks the 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the operationalization of the African Commission in 1987 and; 2016 also marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the operationalization of the Court;
6. **WELCOMES FURTHER** and **ENDORSES** the recommendation made by both the Court and the African Commission to declare 2016 as the African Year of Human and Peoples' Rights particularly Women Rights as indicated in the proposal document submitted by the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights and the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights;
7. **REQUESTS** the Court and the Commission to submit a detailed Concept Note, setting out the rationale and modalities for celebrating the year 2016 as the Africa Year of Human and Peoples Rights, particularly Women Rights and to ensure the involvement of other AU Organs with human rights mandate, and submit a report to the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in June, 2014;
8. **AUTHORISES** the Court to report on its activities at each regular session of the Executive Council in accordance with article 31 of the Protocol relating to the African Court;

9. **REQUESTS** the Court to propose, for consideration by the PRC, a concrete reporting mechanism that will enable it bring to the attention of relevant policy organs, situations of non-compliance and/or other issues within its mandate, at any time, when the interest of justice so requires;
10. **NOTES WITH CONCERN** that, fourteen years after its adoption, only twenty six Member States of the African Union have ratified the Protocol establishing the Court and only seven of the twenty six State Parties have made the declaration required under Article 34 (6) of the Protocol, allowing individuals and NGOs to bring cases to the Court;
11. **CONGRATULATES** the twenty-six State Parties to the Protocol, and the seven State Parties that have made the declaration required under Article 34 (6) of the Protocol;
12. **INVITES** those Member States that have not already done so, to ratify the Protocol and make the declaration required under Article 34 (6) of the Protocol;
13. **CONGRATULATES** the Government of the Republic of Tanzania for the physical facilities it has placed at the disposal of the Court to enable it function, and **URGES** the Government to take urgent steps to ensure the construction of the permanent premises of the Court;
14. **CALLS UPON** AfCHPR to circulate all the reports to Member States in the respective AU working languages so as to enable them to respond on time;
15. **REQUESTS** the PRC to report at the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in June/July 2014 on the implementation of this Decision.



**DECISION ON THE OUTCOMES OF THE BAHIR DAR MINISTERIAL  
RETREAT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
Doc. EX.CL/Retreat/Rpt(XXIV)**

**The Executive Council,**

**ENDORSES** the Outcomes Document of the Bahir Dar Ministerial Retreat of the Executive Council, 24-26 January 2014, hosted by the Chairperson of the Executive Council, the Federal Republic of Ethiopia and **DECIDES** on the following:

1. The institutionalization of an Annual Foreign Ministers Retreat to be held before the January Summit, around a specific theme or themes, to enable brainstorming, joint strategizing and monitoring of continental priorities.
2. The establishment of a Ministerial Committee on Agenda 2063 that will provide political direction to the development of the final document and report to the Executive Council on implementation. The membership of the Committee are the Retreat Moderators Algeria, Angola, Cameroon, Ghana and Rwanda, the Chairs of the eight officially recognised Regional Economic Communities as well as the outgoing and incoming Chairperson of the Executive Council. The Chairperson of the Commission, Chief Executive Officer of the NEPAD Agency, President of the African Development Bank, and Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa shall also be part of this Committee. The tenure of this Committee shall be two years, following which the membership shall be reviewed, taking into account the spirit of rotation and regional balance.
3. The creation of an Annual Africa platform for regular engagement between the political leadership, business leaders, intellectuals, the private sector and civil society on issues of economic transformation and industrialisation.
4. The need to stress the indivisibility of Africa in all partnerships and international fora, and encourage pooled sovereignty around key integration issues and common African positions, in areas where Africa benefits from block negotiations, such as (i) Trade; (ii) Climate change, the Green economy and collective food security; and (iv) the global Post 2015- and sustainable development agenda; and empower the AU Commission to lead and coordinate such negotiations with Member states.
5. Building financial independence and sustainability of key continental bodies such as the AU Commission by adopting strategies for self-financing of both operational and programme activities. In this context, the upcoming meeting of Finance and Economy Ministers to be held in March 2014 in Abuja, is requested to take into account the perspectives of this retreat, in particular consideration of the proposal from the Retreat for a levy of up to 0,5% on national budgets, towards financing the AU institutions and programmes.
6. Reviving and strengthening key Pan Africanist civil society movements, particularly the women and youth movements.



7. Tasking the Commission with the development of an action plan, focusing on the 'key strategic initiatives for 2014', that will give effect to the outcomes of the retreat, and to engaging all AU Organs, RECs and other relevant stakeholders on the outcomes.



**DECISION ON THE LOCATION OF THE AFRICAN  
INSTITUTE FOR REMITTANCES (AIR)**

**The Executive Council,**

1. **RECALLS** its Decision EX.CL/Dec.736(XXII) of January 2013 on the location of the African Institute for Remittances (AIR);
2. **ACCEPTS** the offer of the Republic of Kenya to host the African Institute for Remittances (AIR);
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to conclude the Host Agreement with the Republic of Kenya so as to ensure the formal take-off of the Institute in 2014;
4. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission in collaboration with the World Bank, the African Development Bank, IOM and European Commission, and Development Partners to support the Institute.



**DECISION ON SCALE OF ASSESSMENT**  
**Doc. EX.CL.827(XXIV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Ministerial Committee on the Review of the Scale of Assessment;
2. **DECIDES** to endorse the recommendations of the Ministerial Committee as follows:
  - i) The new AU Scale of Assessment will be based on a ceiling of 12.904 percent without the imposition of a floor rate
  - ii) The scale will be implemented for the financial years 2014, 2015 and 2016
3. **ADOPTS** the new AU Scale of Assessment;<sup>1</sup>
4. **URGES** Member States to promptly pay their assessed contributions;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to employ most effective means to encourage Member States, individually, which have the capacity to and are able to pay over and above their assessed contribution to do so.



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<sup>1</sup> Reservations made by the Sudan and Burundi

**DECISION ON AFRICAN CANDIDATURES IN  
THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM  
Doc.EX.CL/821(XXIV)**

**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Ministerial Committee on African Candidates in the international system;
2. **ENDORSES** the following candidatures:
  - i) as a member of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of the United Nations, the candidature of Mr. Clément Atangana of the Republic of Cameroon for re-election and the candidature of Mr. Azzouz Kerdoun of the Republic of Algeria for re-election;
  - ii) the post of Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), the candidature of Mr. Martin CHUNGONG of the Republic of Cameroon;
  - iii) as member of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the candidature of Mr. Umaru Basharu of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the candidature of Mr. Pyaneandee Coomara of Mauritius;
  - iv) the post of Director General of the Organization of World Intellectual Property, the candidature of Mr. Geoffrey Onyeama of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
  - v) the post of Judge of the International Criminal Court, the candidature of Mr. Antoine Kesia-Mbe Mindua of the Democratic Republic of Congo;
  - vi) as Judge at the International Tribunal of the Law of the Sea for the period 2014-2023, the candidature of Judge Albertus Jacobus Hoffmann of South Africa for re-election and the candidature of Judge James Luta Kateka of Tanzania for re-election.
3. **ALSO ENDORSES** the candidature of the Republic of Angola for the position of non-permanent member of the Security Council of the United Nations for the period 2015-2016;
4. **NOTES** and **DECIDES** to differ:
  - i) The application of the Republic of Sudan for re-election and that of the Republic of Senegal for consultation within the Labour and Social Affairs Commission (LSAC) in accordance with Decision EX.CL.Dec.398 (XII) which requires that candidatures for positions within the International Labour Organization be subject for consideration by LSAC through the African Union Office in Geneva;

- ii) The candidature of Dr Fatoumate Nafo Traore of the Republic of Mali/The candidature of Dr. Matshidiso Moeti of the Republic of Botswana/The candidature of Professor Thérèse Aya N'Dri-Yoman of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire; to the post of Regional Director of WHO to the June/July 2014 Session of the Committee;
- iii) The candidature of Eng. Shola Taylor of the Federal Republic of Nigeria / The candidature of Mr. Mongi Hamdi of the Republic of Tunisia / The candidature of Mrs. Fatimetou Mint Mohamed Saleck of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania to the post of Deputy Secretary General of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) for the period 2014 – 2018 to the June/July 2014 Session of the Committee.

5. **TAKES NOTE** and **DECIDES** to postpone to July 2014 and January 2015 the consideration of:

- i) the candidature of the Republic of Senegal to the post of non-permanent member of the Security Council of the United Nations for the period 2016-2017;
- ii) The candidature of Mr. Jeremiah Lengoasa of the Republic of South Africa to the post of Secretary General of the World Meteorological Organization for the period 2016 to 2020, during elections to be held in May 2015.

6. **APPROVE** the Draft Revised Rules of Procedure of the Ministerial Committee on Candidatures in the international system.




**DECISION ON ELECTION OF TEN MEMBERS OF THE  
PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE AFRICAN UNION  
DOC. EX.CL/822(XXIV)**

**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Election of Ten (10) Members of the Peace of Security Council of the African Union;

2. **ELECTS** the following ten (10) Members of the Peace and Security Council **for a two(2)-year term** as 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014:



1.	Burundi	Central Region
2.	Chad	Central Region
3.	Ethiopia	Eastern Region
4.	Tanzania	Eastern Region
5.	Libya	Northern Region
6.	Namibia	Southern Region
7.	South Africa	Southern Region
8.	Gambia	Western Region
9.	Guinea	Western Region
10.	Niger	Western Region

3. **RECOMMENDS** the elected Members for appointment by the Twenty-second Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union.

**DECISION ON THE ELECTION OF THE PAN AFRICAN  
UNIVERSITY COUNCIL**

**The Executive Council,**

1. **CONSIDERS** the requirement of the Pan African University statutes for the nomination of candidates for the President and Vice President for the PAU Council and Takes note that the regional list of prospective candidates should be proposed by the Bureau Members of the COMEDAF for consideration and election by the Executive Council;
2. **TAKES NOTE** of the efforts done by the Commission in reminding and urging the Bureau of COMEDAF to nominate their regional candidates for the PAU Council election for the January 2014 Summit;
3. **EXPRESSES** concern on the slow response from the Members of the Bureau of COMEDAF in nominating their regional candidates for the PAU Council;
4. **DECIDES** that the Commission expeditiously identifies competent regional candidates in consultation with COMEDAF Bureau Members and submit a regional list of potential candidates for the President and Vice President of the PAU Council to the next Assembly in July 2014.



**RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO THE ASSEMBLY FOR A  
DECLARATION ON THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE BORDER DISPUTE  
BETWEEN CAMEROON AND NIGERIA: THE BAKASSI CASE**

1. On 14/08/2013, two months after the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the OAU/AU, a major event in the area of peaceful resolution of conflicts took place at a time when violent conflicts were raging in many African Countries. Indeed, the resolution of the Bakassi border dispute between the sister Nations of Cameroon and Nigeria which lasted for 20 years came, on that historic date, to its final conclusion in peace and harmony.
2. Africa owes this happy conclusion to the Heads of State of Cameroon and Nigeria who had chosen right from the outbreak of the conflict, to seize the International Court of Justice (IC), the Hague, of the matter. The African Union, which endeavors for the realization of a peaceful, integrated and prosperous Africa by 2063, welcomes on the one hand, this major lesson of maturity and wisdom which does great honor to Africa as a whole and which spared the Continent a fratricidal war with incalculable consequences and stresses on the other hand, that the approach adopted by Cameroon and Nigeria should be a source of inspiration for all African actors involved in conflicts.
3. In the light of the historical scope of this peace oriented action, the AU expresses its sincere congratulations to the Heads of State of the two Countries as well as to M. Koffi ANNAN, former Secretary General of the UN and to the States witnesses to the GREEN TREE Agreement which made it possible to implement the ICJ judgment pronounced on 10 October 2002.
4. The AU wishes that the International Community recognizes this event as a strong point worthy of praise and a significant contribution of Africa to safeguard world peace.