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**DRAFT AGENDA**

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**29 JANUARY 2017**

### **I. RETREAT OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT (Member States (1+2), Heads of AU Organs and CEO of RECs)**

The Assembly adopted Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.606(XXVII) on the Institutional Reform of the African Union at its Twenty-Seventh Ordinary Session held in Kigali, Rwanda. The decision provides as follows:

*“The Assembly*

- 1. RECALLS the outcomes of the Retreat of Heads of State and Government, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Ministers of Finance held in Kigali, Rwanda on 16 July 2016, on the need to conduct a study on the institutional reform of the African Union (AU);*
- 2. DECIDES to entrust the preparation of the study to H.E Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda with a view to submitting a report on the proposed reforms and thus put in place a system of governance capable of addressing the challenges facing the Union. To this end, President Kagame may, in collaboration with the Commission, make use of any expertise of his choice to effectively carry out his mission”.*

**President Paul Kagame will present his report to the Assembly for consideration.**

**DAY ONE: 30 JANUARY 2017**

### **II. SESSION 1: CLOSED CLOSED SESSION (1+2<sup>1</sup>, Heads of AU Organs and CEO of RECs)**

- i) Report of the Commission on the Implementation of Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.605(XXVII) on Financing the African Union adopted in Kigali, Rwanda in July 2016**

Vide Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.605(XXVII) on the Outcome of the Retreat of the Assembly of the African Union, the Assembly decided “to institute and implement a 0.2 percent Levy on all eligible imported goods into the Continent to finance the African Union Operational, Program and Peace Support Operations Budgets starting from the year 2017”. **The Deputy Chairperson, on behalf of the Commission will submit a report and will be complemented by Dr. Kaberuka, where necessary, on measures taken in implementation of this Decision to the Assembly for consideration.**

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<sup>1</sup> Head of Delegation + Minister + Permanent Representative

**ii) Report of the Commission on the Continental Free Trade Area (CFTA) and the Mechanism to eliminate Non Trade Barriers (NTBs) in Africa**

Vide Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.608(XXVII) on the Continental Free Trade Area adopted by the 27th Ordinary Session of the Assembly held in Kigali, Rwanda in July 2016, the Assembly, among others, requested the Commission “to present feasible options on how to eliminate non-trade barriers among African countries to foster intra-African trade”. The Commissioner for Trade and Industry, on behalf of the Commission, will submit a report on the implementation of this Decision to the Executive Council for consideration – **Doc. Assembly/AU/4(XXVIII)**

**iii) Consideration of the Request by Morocco to become a Member State of the African Union**

The Kingdom of Morocco has indicated its intention to accede to the Constitutive Act of the African Union and be admitted as the 55<sup>th</sup> Member State of the African Union. The Chairperson of the Commission has communicated to the Kingdom of Morocco the procedures for membership in accordance with relevant provisions of the Constitutive Act of the African Union. The Chairperson of the Commission has also forwarded Morocco’s request to all Member States for their consideration and subsequent transmission of their decision thereon. **The Chairperson of the Commission will present a report to the Assembly for consideration.**

**iv) Election of the Bureau of the Assembly of the African Union**

The Dean of the African Diplomatic Corps, H.E Mr. Jacques-Alfred Ndoumbe Eboulé, Ambassador of the Republic of Cameroon and Permanent Representative to the African Union will announce the results of the consultations carried out among the five (5) regions to determine the Members of the Bureau, namely the Chairperson, the first Vice-Chairperson, the second Vice-Chairperson and the third Vice-Chairperson as well as the Rapporteur for 2017, for consideration by the Assembly.

**v) Adoption of the Agenda**

The Chairperson of the Assembly will submit the agenda items proposed for discussion to the Assembly for consideration.

**vi) Organization of Work**

The Chairperson of the Assembly will propose working hours to the Assembly for consideration.

### III. SESSION 2: OPEN SESSION : OFFICIAL OPENING<sup>234</sup>

- a) **Statements<sup>5</sup>**  
Personalities will deliver statements
- b) **Launch of the Theme “Harnessing the Demographic Dividend through Investments in the Youth”**  
Vide Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.601 (XXVI) on the Theme *Harnessing the Demographic Dividend through Investments in the Youth* “ adopted in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2016, the Assembly declared the year 2017 as the year for “*Harnessing the Demographic Dividend through Investments in the Youth*”. The objective is to develop a shared understanding of the African Demographic Dividend Agenda and engage key decision makers in the implementation of a road map with key deliverables and milestones to guide Member States and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) on concrete actions to be undertaken in 2017 and beyond and to commit to investing in a better future for young people. **The Chairperson of the Union will launch the theme during his opening Statement.**
- c) **African Union Kwame Nkrumah Scientific Awards**  
The objective is to give out scientific awards to top African Scientists for their scientific achievements and valuable discoveries and findings.

### IV. SESSION 3: CLOSED SESSION

- a) **Adoption of the Agenda**  
The Chairperson of the Assembly will formally submit the agenda items proposed for discussion to the Assembly for consideration.
- b) **Organization of Work**  
The Chairperson of the Assembly will formally propose working hours to the Assembly for consideration.

### V. SESSION 4: CLOSED SESSION ELECTIONS

- 1) **Election of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission** **Assembly/AU/2(XXVIII)**  
The Assembly will proceed with the election of a new Chairperson in conformity with the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and the Statute of the Commission.
- 2) **Election of the Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission** **Assembly/AU/3(XXVIII)**  
The Assembly will proceed after electing the Chairperson with the election of the Deputy Chairperson in conformity with the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and the Statute of the Commission

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<sup>2</sup> The opening ceremony will start with the AU Anthem (performed by the AU Commission Choir).

<sup>3</sup> Group Photo will take place at the end of the opening ceremony.

<sup>4</sup> Throughout the Session, OAU/AU treaties will be made available for signature.

<sup>5</sup> The list of speakers in line with the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.582(XXV) adopted in Johannesburg, South Africa, in June 2015.

**DAY TWO: 31 JANUARY 2017**

**VI. SESSION 5 [CLOSED SESSION]: CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS AND DRAFT DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION BY:**

- a) **Adoption of the Outcome Document of the Retreat of Heads of State and Government on the Institutional Reform of the African Union held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 29 January 2017** Assembly/AU/5(XXVIII)

- b) **The Report of the Peace and Security Council on its Activities and the Report of the Commission on the State of Peace and Security in Africa and the African Union Master Roadmap of Practical Steps to Silence the Guns in Africa by Year 2020** Assembly/AU/6(XXVIII)

This is a mandatory Report under Article 7(q) of the Protocol establishing the Peace and Security Council. The Assembly will debate the Report and adopt appropriate decisions thereon.

- c) **Consideration of the Statutes on the Establishment of an African Union Special Fund on Prevention and Combating Terrorism and Violent Extremism in Africa** Assembly/AU/7(XXVIII)

In implementation of Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.614(XXVII) adopted by the Assembly in Kigali, Rwanda, in July 2016 wherein the Commission was requested to elaborate the modalities for the establishment and functioning of the Fund. The Commission has elaborated draft Modalities for consideration by the Assembly.

- d) **H.E. Mr. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya and Chairperson of the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM)** Assembly/AU/8(XXVIII)

The African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) will meet on the margins of the Summit and its Chairperson, H.E. Mr. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya, will submit a report on activities related to the APRM to the Assembly for consideration.

- e) **H.E. Mr. Abdel Fattah El Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Coordinator of the Committee of African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC)** Assembly/AU/9(XXVIII)

H.E. Mr. Abdel Fattah El Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Coordinator of the CAHOSCC will submit a report on activities related to climate change to the Assembly for consideration.

## **VII. SESSION 6: APPOINTMENTS TO THE ORGANS OF THE AFRICAN UNION**

### **1. The Eight (8) Commissioners<sup>i</sup>**

In conformity with the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council and the Statutes of the Commission, the Commissioners elected by the Executive Council will be submitted to the Assembly for appointment for a term of four (4) years.

### **2. Two (2) Judges of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (AFCHPR)**

The Assembly will appoint two (2) Judges of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights elected by the Executive Council for a term of six (6) years.

### **3. The Eleven (11) Members of the Advisory Board on Corruption (AUABC)**

The Assembly will appoint the Eleven (11) Members of the Advisory Board on the fight against Corruption elected by the Executive Council for a term of two (2) years.

### **4. One (1) Member Of The African Union Commission On International Law (AUCIL)**

The Assembly will appoint one (1) Member of the African Union Commission on International Law elected by the Executive Council for a term of three (3) years.

## **VIII. SESSION 7 : ADOPTION OF DECISIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF THE POLICY ORGANS**

### **1. The Decisions of the 30<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session Of The Executive Council Of The African Union**

The decisions taken by the 30<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Executive Council will be formally adopted by the Assembly.

### **2. The Decisions and Declarations of the 28<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union**

The decisions taken by the 28<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Assembly will be formally adopted.

## **IX. SESSION 8: DATE AND VENUE OF THE 29<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION**

The Assembly will decide on the dates and venue of its next ordinary session scheduled for June/July 2017.

**X. SESSION 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

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

**XI. SESSION 10: CLOSING CEREMONY**

Statements will be made by personalities in line with the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly

**[Swearing in Ceremony of the Members of the Commission and Statement by the Outgoing Chairperson and the Incoming Chairperson of the Commission]**

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<sup>i</sup> *This item will be considered after the Executive Council would have elected the Commissioners on the margins of the 28th Ordinary Session of the Assembly after the election of the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson by the Assembly.*