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DECISIONS

DECISION ON THE REPORTS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE (PRC)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the PRC recommendations on the reports of its Sub-Committees, taking into account observations made by Member States.
1. **ON THE JOINT SITTING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SUPERVISION AND COORDINATION ON BUDGETARY, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AND THE TECHNICAL EXPERTS OF THE COMMITTEE OF FIFTEEN FINANCE MINISTERS (F15) - Doc: EX.CL/1518(XLV)**

The Executive Council,

BUDGET OF THE AFRICAN UNION FOR 2025

The Executive Council,

2. **TAKES NOTE** of the Reports of the PRC and the Joint Sitting of the Sub-Committees on General Supervision and Coordination on Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters, Programs and Conferences and F-15 Technical Experts;
3. **MINDFUL** of the challenging global economic environment which compelled the adoption of severe austerity measures for the 2025 budget, and in light of the implementation rates of previous years, and the deliberations by the Joint Sitting, **DECIDES** to cap Member States' assessed contributions to the 2025 AU Budget at US\$200,000,000
4. **APPROVES** an overall AU Budget for 2025 of **US\$608,248,546** broken down as follows:
 - A. The Regular budget of **US\$555,319,415** broken down as follows:
 - i) Operational Budget of **US\$167,045,485** to be funded as follows:
 - US\$163,371,481 (98%) assessed on Member States,
 - US\$3,674,004 (2%) from Maintenance fund;

ii) Programme Budget of **US\$388,273,929** to be financed as follows¹:

a) Member States, African Institutions and Internal Sources (US\$87,520,383) – 22.5%, comprised of:

- US\$36,628,518 (9.4%) from assessment on Member States;
- US\$500,000 (0.1%) from the Maintenance Fund;
- US\$1,318,199 (0.3%) from the Administrative Fund;
- US\$1,774,367 (0.5%) from Peace Fund interest;
- US\$46,664,299 (12.0%) from African Institutions; which includes US\$ 1,687,278 in Technical Assistance.
- US\$635,000 (0.2%) from Member States' Voluntary Contributions.

b) US\$300,753,546 (77.5%) from International Partners, which includes US\$ 63,239,895 in Technical Assistance.

B. Peace Support Operations with a budget of **US\$52,929,131**, funded by International Partners;

C. Overall, the 2025 AU budget will be financed as follows:

Fund Allocation	Operational	Program	PSO	Total	% Share
Member States Assessed contribution	163,371,481	36,628,518	-	200,000,000	32.9%
Maintenance Fund	3,674,004	500,000		4,174,004	0.7%
Admin Fund/Generated Income		1,318,199		1,318,199	0.2%
Peace Fund (Interest)		1,774,367		1,774,367	0.3%
African Institutions		46,664,299		46,664,299	7.7%
MSs Voluntary Cont.		635,000		635,000	0.1%
International Partners		300,753,546	52,929,131	353,682,677	58.1%
Total Budget 2025	167,045,485	388,273,929	52,929,131	608,248,546	100%

Table1: sources of fund for 2025 budget

¹The Delegation of the Kingdom of Morocco entered reservations on OSC's program budget and on budget lines addressing the African Standby Force.

Organs	Member States Assessed contribution			Maintenance Fund			Admin Fund/Generated Income	Peace Fund (Interest)	African Institutions	MSS Voluntary Cont.	International Partners	Total Budget 2025		
	Operating Budget	Programs	Total Assessment	Operating Budget	Programs	Total	Programs	Programs	Programs	Programs	Programs	Operating	Programs	Total
AUC	92,381,586	11,608,876	103,990,462	2,325,231	500,000	2,825,231	537,133	1,774,367	6,732,608	-	140,035,736	94,706,816	161,188,720	255,895,536
PAP	9,501,416	309,152	9,810,568	77,000	-	77,000	-	-	-	-	462,649	9,578,416	771,800	10,350,216
AfCHPR (The Court)	7,934,629	2,551,983	10,486,612	34,000	-	34,000	-	-	-	-	67,614	7,968,629	2,619,597	10,588,226
ACHPR (The Commission)	4,256,753	685,889	4,942,642	20,025	-	20,025	-	-	-	-	-	4,276,778	685,889	4,962,667
ECOSSOC	1,923,079	427,477	2,350,556	73,850	-	73,850	-	-	-	-	-	1,996,929	427,477	2,424,406
AUDA-NEPAD	9,980,059	6,098,873	16,078,932	372,884	-	372,884	431,426	-	7,000,740	-	64,560,782	10,352,944	78,091,820	88,444,764
AUCIL	241,207	139,156	380,363	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	241,207	139,156	380,363
Advisory Board on Corruption	1,541,164	169,844	1,711,008	8,714	-	8,714	-	-	-	-	-	1,549,878	169,844	1,719,722
Peace & Security Council	-	1,782,979	1,782,979	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,782,979	1,782,979
ACERWC	1,374,993	203,240	1,578,233	3,600	-	3,600	-	-	-	-	293,874	1,378,593	497,114	1,875,707
APRM	5,501,965	749,937	6,251,902	58,125	-	58,125	-	-	239,307	-	2,638,097	5,560,091	3,627,341	9,187,431
SPECIALIZED OFFICES														
AFREC	1,416,895	87,317	1,504,212	25,825	-	25,825	-	-	-	-	2,762,635	1,442,720	2,849,952	4,292,672
IPED	698,192	24,408	722,600	19,500	-	19,500	-	-	-	-	-	717,692	24,408	742,100
CIEFFA	616,821	25,000	641,821	16,300	-	16,300	-	-	-	-	326,445	633,121	351,445	984,566
PAU	2,644,924	6,780,609	9,425,533	60,000	-	60,000	-	-	-	635,000	4,201,925	2,704,924	11,617,534	14,322,458
AIR	675,903	78,424	754,327	9,950	-	9,950	-	-	-	-	-	685,853	78,424	764,277
AfCDC	4,943,853	2,330,688	7,274,541	18,000	-	18,000	-	-	27,191,456	-	54,157,540	4,961,853	83,679,684	88,641,537
AOSTI	367,454	25,892	393,346	17,490	-	17,490	-	-	-	-	-	384,944	25,892	410,836
AFRIPOL	1,037,080	50,000	1,087,080	62,420	-	62,420	-	-	-	-	877,366	1,099,500	927,366	2,026,866
SPORT COUNCIL	739,881	-	739,881	11,000	-	11,000	349,640	-	-	-	151,000	750,880	500,640	1,251,520
ASRIC	155,680	115,200	270,880	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	155,680	115,200	270,880
AfCFTA	7,280,900	615,693	7,896,594	142,590	-	142,590	-	-	5,500,188	-	20,318,953	7,423,490	26,434,834	33,858,324
PANASTAT	204,769	-	204,769	3,500	-	3,500	-	-	-	-	-	208,269	-	208,269
STATAFRIC	1,328,536	52,500	1,381,036	6,000	-	6,000	-	-	-	-	3,539,940	1,334,536	3,592,440	4,926,976
ACSRM- Mali	549,880	52,486	602,366	48,400	-	48,400	-	-	-	-	-	598,280	52,486	650,766

Organs	Member States Assessed contribution			Maintenance Fund			Admin Fund/Generated Income	Peace Fund (Interest)	African Institutions	MSS Voluntary Cont.	International Partners	Total Budget 2025		
	Operating Budget	Programs	Total Assessment	Operating Budget	Programs	Total	Programs	Programs	Programs	Programs	Programs	Operating	Programs	Total
Observatory - Morocco	526,527	241,461	767,989	30,000	-	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	556,527	241,461	797,989
COC - Khartoum	562,108	24,675	586,783	37,000	-	37,000	-	-	-	-	-	599,108	24,675	623,783
PCRD	817,943	32,000	849,943	41,000	-	41,000	-	-	-	-	468,000	858,943	500,000	1,358,943
ACBF	-	105,000	105,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,143,066	-	1,248,066	1,248,066
ACSRT	2,057,289	43,336	2,100,625	25,200	-	25,200	-	-	-	-	144,129	2,082,489	187,465	2,269,954
CELHTO	1,185,918	45,292	1,231,210	71,700	-	71,700	-	-	-	-	-	1,257,618	45,292	1,302,910
ACALAN	766,809	50,502	817,311	54,700	-	54,700	-	-	-	-	-	821,509	50,502	872,011
AU Continental Logistics Base	157,265	1,011,050	1,168,315	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	475,802	157,265	1,486,852	1,644,117
African Med. Agency	-	29,400	29,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	949,771	-	979,171	979,171
AfSA	-	28,300	28,300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,178,223	-	3,206,523	3,206,523
African Humanitarian Agency	-	51,880	51,880	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	51,880	51,880
TOTAL before PSOs	163,371,481	36,628,518	200,000,000	3,674,004	500,000	4,174,004	1,318,199	1,774,367	46,664,299	635,000	300,753,546	167,045,485	388,273,929	555,319,415
PEACE OPERATIONS														
Multi-national joint Task Force (MNJTF)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,106,382	-	19,106,382	19,106,382
POST ATMIS ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,822,749	-	23,822,749	23,822,749
Early Response Mechanism (ERM)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,000,000	-	10,000,000	10,000,000
Total Peace Support	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52,929,131	-	52,929,131	52,929,131
TOTAL	163,371,481	36,628,518	200,000,000	3,674,004	500,000	4,174,004	1,318,199	1,774,367	46,664,299	635,000	353,682,677	167,045,485	441,203,060	608,248,546

Table 2: Consolidated 2025 budget by Organ, Institutions and Offices³

² This amount is provisional for the AU led Peace Support Operations Mission in Somalia pending conclusions and clear decisions on the way forward for Post ATMIS Mission by the relevant Organ, including the Funding Mechanism.

³ An amount of US\$ 609,577 is unallocated and has been placed in the AUC Operational Budget for Programmatic allocations.

5. **TAKES NOTE** of the breakdown of the 2025 budget by expense category and by Organs/Specialized Offices as follows:

Organs	Staff Cost	Operating Expenditure	Capital Expenditure	Total Operational	Programs	Total 2025
AUC	74,823,137	19,237,639	646,040	94,706,816	161,188,720	255,895,536
PAP	7,682,572	1,834,844	61,000	9,578,416	771,800	10,350,216
AfCHPR (The Court)	7,215,915	752,714	-	7,968,629	2,619,597	10,588,226
ACHPR (The Commission)	3,410,321	866,458	-	4,276,778	685,889	4,962,667
ECOSSOC	1,788,167	208,762	-	1,996,929	427,477	2,424,406
AUDA-NEPAD	9,317,259	951,685	84,000	10,352,944	78,091,820	88,444,764
AUCIL	-	241,207	-	241,207	139,156	380,363
Advisory Board on Corruption	934,075	615,803	-	1,549,878	169,844	1,719,722
Peace & Security Council	-	-	-	-	1,782,979	1,782,979
ACERWC	1,111,525	267,069	-	1,378,593	497,114	1,875,707
APRM	4,651,382	859,614	49,095	5,560,091	3,627,341	9,187,431
SPECIALIZED OFFICES						
AFREC	1,311,614	111,281	19,825	1,442,720	2,849,952	4,292,672
IPED	581,159	130,534	6,000	717,692	24,408	742,100
CIEFFA	480,253	152,868	-	633,121	351,445	984,566
PAU	2,072,765	632,158	-	2,704,924	11,617,534	14,322,458
AIR	652,255	33,597	-	685,853	78,424	764,277
AfCDC	4,399,731	562,122	-	4,961,853	83,679,684	88,641,537
AOSTI	357,939	19,155	7,850	384,944	25,892	410,836
AFRIPOL	877,864	199,816	21,820	1,099,500	927,366	2,026,866
SPORT COUNCIL	641,571	109,309	-	750,880	500,640	1,251,520
ASRIC	-	155,680	-	155,680	115,200	270,880
AfCFTA	6,780,766	642,724	-	7,423,490	26,434,834	33,858,324
PANASTAT	170,809	37,461	-	208,269	-	208,269
STATAFRIC	1,151,399	183,138	-	1,334,536	3,592,440	4,926,976
Observatory - Mali	488,067	76,213	34,000	598,280	52,486	650,766
Observatory - Morocco	481,677	74,851	-	556,527	241,461	797,989
Observatory - Khartoum	486,847	78,261	34,000	599,108	24,675	623,783
PCRD	757,813	68,130	33,000	858,943	500,000	1,358,943
ACBF	-	-	-	-	1,248,066	1,248,066
ACSRT	1,988,767	92,522	1,200	2,082,489	187,465	2,269,954
CELHTO	1,014,314	177,304	66,000	1,257,618	45,292	1,302,910
ACALAN	630,042	191,468	-	821,509	50,502	872,011
AU Continental Logistics Base	157,265	-	-	157,265	1,486,852	1,644,117
African Med. Agency	-	-	-	-	979,171	979,171
AfSA	-	-	-	-	3,206,523	3,206,523
African Humanitarian Agency	-	-	-	-	51,880	51,880
PSOs					52,929,131	52,929,131
TOTAL before PSOs	136,417,269	29,564,385	1,063,831	167,045,485	441,203,060	608,248,546

Table 3: 2025 budget by expense category per Organ, Institutions and Offices

6. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the budget distributed as follows:

No.	By Budget Type	Budget	% Share
1	Main Budget	257,060,100	42%
2	Pass Through Funds	58,906,909	10%
3	Technical Assistance	64,927,173	11%
4	Special Project	7,379,748	1%
5	Peace Support	52,929,131	9%
6	Operational	167,045,485	27%
		608,248,546	100 %

Table 4: 2025 budget by category type

7. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the amount of **US\$19,004,582** included in the 2025 AU Program Budget, which was previously rationalized, and approves the amount on an exceptional basis.
8. **RECALLS** Decision EX.CL/Dec.1189(XLII), which instructed the Commission to develop a Cash Flow Management System that links the allocation of funds to quarterly departmental plans based on the size of activities and programs, as outlined in Decision EX.CL/Dec.1143(XL) paragraph 18 (IV), and to release funds on time to enable departments to implement programs as planned. **REITERATES** the need for the Commission to develop a comprehensive cash flow management plan aimed at channeling funds to assigned programs in a timely and effective manner, thereby enhancing the planning and execution of activities and programs.
9. **REITERATES** the need for the Commission to implement Decision EX.CL/Dec.1168(XLI) paragraph 82 of July 2022, adopted in Lusaka, Zambia, which directed the Commission to establish a Working Group comprising the Member States, F-15 Technical Experts, AUDA-NEPAD, Commission's Directorate of Finance, Office of Strategic Planning and Delivery (OSPD), Bureau of the Deputy Chairperson, Office of the Legal Counsel and Office of the Director General, to address overlaps and duplications among AU Organs, Agencies, and Departments.
10. **MINDFUL** of the Johannesburg targets, **DIRECTS** the Commission to conduct a feasibility study on the proposal to pay part of the assessed contributions in national currencies in line with AU Financial Rules.
11. **DIRECTS** the Commission to provide Member States, by February 2025, with a comprehensive list of all staff members working at the African Union who are funded by international partners. This list should include a breakdown of their nationalities, and the institutions to which they are assigned.

12. **DIRECTS** the Commission to develop a comprehensive resource mobilization strategy aimed at securing and effectively managing funding from international partners in an accountable and sustainable manner while ensuring that the mobilized funds align with the Union's priorities.
13. **DIRECTS** the Commission to leverage on the internal capacities for studies and reports, with the aim of optimizing operational budget allocation while ensuring effective program implementation.
14. **TAKES NOTE** of the need to budget for the participation of the African Union in the activities of the G20 for the year 2025 following due process and bearing in mind the need to receive a full submission from the Commission.

II. ON THE JOINT SITTING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEES ON GENERAL SUPERVISION AND COORDINATION OF BUDGETARY, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (GSCBFAM) AND F-15 TECHNICAL EXPERTS

The Executive Council,

15. **TAKES NOTE** of the Reports of the PRC and the Joint Sitting of the Sub-Committees on General Supervision and Coordination on Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters and F-15 Technical Experts.
16. **RECALLS** Decision EX.CL/Dec.1233(XLIV) in which the Commission and the F-15 Technical Experts were instructed to finalize the work on the Treasury and Investment Policy, as well as the Bank Selection Criteria and present it for consideration by the PRC through its relevant Sub-Committee. **TAKES NOTE** of the efforts made in this regard, and **INSTRUCTS** the AUC Chairperson to approve the Policy document.
17. **RECALLS** Executive Council Decisions EX.CL/Dec.1218 (XLIII) and Ex.CL/Dec.1233(XLIV) regarding the development of the AU Indirect Administrative Cost Policy, **TAKES NOTE** of the efforts made in this regard and **INSTRUCTS** the AUC Chairperson to approve the Policy document.
18. **RECALLS** Decision EX.CL/Dec.1240(XLIV), in which the Commission was requested to finalize the Modalities for Utilization and Contributions to the Peace Fund and presents the report to the Executive Council. **TAKES NOTE** of the progress made so far and **REQUESTS** the PRC and Commission to present a final report to the 46th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in February 2025.
19. **FURTHER RECALLS** EX.CL/Dec.1240(XLIV) of February 2024, which insists that any future funding, including the ceilings of 2025 CRF and Pilot Projects, must follow the due process via the Joint Sitting of the Sub-Committee on General Supervision and Coordination on Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters

and the Technical Committee of F15 Experts (F15) and should be dependent on the performance and objectives achieved by previous funding allocated to these mechanisms in strict compliance with the AU Financial Rules, the Article 21 of the Protocol relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union and the approved instrument relating to the African Union Peace Fund.

Decision on 2024 exceptional additional budget

20. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.866(XXXVII), in which the Assembly appointed President William Ruto of Kenya as the new AU Champion for Institutional Reforms, as well as Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.873(XXXVII), which requested the Commission to incorporate the budget for the participation of the African Union in the G-20 meetings.
 21. **APPROVES** the exceptional additional budget of **US\$2,903,715** for 2024, broken down as follows:
 - i) **US\$1,023,159** for the participation of the African Union in the G-20 meetings to be financed from the Reserve Fund.
 - ii) **US\$1,097,000** for the Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development department to be financed through voluntary contribution from South Africa.
 - iii) **US\$783,556** for the Reforms Unit to be financed from the Partners funds.
 22. **APPROVES** on an exceptional basis, and without establishing any precedents, the inclusion of the aforementioned budget requests in the 2024 AU budget.
 23. **COMMENDS** the Government of the Republic of South Africa for the voluntary contribution of US\$ **1,097,000** made to the Commission towards humanitarian aid in the Sahel region.
 24. **NOTES** the proposal from the Commission for the creation of a G20 Coordination Unit, and emphasizes the importance of following due process in that regard via the relevant PRC Sub-Committees;;
 25. **REQUESTS** that the PRC is briefed on a regular basis by the Commission on the progress made in relation to the reform process.
- III. ON THE JOINT SITTING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SUPERVISION AND COORDINATION ON BUDGETARY, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, STRUCTURAL REFORMS AND THE TECHNICAL EXPERTS OF THE COMMITTEE OF FIFTEEN FINANCE MINISTERS (F15) - EX.CL/1520(XLV)**

The Executive Council,

26. **RECALLS** Article 9(2) of the Constitutive Act of the African Union, which mandates the Assembly to delegate any of its powers and functions to any Organ of the Union.
27. **FURTHER RECALLS** Assembly Decision 891 (XXXVIII) of February 2024 paragraph 2 whereby the Assembly “DECIDES” to delegate its authority to the Executive Council to consider and adopt, during its 45th Session in June/July 2024, structures for the following:
- The African Humanitarian Agency (AfHA); and
 - The African Inclusive Markets Excellence Centre (AIMEC).

On the Structure of the African Humanitarian Agency (AfHA)

28. **TAKES NOTE** of the proposed structure and budget presented by the Commission;
29. **ADOPTS** the Structure for 55 positions as listed in Table A below and the budget for the implementation of phase 1 (12 positions) of the African Humanitarian Agency for the year 2025 with an amount of USD 924,175.94; and
30. **STRESSES** the need to conduct all recruitments in line with the Staff Regulations and Rules and of the Quota System of the African Union. The Recruitment should be done in a phased manner as reflected in the table below:

A. The approved positions of the African Humanitarian Agency are listed in the table below with the applicable implementation phase:

Division / Unit	Job title	Grade	Implementation Phase	Number of positions
Office of the Executive Secretary	Executive Secretary	(D1) ⁴	2025	1
Office of the Executive Secretary	Senior Gender Officer	P3	TBD	1
Office of the Executive Secretary	Senior Legal Officer	P3	2025	1
Office of the Executive Secretary	Senior Communication Officer	P3	TBD	1

⁴ The D1 grade assigned for the Executive Secretary will be held on an interim basis pending finalization of the standardization process for the classification and grading of all AU regular positions, including Heads of AU entities (see paragraph 14 of this decision).

Division / Unit	Job title	Grade	Implementation Phase	Number of positions
Office of the Executive Secretary	Secretary	GSA5	2025	1
Office of the Executive Secretary	Driver	GSB7	2025	1
Office of the Executive Secretary	Administrative Assistant / clerk	GSA 5	2025	1
Finance, HR, and Administration unit	Principal Officer, Finance and Administration	P4	2025	1
Finance, HR, and Administration unit	Senior Finance officer	P3	2025	1
Finance, HR, and Administration unit	Finance Officer	P2	2025	1
Finance, HR, and Administration unit	Senior ICT Officer	P3	2025	1
Finance, HR, and Administration unit	Assistant ICT	GSA5	TBD	1
Finance, HR, and Administration unit	Senior HR officer	P3	TBD	1
Finance, HR and Administration unit	HR officer	P2	2025	1
Finance, HR, and Administration unit	Senior Admin Officer	P3	TBD	1
Finance, HR, and Administration unit	Admin assistant	GSA5	TBD	1
Finance, HR, and Administration unit	Drivers / Mail Runner	GSB7	TBD	3
Emergency and humanitarian response Unit	Principal Officer, Emergency and humanitarian response	P4	2025	1
Emergency and humanitarian response Unit	Senior Officer, Emergency, and humanitarian response	P3	TBD	2
Regional Centres and Depots	Principal Officer Regional Centre Coordination	P4	TBD	5
Regional Centres and Depots	Senior Officers Regional centres	P3	TBD	10

Division / Unit	Job title	Grade	Implementation Phase	Number of positions
	(North, South, West, central and East)			
Regional Centres and Depots	National Finance and administrative officers (N, S, W, C, E)	P2	TBD	5
Regional Centres and Depots	Driver / Mail Runner (N, S, W, C, E)	GSB7	TBD	5
Adaptation and resilience building unit	Principal Officer, Adaptation, and resilience building	P4	TBD	1
Adaptation and resilience building unit	Senior Officer, Adaptation, and resilience building	P3	TBD	2
Partnership, resource mobilization and capacity building	Principal Officer, Partnership and Resource mobilization	P4	2025	1
Partnership, resource mobilization and capacity building	Senior Partnership and resource mobilization officer	P3	TBD	1
Humanitarian early warning and crisis prevention	Principal Officer, Humanitarian early warning, and crisis prevention	P4	TBD	1
Humanitarian early warning and crisis prevention	Senior Officers, Humanitarian early warning, and crisis prevention	P3	TBD	2
Total number of positions on structure				55

TBD – to be decided, in line with paragraph 7 of this decision.

31. **EXPRESSES** concern about the way the Commission is handling the figures of the African Humanitarian Agency structure;
32. **DIRECTS** the F-15 to examine the proposal by the Commission for the operationalization of the African Humanitarian Agency with a ceiling of a total number of 55 positions over phases, and to report back to the Joint Sitting of the Sub-Committees of General Supervision and Coordination on Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters and Structural Reforms, for subsequent presentation to the Assembly for its consideration in February 2025, through the PRC and the Executive Council;

33. **DECIDES** that the implementation of this decision will be subject to availability of funds.

On the Structure of the African Inclusive Markets Excellence Centre (AIMEC)

34. **TAKES** note of the proposed structure and budget of the African Inclusive Markets Excellence Centre;
35. **ADOPTS** the structure of the African Inclusive Markets Excellence Centre with 27 positions as listed in Table B below and the budget for the implementation of phase 1 (2025) and phase 2 (2026);

B. The approved positions of the African Inclusive Markets Excellence Centre are listed in the table below with the applicable implementation phase:

Division/Unit	Job Title	Grade	Implementation Phase	Number of Positions
Office of the Executive Director	Executive Director	D1	2025	1
Office of the Executive Director	Senior Legal Officer	P3	2025	1
Office of the Executive Director	Principal Senior Officer	P4	2026	1
Office of the Executive Director	Secretary	GSA4	2025	1
Division of Operations	Head of Operations Division	P5	2025	1
Division of Operations	Senior Finance Officer	P3	2025	1
Division of Operations	Senior Human Resources Officer	P3	2025	1
Division of Operations	Procurement Officer	P2	2025	1
Division of Operations	Information and Technology Officer	P2	2026	1
Division of Operations	Marketing and Communication Officer	P2	2025	1
Division of Operations	Protocol Officer	P2	2026	1
Division of Operations	Security Supervisor	GSA5	2025	1
Division of Operations	Accountant Assistant	GSA5	2026	1

Division/Unit	Job Title	Grade	Implementation Phase	Number of Positions
Division of Operations	Clerk	GSA4	2026	1
Division of Operations	Messenger	GSB5	2026	1
Division of Operations	Driver	GSB5	2025	1
Division of Operations	Driver	GSB5	2026	1
Division of Research, Innovation, Project Development and Funding	Head of Division Research, Innovation, Project Development and Funding)	P5	2025	1
Division of Research, Innovation, Project Development and Funding	Senior Monitoring and Evaluation Officer	P3	2026	1
Division of Research, Innovation, Project Development and Funding	Senior Project and Innovation Analyst	P3	2025	1
Division of Research, Innovation, Project Development and Funding	Database and Programme Officer	P2	2026	1
Division of Research, Innovation, Project Development and Funding	Administrative Assistant	GSA5	2026	1
Division of Partnership and Strategic Engagement and Policy Advocacy	Head of Division Partnership and Strategic Engagement and Policy Advocacy	P5	2025	1
Division of Partnership and Strategic Engagement and Policy Advocacy	Senior Policy Officer on Partnership and Strategic Engagement	P3	2026	1

Division/Unit	Job Title	Grade	Implementation Phase	Number of Positions
Division of Partnership and Strategic Engagement and Policy Advocacy	Senior Policy Officer on Policy Advocacy	P3	2026	1
Division of Partnership and Strategic Engagement and Policy Advocacy	Grant Officer	P3	2026	1
Division of Partnership and Strategic Engagement and Policy Advocacy	Administrative Assistant	GSA5	2026	1
Total number of positions on Structure				27

36. **DECIDES** that the implementation of this decision will be subject to availability of funds;
37. **STRESSES** the need to conduct all recruitments in line with the Staff Regulations and Rules and of the Quota System of the African Union. The Recruitment should be done in a phased manner as follows:

C. Approved Phase based recruitment and staff cost

Phases	Total number of Staff		Total cost
	New recruitment	Cumulative	
Phase 1: 2025	13	13	1,022,699
Phase 2: 2026	14	27	1,765,072
Total	27	27	2,787,771

On matters that arose during consideration of the two structures:

38. **TAKES NOTE** of the existing inconsistencies due to the absence of clear criteria on the naming and grading of Heads of AU entities;
39. **DIRECTS** the African Union Commission to develop a proposal for a comprehensive process of standardization of grading of all AU positions, including Heads of AU entities, and report back to the AU Policy Organs by February 2025;

40. **UNDERScores** that the effective operationalization of all new African Union entities should be implemented in the context of the broader institutional reform process of the AU to be completed by February 2025.

On the Skills Audit and Competence Assessment (SACA)

41. **RECALLS** Decision Ex.CL/Dec.1218 (XLIII) of July 2023 paragraph 38 whereby the Executive Council “REQUESTS” the AU BoEA to carry out a comprehensive audit on the SACA process and report back to the next Ordinary session of the Executive Council in February 2024.
42. **FURTHER RECALLS** Decision Ex.CL/1233(XLIV) of February 2024 paragraph 86 whereby the Executive Council “INSTRUCTS” the PRC, through its relevant Sub-Committees, and in close collaboration with the Commission, to continue the consideration of the SACA process reports, including the Board of External Auditors (BoEA) audit report on SACA, and to expedite progress on the matter and report back to the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in July 2024. **DECIDES** to hold an Extraordinary virtual Session of the Executive Council in October 2024 to consider the progress report on the implementation of the SACA process, the budget for the activities of the AU participation in G20, and on issues relating to Audit matters.

On the Africa Epidemic Fund

43. **TAKES NOTE** on the progress made on the operationalization of the Epidemic Fund, and the need to ensure its legal verification by the Office of the Legal Counsel prior to its consideration, and **INSTRUCTS** the PRC to consider the updated proposal following its legal verification, and to present its report for the consideration of the 46th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in February 2025;
44. **FURTHER DIRECTS** that in case of any urgent request for funding, the Africa CDC, acting through the Commission, should present a request to the PRC, in accordance with due process and on a case-by-case basis, until the finalization of the proposal in February 2025.

IV. ON THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON AUDIT MATTERS – EX.CL/1522(XLV)

The Executive Council,

45. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the PRC Sub-Committee on Audit Matters and **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained therein.

ON THE OIO’s 2023 ACTIVITY REPORT

46. **TAKES NOTE** of the OIO’s 2023 Activity Report and **DIRECTS** as follows:

- (i) The OIO's reports to indicate the amounts recovered as a result of audit investigations, as well as the amounts to be recovered per Organ and ensure that activity reports are clearer and include more details on Organs and Departments that fail to comply with audit recommendations.
- (ii) The OIO's Audit recommendations to be referred to the senior management of the Commission or Organs, as appropriate, for decisions to be taken.
- (iii) The Commission to ensure that a robust sanction regime is in place against those failing to implement Audit recommendations as directed by the Executive Council.

A. ON THE BoEA REPORT ON THE COMPREHENSIVE AUDIT ON PROCUREMENT POLICIES ACROSS THE UNION, PAYMENT PROCESSES AND ALL OUTSTANDING IMPREST TO SUPPLIERS

47. TAKES NOTE of the Report and **DIRECTS** the Commission to implement the BoEA Audit recommendations contained therein.

48. FURTHER DIRECTS as follows:

- (i) The AUC Procurement Unit to send emails to Member States on the Procurement Plan and Activities on the AU websites, in addition to the informative note verbal, in order to increase the number of bidders from different capitals participating in the Commission's procurement processes.
- (ii) The Commission to impose sanctions on officials who violate the provisions of the Procurement Manual and Regulations. The Commission to strengthen coordination at departmental level to facilitate procurement processes.
- (iii) The Commission to provide an analysis of procurement expenditures showing their global distribution in order to generate statistical information on the amounts spent on the Continent.
- (iv) The Procurement report to include performance appraisal of officials to ensure accountability.
- (v) The Commission to regularise the status of procurement staff and avoid reliance on short-term staff.
- (vi) The Commission to track payments made to suppliers without delivery, including the US\$30,000 paid to Maziwisa Consultancy. The Commission to blacklist Maziwisa Consultants involved in the payment of the US\$30,000 imprest.
- (vii) The Commission to expedite the revision of the Procurement Manual. The Manual should be user-friendly and rid of irrelevant chapters.
- (viii) The Commission to upgrade the SAP system by improving user proficiency. The Procurement Unit to be more familiar with the SAP system in order to avoid unnecessary audit findings.
- (ix) The Commission should regularly check data entries in the SAP and AMERT systems as well as backlogs in procurement requiring regular checks in order to avoid errors and delays in the execution of expenditure.

- (x) Directors to conduct regular checks and strictly enforce the use of the Procurement Manual.
- (xi) The Commission to set deadlines for the implementation of Audit recommendations and avoid postponing unresolved issues and duplication of findings.
- (xii) The Commission to report to the Audit Sub-Committee in December 2024 on the follow-up of the three (03) vehicles purchased from MACOM Trading PLC since 21 December 2021, which have not been delivered to Somalia for over 22 months now.
- (xiii) The Commission to ensure that it has a varied range of suppliers of vehicles for peace support and peacekeeping operations.

B. ON THE BoEA REPORT ON AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE STATUS OF ALL UNRECOVERED AMOUNTS OF SALARIES AND IMPREST PAID TO STAFF, AS WELL AS IMPREST AND LOANS, AND THE APPROPRIATENESS OF PROCEDURES FOR FURTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION, WHERE APPROPRIATE

49. TAKES NOTE of the Report and **DIRECTS** the Commission to implement all the Audit Recommendations contained therein.

50. FURTHER DIRECTS as follows:

- (i) The OLC to ensure that court orders are issued for all long outstanding loans and imprest for recovery with the assistance of Member States and Interpol.
- (ii) The Commission to set a limit on loans and imprest to staff and to avoid multiple loans to a single staff member.
- (iii) The Commission to ensure that all staff members who do not repay their loans or imprest are blacklisted and no longer receive loans.
- (iv) The Commission to ensure that all loans and imprest are backed by a security to cover the full amount in the event that they are not repaid on time.
- (v) The Commission to ensure that it is in possession of the car ownership booklet for all car loans until the final repayment of the loan by the employee.
- (vi) The Commission to impose a penalty for non-compliance with the 7 working day time limit for repayment of travel loans and imprests.

C. ON THE BoEA REPORT ON A COMPREHENSIVE AUDIT INCLUDING STAFF RECORDS NOT COVERED BY THE PwC AND ALSO INCLUDING THE PERIOD 2019-2020 NOT COVERED BY THE PwC ON ALL REQUIRED AUDIT AREAS

51. TAKES NOTE of the Report and **DIRECTS** the Commission to implement all the Audit Recommendations contained therein.

52. FURTHER DIRECTS the Commission to:

- (i) Submit a report detailing all the findings and recommendations of the BoEA Report, indicating those that have already been implemented and those that are outstanding, with details of the remedial actions taken, and an action plan detailing the steps taken for the outstanding recommendations and the timetable for their implementation, in order to improve the recruitment process including the constitution of Panels, the effectiveness of the processes and their compliance with the Staff Rules and Regulations.
- (ii) Ensure that the recruitment plan indicating the positions to be filled is made available six months in advance to enable Member States to sensitise their citizens to apply.
- (iii) Devise a mechanism for regular reporting to Member States on the progress of all recruitment processes, with details of any difficulties encountered in the process.
- (iv) Issue a Note Verbale to Member States to give them a clear picture of their quota consumption. This will ensure transparency and credibility in the recruitment process.
- (v) Set up disciplinary and sanction mechanisms for staff members serving on various panels and violating the AU Staff Regulations and Rules as well as recruitment policies and procedures.
- (vi) Conduct a survey of the least and under-represented Member States in the third quarter of 2024 to identify the root cause of the shortfall in applications and provide real solutions to the problems.
- (vii) Put in place a mechanism to ensure that unsuccessful applicants are automatically informed of the reasons why their applications were rejected.
- (viii) Put in place a mechanism allowing applicants to attach their certificates at the outset of their application.
- (ix) Put in place an appeal structure to deal with complaints from candidates following the outcome of selection of candidates and the recruitment panel.

D. CONSIDERATION OF THE OIO REPORTS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2023 ORGANS' BUDGET**53. TAKES NOTE** of the Reports and **DIRECTS** all AU Organs to implement the OIO Audit Recommendations contained therein.**ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AUC 2023 BUDGET****54. DIRECTS** as follows:

- (i) The OIO to reconsider the use of the term "satisfactory" in its reports and to provide more detail on the numerous managerial challenges faced by the various organs. Also, to ensure that its recommendations are accompanied by clear deadlines for implementation.
- (ii) ATMIS troop reduction plans to be implemented in line with the decisions of the AU Policy Organs.

- (iii) AUC Departments to improve their planning to ensure better delivery at the technical level.
- (iv) Sanctions to be imposed on Departments failing to use AMERT, as well as those that use partner funds for unrelated activities or fail to submit responses to audit reports. Sanctions may include blocking budgets allocated to these Departments.

ON THE AFRICA CDC'S 2023 BUDGET PERFORMANCE

55. DIRECTS as follows:

- (i) Africa CDC management to demonstrate greater transparency in the management of extramural funds by ensuring that the Union's budgetary process is strictly followed for all external funds.
- (ii) Africa CDC management to put in place mechanisms to ensure proper monitoring of extramural funds and to ensure that AU auditors have access to extramural expenditure by Africa CDC. Consultations with the OLC on new arrangements or the need to revise Partnership Agreements/Memoranda of Understanding be held where necessary.
- (iii) The AUC to conduct a comprehensive special audit of Africa CDC extramural funds for the period 2019-2024 and report back to the Sub-Committee on Audit Matters.

ON THE AfCHPR (THE COURT'S) 2023 BUDGET PERFORMANCE

56. DIRECTS the AfCHPR to:

- (i) Fully implement all recommendations contained in its Internal Audit Report on 2023 Budget implementation.
- (ii) Reflect approved transfers in its financial reports at all times.
- (iii) Strictly adhere to AU rules before committing Union resources.

ON AUDA-NEPAD'S 2023 BUDGET PERFORMANCE

- (i) AUDA-NEPAD to fully implement all the recommendations contained in the Internal Audit Report on the implementation of the 2023 Budget.

ON THE PAP'S 2023 BUDGET PERFORMANCE

57. DIRECTS the PAP to:

- (i) Ensure that all partner contributions, whether in cash or in kind, are accounted for and disclosed in its records, in compliance with IPSAS requirements.
- (ii) Fully implement all recommendations contained in the Internal Audit Report on the implementation of the 2023 Budget.

ON THE ACHPR (THE COMMISSION'S) 2023 BUDGET PERFORMANCE

58. **DIRECTS** the ACHPR to fully implement all recommendations contained in the Internal Audit Report on the implementation of the 2023 Budget.

ON THE AfCFTA'S 2023 BUDGET PERFORMANCE

59. **DIRECTS** the AfCFTA to:
- (i) Apply for the additional funds of US\$2.9 million approved since 2022 by the Executive Council to recruit (onboarding) the necessary staff to carry out its mandate.
 - (ii) Put in place appropriate planning and monitoring mechanisms to guard against poor technical implementation of its programme activities.
 - (iii) Fully implement all the recommendations contained in the Internal Audit Report on the implementation of the 2023 Budget.

ON THE APRM's 2023 BUDGET PERFORMANCE

60. **DIRECTS** as follows:
- (i) APRM to implement all audit recommendations contained in the Internal Audit Report on the implementation of the 2023 Budget.
 - (ii) All AU Organs failing to comply with the policies and procedures on carrying forward budgets should face consequences.

ON THE ECOSOCC'S 2023 BUDGET PERFORMANCE

61. **DIRECTS** ECOSOCC to fully implement all recommendations contained in the Internal Audit Report on the implementation of the 2023 Budget.

ON THE AUABC'S 2023 BUDGET PERFORMANCE

62. **DIRECTS** as follows:
- (i) AUABC to fully implement all recommendations contained in the Internal Audit Report on the implementation of the 2023 budget.
 - (ii) AUABC to ensure that it prepares realistic budgets for its activities and programmes in line with its implementation capacity.
 - (iii) The recruitment process for the Senior Policy Officer to be accelerated and completed accordingly.
 - (iv) Need to ensure a harmonious working relationship and better communication between the Secretariat and the Board with a view to complementing each other and achieving the mandate of the AUABC.
 - (v) OLC to expedite the mandated study on the clarity of roles between the Secretariats and the AUABC Board to improve the working environment.

ON ACERWC'S 2023 BUDGET PERFORMANCE

63. DIRECTS as follows:

- (i) ACERWC to fully implement all the recommendations contained in the Internal Audit Report on the implementation of the 2023 budget.
- (ii) The recruitment process for key staff to be accelerated and completed accordingly.

ON THE 2023 OVERALL BUDGET PERFORMANCE REPORTS

64. DIRECTS as follows:

- (i) The AU Commission to provide regular (quarterly) training and capacity building for all AU Organs, particularly staff using AMERT and SAP.
- (ii) All AU Organs to strictly adhere to the use of AMERT and SAP for reporting purposes, failing which appropriate sanctions should be applied.
- (iii) All AU Organs to fully implement all recommendations contained in the respective internal audit reports on the implementation of the 2023 budget.

ON THE PUBLICATION OF THE 2023 AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS OF THE AFRICAN UNION ORGANS

- 65. REQUESTS** the PRC to consider and approve the publication of the 2023 audited financial reports of the AU Organs. Consideration of the audited reports will take place after the Mid-Year Coordination Meeting in July 2024 in Accra.

V. ON THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON MULTILATERAL COOPERATION: FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY TO JUNE 2024 – Doc. EX.CL/1523(XLV)A

The Executive Council,

A. AU – EU Partnership

- 66. REQUESTS** the PRC, in close collaboration with the Commission and the EU, to continue consultations to agree on a suitable date for the holding of the 3rd AU-EU Ministerial Meeting and the 1st Follow-up Committee Meeting to be held in 2024 in Brussels, Belgium.

- 67. FURTHER REQUESTS** the PRC, in close collaboration with the Commission and the EU, to continue engaging for the finalization of the outcome documents of the 3rd AU – EU Ministerial Meeting and the 1st AU – EU Follow-up Committee Meeting.

B. Africa – Türkiye Partnership

68. **REQUESTS** that the Host Country for the Third Africa-Türkiye Ministerial Review Conference be selected through a silent procedure decision based on the Report of the Assessment Mission to be considered by the PRC;
69. **REQUESTS** the PRC, in close collaboration with the Commission, to ensure that the identified host country and Türkiye **AGREE** on the precise dates of the meeting in 2024, and to commence all the necessary preparatory processes.
- VI. **ON THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON MULTILATERAL COOPERATION: ON THE FINALIZATION OF THE AU PARTNERSHIPS POLICY AND STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK (AUPPSF) – Doc. EX.CL/1523(XLV)B**
70. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the lack of consensus on the issues of classification, participation and nomenclature related to the AUPPSF;
71. **REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Executive Council and the Chairperson of the Commission to urgently hold consultations on the issues relating to the AU Partnerships Policy and Strategic Framework and communicate the outcome of the consultations to Member States in due course.

**DECISION ON THE
PROGRESS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISION EX.CL/DEC.1242(XLIV)
ON THE SITUATION IN THE PAN-AFRICAN PARLIAMENT –
Doc. EX.CL/1526(XLV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the Commission on the progress made in the implementation of Decision EX.CL/Dec.1242 (XLIV) regarding the situation in the Pan African Parliament (PAP);
2. **RECALLS** its decisions - EX.CL/Dec.1128(XXXIX) of October 2021, EX.CL/Dec.1148(XL) of February 2022, EX.CL/Dec.1174(XLI) of July 2022, and EX.CL/Dec.1242 (XLIV) of February 2024 - on incidents in the PAP;
3. **RECOGNIZES** that the recurring governance and operational issues that hinder the effectiveness of the Organ should be addressed within the broader context of the Institutional Reform process. **FURTHER RECOGNIZES** the importance of operationalizing the 2014 Protocol to the Constitutive Act of the African Union relating to the Pan-African Parliament (Malabo Protocol) to tackle the governance and operational challenges of the Organ;
4. **ENCOURAGES** Member States that have not yet done so to consider signing, ratifying, and/or acceding to the Malabo Protocol;
5. **DIRECTS** the Commission to implement the remaining aspects of decision EX.CL/Dec.1242(XLIV) and report back to the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in February 2025; and
6. **DECIDES** to remain seized on the matter.

**DECISION ON THE
CONCEPT NOTE OF THE THEME OF THE YEAR 2025, “JUSTICE FOR AFRICANS
AND PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT THROUGH REPARATIONS.” – Doc.
EX.CL/1528(XLV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.884(XXXVII) of February 2024 that designated the Theme of the Year for 2025 as “*Justice for Africans and People of African Descent Through Reparations*”;
2. **WELCOMES** the Concept Note and Road Map for the Theme of the Year 2025 presented by the Commission; **ADOPTS** the Theme of the Year for 2025 as “*Justice for Africans and People of African Descent Through Reparations*” and emphasizes that the implementation of Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.884(XXXVII) is a critical step towards the pursuit of justice and healing for Africans and People of African Descent, as well as calling for accountability for the historical crimes and mass atrocities committed against African and the global African Diaspora; and **CALLS FOR** the necessary funds to be made available for the Theme of the Year 2025;
3. **REQUESTS** Member States to launch the Theme of the Year 2025 in their respective countries; and **CALLS ON** Member States to make available adequate resources for the implementation of the theme of the year at national level;
4. **DIRECTS** the Commission to mainstream reparatory justice and racial healing in the implementation of the Theme of the Year 2025;
5. **FURTHER DIRECTS** the relevant AU Organs and institutions, Regional Economic Communities (RECs), Permanent Representations of Member States, and Specialized Technical Offices to mainstream reparatory justice and racial healing in their programmes and support the implementation of the Theme of the Year 2025.
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in close coordination with the relevant AU Organs and institutions, to coordinate and monitor the implementation of the Theme of the Year 2025, and to submit a progress report to the 7th Mid-Year Coordination Meeting and the 39th Ordinary Session of the Assembly in February 2026.

DECISION ON THE REPORTS OF THE SPECIALISED TECHNICAL COMMITTEES (STCs)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the reports of the Specialized Technical Committees (STCs);
2. **RECALLS** Decision EX.CL/Dec.1032(XXXIV) regarding the moratorium on the creation of new bodies and offices;
3. **STRESSES** that the present decision should not bear any financial, legal and structural implications to the Union and **FURTHER CALLS UPON** the STCs and all technical ministerial councils and meetings to refrain from adopting any structures or budgets that were not considered by the Policy Organs through due process;
4. **REQUESTS** that all STCs adopt their reports at the end of their meeting.
 - I. **ON THE FOURTH (4TH) EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE SPECIALISED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, CULTURE AND SPORTS (STC-YCS-4), 9TH MARCH 2024, ACCRA, GHANA – Doc. EX.CL/1531(XLV)**

The Executive Council,

5. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Extraordinary Session of the Fourth Specialised Technical Committee Meeting on Youth, Culture and Sports (STC-YCS4) held in Accra, Ghana on 9 March 2024;
6. **ENDORSES** the bid of the Arab Republic of Egypt to host the 14th Edition of the African Games in 2027 in accordance with the Statute of the African Union Sports Council (AUSC);
7. **REQUESTS** the AUC and the STC-YCS to take necessary measures in case of non-compliance with the terms and conditions as outlined in the Host Country Agreement between the African Union and the hosting country of the African Games;
8. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the AU Sports Council to work closely with the Association of African Sports Confederations (AASC) and all other interested organizations in the African Sports Movement to ensure timely technical preparation and organization of the African Games in accordance with Article 18 of the Statute of African Union Sports Council;

9. **URGES** the AU Sports Council to secure a long-term marketing agent and broadcaster for the African Games to raise the profile of the Games and make them profitable in line with Article 5 (j) of the Statute of the African Union Sports Council;
10. **COMMENDS** the Republic of Ghana for the commitment and huge investments made to successfully host the 13th Edition of the African Games in Accra, Ghana from 8 to 23 March 2024;
11. **DECLARES** the city of Accra as the 2024 African City of Sport until the next Edition of the African Games; and
12. **ADVOCATES** for Member States to give prominence to the contributions of sports towards the achievements of the AU Agenda 2063 - the Africa We Want - and allocate more resources to sports programmes and activities.

II. ON THE 4TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, CULTURE AND SPORTS – Doc. EX.CL/1439(XLIII)

I. DECISIONS ON YOUTH, CULTURE AND SPORTS

ON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

i. Presentation on Youth Envoy

13. **FURTHER TAKES NOTE** of the recommendations by the AUC Youth Envoy to review the African Youth Charter, in line with Article 31 of the same, to reflect the evolving aspirations of Africa's Youth.
14. **REQUESTS** the Commission to provide guidance on the mechanism to address emerging and current realities of the African Youth through the African Youth Charter.
15. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the AU Commission to conduct a study and publish a report on the state of implementation of the African Youth Charter since its adoption.
16. **DECIDES** to institutionalize the Office of the Youth Envoy of the AUC Chairperson for the assurance of continuity of the representation of young people's voices at the leadership of the AU Commission.
17. **REQUESTS** the relevant Departments of the AU Commission to work with the Youth Envoy to conduct an assessment of the financial, legal and structural implications of institutionalization and submit it to the relevant Policy Organs for consideration.

ii. Update Report on YouthConnekt Africa

18. **REQUESTS** the Commission to continue its support to YouthConnekt Africa Hub as a platform of innovative youth development activities in Member States in line with the African Youth Charter, 1 Million Next Level and the Demographic Dividend Roadmap through the development of relevant frameworks of cooperation.
19. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the AU Commission, in collaboration with the YouthConnekt Africa Hub, to report on the implementation of this decision at the next STC session.

iii. Promoting Youth Volunteerism and Young Professional Programs in Africa

20. **ENDORSES** the AU Model National Volunteerism Policy and the AU Volunteer Framework as a reference guide for the Member States embarking on developing or updating national volunteer policy, strategy or program to draw inspiration from and harmonize national efforts to continental frameworks.
21. **REQUESTS** Member States to submit to the AU Commission their national reports on Youth volunteerism for the development of the AU State of Youth Volunteerism report.
22. **RECOMMENDS** that Member States should sponsor their nationals to serve in the AU Youth Volunteer Corps program through the established recruitment and deployment mechanism to boost the participation of their nationals in the AU Youth Volunteer Corps.
23. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in concurrence with the STC Bureau, to develop and submit a strategy for the institutionalization of AU Young Professional Programs for consideration by the AU Assembly and to report regularly on the implementation of this decision.

iv. Women and Youth Financial and Economic Inclusion (WYFEI) 2030 Initiative

24. **REQUESTS** Member States to support the WYFEI 2030 Initiative by aligning existing national women and youth empowerment strategies, programmes, and investments to the WYFEI 2030 Initiative and cascading the approach by sharing knowledge, best practices, experience, and resources towards achieving impact and scale.

v. Equal Representation of Women and Men and Youth Quota Initiative

25. **REQUESTS** the AUC to engage in awareness-raising efforts to popularize the AUC Equal Representation of Women and Youth Quota Initiative and to work with

Member States to cascade the implementation of the initiatives by providing Country Technical Assistance and capacity building.

III. ON THE 2ND EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE STC ON COMMUNICATION AND ICT – Doc. EX.CL/1532(XLV)

The Executive Council,

26. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Second Extra-Ordinary Session of the Specialized Technical Committee on Communication and Information & Communication Technologies (**E-STC-CICT**) held virtually from 11 to 13 June 2024 and the 2024 STC-CICT Declaration;
27. **COMMENDS** the Ministers responsible for Communication, Information and Communication Technology for the successful holding of the Second Extra-Ordinary meeting of their Specialized Technical Committee (STC) and achieving notable outcomes for the development of the Communication, Information and Communication Technology sectors in Africa;
28. **ENDORSES:**
 - (a) The African Digital Compact; and
 - (b) The Continental Artificial Intelligence (AI) Strategy.
29. **REQUESTS MEMBER STATES TO:**
 - (a) Support the implementation of the African Digital Compact and the Continental AI Strategy;
 - (b) Request their Diplomatic Missions at the United Nations to advocate for the key recommendations and actions in the African Digital Compact during the negotiations of the Global Digital Compact and deliberations at the Summit of the Future;
 - (c) Participate actively and effectively in global discussions and negotiations on AI governance and promote the Continental AI Strategy; and
 - (d) Ensure energy access to facilitate inclusive digital transformation.
30. **REQUESTS THE AU COMMISSION TO:**
 - (a) Organize an African Conference on AI in 2025;
 - (b) Build on the Continental AI Strategy to develop AI Strategies in critical sectors (Education, Agriculture, Health, Industry, Peace and Security, etc.); and
 - (c) Submit the adopted African Digital Compact and Continental AI Strategy to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

31. **CALLS UPON:** Multilateral financial institutions, development partners, and the private sector, including the AfDB, the World Bank and AfreximBank, to mobilize resources to implement the African Digital Compact and the Continental AI Strategy.

IV. ON THE 6TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE STC ON FINANCE, MONETARY AFFAIRS, ECONOMIC PLANNING AND INTEGRATION (2023) – DOC. EX.CL/1534(XLV)

The Executive Council,

32. **TAKES NOTE** and **ADOPTS** the Report and the Declaration of the 6th Ordinary Session of the Specialized Technical Committee (STC) on Finance, Monetary Affairs, Economic Planning and Integration, and the recommendations contained therein;
33. **EXPRESSES** concerns about the slow signature and ratification of legal instruments establishing the African Union Financial Institutions (AUFIs);
34. **REAFFIRMS** that achieving the ambitious Vision and Aspirations of Agenda 2063, will require an equally ambitious, comprehensive, holistic and transformative approach with respect to sustainable financing mechanisms underpinned by effective, accountable and inclusive institutions, sound policies and good governance at all levels;
35. **FURTHER REAFFIRMS** its determination to ensure that Africa's transformation, industrialization and economic diversification are financed in a predictable, sustainable, equitable and accountable manner with full ownership by its Member States;
36. **DECIDES** on the following:
- a) **CALLS UPON** all Member States to work with renewed zeal towards generating signature and ratification of the legal instruments of the African Monetary Fund and the African Investment Bank as well as attaining consensus on the levels of their initial capitalization so that an Extraordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union Heads of State and Government solely dedicated to the establishment of the African Union Financial Institutions is convened before the end of 2024;
 - b) **REQUESTS** the African Union Commission to expedite the finalisation of the technical study on the African Union Financial Institutions in the current economic and financial context of the Member States to address all the technical issues surrounding the establishment of the AUFIs;
 - c) **REQUESTS** the African Union Commission to work closely with the Association of African Central Banks and Member States to ensure that all the pending institutional and technical processes on the establishment of the African Monetary

Institute are carried out before the end of 2024 and the results of that engagement made part of the Champion's Report to the Assembly in 2025;

- d) **FURTHER REQUESTS** the African Union Commission to enhance collaboration with the African Securities Exchanges Association (ASEA) with a strategic focus resource mobilisation in order to to strengthen and scale up the African Exchanges Linkage Project (AELP) toward its transformation as the Pan African Stock Exchange (PASE); and **DECIDES** that the results of that collaboration be made part of the Champion's Report to the Assembly in 2025;
- e) **FURTHER CALLS UPON** the African Export Import Bank, African Development Bank, other African Multilateral Financial Institutions and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa to provide appropriate technical and financial support to the African Union Commission for the speedy operationalization of the African Union Financial Institutions; and
- f) **ALSO CALLS UPON** the African Union Commission, the Association of African Central Banks and the African Peer Review Mechanism to commence a Peer Review exercise with Member States with a view to fostering the implementation of the macroeconomic convergence criteria to allow for the monitoring of our path towards a common African currency; and **URGES** Member States and Regional Economic Communities to apply them scrupulously.

Implementing Key Flanking Measures to accelerate Africa's transformation towards the Establishment of the African Union Financial Institutions

A. On domestic and external resource mobilisation:

- 37. **COMMENDS** the Africa Group, the African Union Commission and AU Member States for their efforts towards the historic vote on the Resolution supported by Nigeria on behalf of the Africa Group during the deliberations of the Second Committee on 22 November, 2023 to achieve a comprehensive reform of the global taxation system under the United Nations which would ensure a more inclusive, transparent and fit-for-development purpose tax architecture that protects the taxing rights of all countries;
- 38. **URGES** the Commission to step up its technical support to the Africa Group and mobilize its political weight and leadership to secure the current momentum towards a more inclusive and transparent international tax architecture;
- 39. **EXPRESSES DEEP APPRECIATION** to all the countries that have already expressed support for the Reform of the Global Tax Architecture at the United Nations;
- 40. **CALLS UPON** countries that have voted against the draft resolution to support the current process in the spirit of humanity for shared prosperity and development.

41. **FURTHER CALLS UPON** the African Union Commission, the African Tax Administration Forum, Tax Justice Network, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, with the support of partners, to support Member States' efforts through capacity building and technical assistance to enhance domestic resource mobilization and stem illicit financial flows with a view to supporting the implementation of Agenda 2063 projects and programmes.

B. Study on Key Actions to Achieve Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development in Africa

42. **TAKES NOTE** of the report on the key findings of the Study and **COMMENDS** the African Union Commission, the African Development Bank and the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) for finalising the Study on Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development; and **CALLS UPON** Member States to endorse and implement the key actions and policies indicated in order to achieve a sustained 7-10% annual economic growth rates in the next decades to ensure the realization of the African Union Agenda 2063.
43. **CALLS UPON** Member States, Regional Economic Communities, Pan-African Institutions and partners to support the implementation of the recommendations therein contained.
44. **URGES** the African Union Commission, the African Development Bank and the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) to design and implement an effective and efficient monitoring and evaluation process to track progress on the implementation of the key actions detailed in the Study.
45. **REQUESTS** the Commission to submit the next status report to the Executive Council in 2025.

C. High-Level Working Group on the Future of the Global Financial Architecture

46. **TAKES NOTE** of the on-going activities of the High-Level Working Group on the Future of the Global Financial Architecture;
47. **CALLS UPON** the AU Commission to mainstream the work of the High-Level Working Group into the Policy Organs of the Union through the Specialized Technical Committee on Finance, Economic Planning and Integration;
48. **URGES** the AU Commission and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa to work together to consolidate and advocate for an African Common Position on the Reform of the Global Financial Architecture with clear strategic negotiating points;

49. **FURTHER URGES** the High-Level Working Group to include the reform of the international tax architecture in its work; and
50. **REQUESTS** the Working Group to continue presenting their annual progress report to the Specialized Technical Committee on Monetary Affairs, Economic Planning and Integration, which would form part of the Champion's annual report to the AU Assembly of Heads of State and Government in 2025.

D. Emerging Developments: African Union permanent seat at the Group of 20 (G20)

51. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.845(XXXVI) of the 36th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union held from 18 to 19 February 2023 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; and **WELCOMES** the decision of the Leaders of the G20 meeting in New Delhi held from 9 to 10 September 2023 under the theme 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' to grant permanent membership to the African Union at the G20.
52. **URGES** the African Union Commission to develop clear modalities and define specific roles and a clear division of labour for the Commission, Finance Ministers, Central Bank Governors, AU Specialised Agencies, and other stakeholders.
53. **ALSO URGES** the Commission to define clear strategic expectations for the continent to harness the potential of the G20.

E. Treatment of African Multilateral Financial Institutions (AMFIs) in African Sovereign Debt Resolution

54. **URGES** Member States to affirm the central role of AMFIs as African-owned multilateral institutions critical to continental development;
55. **FURTHER URGES** Member States to respect treaty obligations to African Multilateral Financial Institutions in debt negotiations with Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) and other parties;
56. **REQUESTS** the African Union Commission Chairperson to issue a letter to Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) and other parties, in consultation with the Office of the Legal Counsel, highlighting the concerns of Member States about this issue and calling on them to classify and treat AMFIs as multilateral creditors during their debt negotiations with African sovereigns, in line with their treaty obligations;
57. **DECIDES** to create the Africa Club, an informal group composed of African Multilateral Financial Institutions (AMFIs) as a dedicated continental platform of African official creditors to find coordinated and sustainable solutions to the debt payment difficulties experienced by Member States; and

58. **REQUESTS** the African Union Commission, with the support of AMFIs, to organize a continental conference on debt resolution in Africa in 2024 and report back to the Policy Organs of the Union.

F. Update on the Establishment of an African Credit Rating Agency

59. **TAKES NOTE** of the endorsement by the 6th Specialized Technical Committee on Finance, Monetary Affairs, Economic Planning, and Integration of the proposal made by the APRM for the establishment of a private sector-driven African Credit rating Agency based on self-funding and sustaining;
60. **REQUESTS** the AU-PRM, in collaboration with AfreximBank and other Pan-African Financial Institutions, to expedite the operationalisation of the private sector-driven African Credit Rating Agency based on self-funding; and
61. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the APRM, UNECA and AUC to collaborate with international credit rating agencies and technical institutions on data dissemination and transparency standards to strengthen credit ratings in Africa.

V. ON THE 4TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON TRADE, TOURISM, INDUSTRY AND MINERALS – Doc. EX.CL/1535(XLV)

The Executive Council,

62. **WELCOMES** the convening of the 4th Meeting of the Specialized Technical Committee on Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals that was held in Malabo, Republic of Equatorial Guinea from 16 to 17 May 2024 under the theme *“Enhancing Africa’s Trade Competitiveness Through Tourism, Industrial and Mineral Resources Development.”*
63. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report and Declaration of the 4th Meeting of the Specialized Technical Committee on Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals and the outcomes contained therein, as annexed.
64. **TAKES NOTE** of the updated Rules of Procedure for the Specialized Technical Committee on Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals and **DIRECTS** the Specialized Technical Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs to finalize the same through legal scrubbing and present it to our next Meeting in February 2025 for endorsement.
65. **WELCOMES** the creation of Four (4) Sub-Committees of the STC - TTIM to be comprised of Member States representatives from respective capitals focusing on each thematic area, namely Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals.

66. **WELCOMES** the development of the African Green Minerals Strategy and **REQUESTS** the STC-TTİM to finalize the consideration and adoption of the Strategy and present it to our next Meeting in February 2025 for endorsement.
67. **ENDORSES** the following Strategies and Frameworks aimed at enhancing Africa's trade competitiveness through Tourism, Industrial and Mineral Resources Development:
- (i) The African Union E-Commerce Strategy;
 - (ii) The African Union Startup Policy Framework;
 - (iii) The African Union Stakeholder Engagement Manual as a guide for Trade Policy making in Africa;
 - (iv) The African Continental Technical Regulatory Framework (ACTReF);
 - (v) The Fashion Industry Development Strategy and Pan African Fashion Initiative Regulatory Framework;
 - (vi) The African Union Definition of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises.
68. **ENDORSES** the Decision on Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) and **REQUESTS** the African Union Commission and its partners to undertake an in-depth study on the impact of carbon taxes on the competitiveness of African products and services.
69. **WELCOMES** the institutionalization of the Arab-Africa Trade Bridges program as a cooperation platform for the expansion and development of African-Arab trade and investment, and for boosting trade development, investment, insurance, and infrastructure between Arab and African countries.
70. **DIRECTS** the Commission, in collaboration with relevant partners and stakeholders, to supports the implementation of the recommendations of the Report and Declaration.
71. **THANKS** the Government and People of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea for hosting the 4th Meeting of the STC-TTİM.

VI. ON THE REPORT OF THE 16th ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SPECIALISED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE, SAFETY AND SECURITY - Doc. EX.CL/1533(XLV)

The Executive Council,

72. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the 16th Ordinary Meeting of the Specialized Technical Committee on Defence, Safety and Security (STCDSS) held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 3 to 5 June 2024; and **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained therein;

73. **ENDORSES** the African Union Strategic Lift Concept, adopted by the 16th Ordinary Meeting of the STCDSS, and **URGES** Member States to commit to providing strategic air, land and maritime lift capabilities as part of the operationalization of the ASF as well as humanitarian and relief missions in the event of natural disasters, taking into account the leading role of RECS/RMs capabilities in certain types of operations;
74. **ENDORSES** the African Union Guideline for Case Management in Peace Support Operations, adopted by the 16th Ordinary Meeting of the STCDSS, and **NOTES** the importance of clarifying the protection of PSO personnel from allegations by undertaking thorough investigations and highlighting the issues of preservation of confidentiality pending investigations;
75. **ENDORSES** the African Union Training Policy for Peace Support Operations, adopted by the 16th Ordinary Meeting of the STCDSS, and **REQUESTS** the Commission to set up partnerships with AU Member States to harmonize trainings and to develop a database of PSOs trainings available on the continent;
76. **REQUESTS** the Commission to develop a comprehensive and inclusive roadmap for the extensive review of the Africa Standby Force (ASF) and submit the outcomes and recommendations of the review to the 17th Ordinary Meeting of the STCDSS;
77. **REQUESTS** the AU Commission, in coordination with the Peace and Security Council, African Members on the UN Security Council, and other relevant stakeholders, to unpack UN Security Council Resolution 2719 (2023) to facilitate its implementation and immediately establish a strategic mechanism to mobilize the remaining 25% to finance a peace support operation in the context of implementing the Resolution.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE AU INDEPENDENT TECHNICAL TEAM ON
HOSTING THE AFRICAN HUMANITARIAN AGENCY (AfHA) – Doc.
EX.CL/1538(XLV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.856(XXXVI) adopting the Statute of the African Humanitarian Agency (AfHA), as well as Article 8 of the Statute providing that the Seat of the AfHA shall be decided by the Assembly after a call for candidatures;
2. **TAKES NOTE** of the technical assessment report of the Commission on the hosting of the AfHA and **COMMENDS** the extensive and professional work done by the Technical Assessment Team;
3. **FURTHER COMMENDS** the four (4) Member States that offered to host the AfHA for the strength of their offers and level of commitment displayed throughout the assessment process;
4. **RECOMMENDS** to the Assembly to appoint **the Republic of Uganda** as the Host Country of the AfHA;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to continue providing support towards the full operationalization of AfHA as early as possible; and
6. **CALLS ON** all Member States, Development partners, and African private sector stakeholders to support the expedited operationalization of the AfHA, including by fulfilling the pledges made during the 15th Extraordinary Humanitarian Summit and Pledging Conference, held on 27th May 2022 in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION ON
THE OPERATIONALIZATION OF THE AFRICAN UNION PEACE FUND**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report and **COMMENDS** the AU Commission for the progress made in the operationalisation of the African Union Peace Fund, with regard to the establishment of the governance structure and the disbursement of financial resources through the Crisis Reserve Facility and pilot projects to address security challenges in Africa.
2. **RECALLS** EX.CL/Dec.1223(XLIII) paragraph 31, taken during the Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in July 2023 held in Nairobi, which requested the Commission, acting through the Peace Fund Secretariat, to explore modalities for seeking voluntary contributions from Member States as well as contributions from the private sector; and **ENCOURAGES** the AU Peace Fund Secretariat to expend all efforts to mobilize additional resources through Member States voluntary contributions by engaging with the private sector, high net worth individuals and the citizens of our continent.
3. **NOTES** the progress made so far in engaging with the Africa-based private sector, multilateral financial institutions, corporations, state-owned enterprises, high-net-worth individuals and billionaires to mobilize resources for the Peace Fund; and **ENCOURAGES** the Commission to expand its outreach to include more Member States in strict compliance with AU Financial Rules.
4. **URGES** Member States who have not yet fulfilled their financial commitments to the Peace Fund to fulfil their commitments.
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to finalize the operationalization of the Independent Evaluation Group and undertake the selection process through the Panel of Eminent Africans to ensure transparency.
6. **DIRECTS** the Peace Fund Secretariat to finalize and present the Resource Mobilization Strategy through internal expertise and resources.

**DECISION ON THE
FIRST REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE PARTICIPATION
OF THE AU IN THE G20**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the work undertaken by the Commission in implementing Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.873(XXXVII) and Decision EX.CL/1255(XLIV) on Modalities of Participation and Priorities of the African Union in the Group of 20 (G20) adopted in February 2024;
2. **FURTHER TAKES NOTE** of key issues in the G20, which are of interest to the African Union, namely: Ending Hunger and Poverty; Climate Action; Development of Bio-economy; Digitalization and Artificial Intelligence; Debt Restructuring and Reform of the G20 Common Framework on Debt Treatments; Rechanneling of SDR and Mobilization of Concessional Financing for Development; Reform of Multilateral Development Banks; Reform of the current global governance system to enhance its inclusiveness and effectiveness; Energy Transition and Value Addition of African Green Minerals; International Tax Cooperation; Compact with Africa; and Health;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to facilitate quarterly briefings to the PRC Sub-Committee on Economic and Trade Matters on the participation of the African Union in the G20 to enhance coordination of positions with Member States;
4. **REAFFIRMS** the position that the African Union would self-finance, with complementary support from Pan African Financial Institutions, its participation in the G20 to ensure its collective sovereignty;
5. **DECIDES** to convene an Extra-Ordinary Virtual Session of the Executive Council to take place in October 2024, preceded by meetings of the PRC Sub-Committee of the Whole on Economic and Trade Matters and the PRC to consider draft positions to be advanced by the AU Sherpa and the Sous-Sherpa during the consideration of the 2024 G20 Leaders' Draft Declaration;
6. **CALLS UPON** the African Union Commission to come up, before the Extraordinary Session of the Executive Council, with a comprehensive document on the composition of the Bureaus of the Specialized Technical Committees;
7. **FURTHER CALLS UPON** the African Union Commission to come up, before the Extraordinary Session of the Executive Council, with a dashboard of the policy positions and priorities of the African Union based on approved policy documents;
8. **REQUESTS** the Commission to circulate to Member States the lists of AU participants in the G20 meetings from 1st December 2023 to 31st May 2024, along with the directory of AU representatives in the G20 meetings as well as the calendar of meetings of the G20;

9. **REITERATES** the need for the African Union Commission to come up with a policy document, as decided upon through Decision Ex.2/Dec. 1255 (XLIV) of 14-15 February, as soon as the Brazilian G20 Sherpa circulates the zero draft of the 2024 G20 Leaders' Declaration; and
10. **URGES** Member States and Regions that have not yet done so, to designate their representatives for the position of Chairpersons of AU Specialized Technical Committees; and **DECIDES** that, in the absence of the substantive Chairperson of a Specialized Technical Committee, a member of the bureau should be requested by the African Union Commission to participate in a given G20 Ministerial meeting.

**DECISION ON
THE REPORT OF THE JOINT SITTING OF THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON
SCALE OF ASSESSMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS AND THE COMMITTEE OF
FIFTEEN MINISTERS OF FINANCE (F15)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Joint Sitting of the Ministerial Committee on Scale of Assessment and Contributions and the Committee of Fifteen Ministers of Finance (F15) held on the 12th of July 2024.
 - a. **On the Status of Member States contributions to the Regular Budget and Peace Fund:**
2. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.802(XXXIV) of February 2021 taken in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, through which the Assembly decided to delegate its powers to the Executive Council to apply the AU Sanction Regime, pursuant to the provisions of Article 23 (1) of the Constitutive Act and Rule 36 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.
3. **COMMENDS** Member States for contributing **US\$133,101,285.53**, equivalent to **67%** of the **US\$200,000,000** assessed contribution, for the 2024 Regular Budget.
4. **ALSO COMMENDS** Member States for contributing **US\$341,188,642.79** towards the AU Peace Fund since 2017, thereby demonstrating a high level of commitment by the Union to fully operationalize the Fund.
5. **FURTHER COMMENDS** Member States that have made full contributions on their 2024 assessments and **REQUESTS** Member States to pay their assessed contributions in compliance with Rule 23(1) of the AU Financial Rules, taking into consideration the differences in financial years of Member States.
6. **DECIDES** to impose sanctions on the following Member States that have fallen back on the payment of their assessed contributions:
 - a. **Cautionary sanctions:** Chad, Madagascar, Benin, Malawi, Eswatini, Lesotho, Central African Republic, Djibouti, Guinea Bissau, Uganda, Niger, Comoros, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Burkina Faso, Mozambique, Libya and South Sudan.
 - b. **Intermediate sanctions:** Mali and Liberia.
 - c. **Comprehensive sanctions:** Guinea, and Sao Tome and Principe.
7. **NOTES WITH REGRET** that twenty-six (26) Member States are recommended for sanctions and, in this regard, **DIRECTS** the Chairperson of the Commission to

reach out to each of these Member States to expeditiously pay their assessed contributions to allow for the lifting of the financial sanctions.

8. **DIRECTS** the Commission to develop a feasibility study for the consideration by the Ministerial Joint Sitting on the payment of part of the Member States' assessed contributions in national currencies for the consideration of the Policy Organs by February 2025.

b. On Member States experiencing force majeure circumstances making them temporarily unable to pay their assessed contributions

9. **RECALLS** Decision EX.CL/Dec.1071(XXXV) of July 2019 which considered the security and political situation of Somalia and Libya, withheld the imposition of sanctions for non-payment of contributions, and requested the Commission to consult with the two countries to agree on a payment plan to clear the arrears within four (4) years from the adoption of the Decision.
10. **FURTHER RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.752(XXXIII) of February 2020 which took note of the requests from the Republic of Burundi and the challenges the country faced in meeting its annual contributions to the Union, as well as the request to the Commission to engage with Member States facing difficulties paying their contributions to the Union and those in arrears for two (2) or more years in order to agree on the payment plan for clearing their arrears.
11. **ALSO RECALLS** Decision EX.CL/Dec.1119(XXXVIII) of February 2021 which took note of the request from the Republic of Sudan on the need to review its assessed contribution and requested the Commission to consult with the Republic of Sudan based on the current Scale of Assessment to agree on a payment plan to clear the arrears as soon as possible, within four (4) years from the adoption of the Decision.
12. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.802(XXXIV) of February 2021 which endorsed the payment plans for the Republic of Somalia and the Republic of Burundi to clear their arrears.
13. **FURTHER RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.838(XXXV) of February 2022 which decided exceptionally, and given the well-known long-standing complex situation in Libya, that upon full payment by the State of Libya of 50% of their arrears, the Commission shall write-off the 50% of the contributions to the regular budget due to the organization.
14. **RECALLS** Decision EX.CL/Dec.1263(XLIV) of February 2024 by which the Executive Council, following the consideration of the Report of the Joint Sitting of the Ministerial Committee on Scale of Assessment and Contributions and the Committee of Fifteen Ministers of Finance (F15) held on the 9th of February 2024, congratulated the State of Libya for clearing all its arrears and paying its 2023

assessed contributions in full, including all outstanding contributions to the Peace Fund, which demonstrated ownership and commitment on financing the African Union sustainably.

15. **NOTES** that 2024 is the final year of the implementation of the payment plans agreed between the Commission, the Republic of Somalia and the Republic of Burundi to clear the latter's arrears to the African Union, **EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** for the efforts made by the two Member States to clear their arrears to the organization and **ENCOURAGES** them to continue to pay their contributions according to the agreed payment plans.
16. **TAKES NOTE** of the request by the Republic of Somalia for the restructuring of its payment plan and **REQUESTS** the Commission and the Republic of Somalia to agree on a revised payment plan and report back to the Executive Council in February 2025.
17. **AFFIRMS** its Decision EX.CL/Dec.1119(XXXVIII) of February 2021 and, **COGNIZANT** of the intensive political and security challenges which Sudan continues to face, **REQUESTS** the Commission to submit a report on the situation to the Executive Council at its sitting in February 2025, including on the steps taken on agreeing on a payment plan with Sudan, for further consideration and Decision.

**DECISION ON THE ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF THREE (3) JUDGES OF
THE AFRICAN COURT ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS (AfCHPR) – Doc.
EX.CL/1542(XLV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Election and Appointment of Three (3) Judges of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights; and
2. **ELECTS AND APPOINTS** the following as judges of the AfCHPR for a term of **six (6) years**:

NO.	NAME	GENDER	COUNTRY	REGION
1	Blaise Tchikaya	Male	Congo	Central
2	Duncan Gaswaga	Male	Uganda	Eastern
3	Stella Isibhakhomen Anukam	Female	Nigeria	Western

DECISION ON THE ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE PAN AFRICAN UNIVERSITY (PAU) – Doc. EX.CL/1544(XLV)

The Executive Council,

- 1. TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Election and Appointment of the President of the Pan African University (PAU) Council; and
- 2. REELECTS AND APPOINTS** the following as President of the PAU Council for a three (3)- year term, effective October 2024.

NO	NAME	GENDER	COUNTRY	REGION
	Kenneth Kamwi Matengu	Male	Namibia	Southern

**DECISION ON THE ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF TWO (2) MEMBERS OF
THE AFRICAN SPACE COUNCIL – Doc. EX.CL/1544(XLV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Election and Appointment of Two (2) Members of the African Space Council;
2. **ELECTS AND APPOINTS** the following as Member of the African Space Council for a term of **four (4) years**:

NO.	NAME	GENDER	COUNTRY	REGION
1.	Fernand Guy Isseri	Male	Cameroon	Central

3. **DECIDES** to postpone the election and appointment of one (1) female member of the Space Council from the Central Region to the forty-sixth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council to be held in February 2025;
4. **URGES** Member States of the Central Region to submit female candidatures for the Space Council; and
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to regularize the appointment documents of Elected Members of the African Space Council in accordance with Decision 1256 (XLIV) of February 2024 and to expedite the administrative and financial aspects in line with the structure of the Agency in order to make it fully operational.

**DECISION ON THE ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF ONE (1) MEMBER OF THE
AFRICAN UNION ADVISORY BOARD AGAINST CORRUPTION (AUABC) – DOC.
EX.CL/1545(XLV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Election and Appointment of One (1) Member of the African Union Advisory Board Against Corruption (AUABC); and
2. **ELECTS AND APPOINTS** the following as Member of the AUABC for a six (6)-year term:

NO	NAME	GENDER	COUNTRY	REGION
1	Nadia Annouz	Female	Morocco	Northern

**DECISION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN UNION
BOARD OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS (BoEAs) – Doc. EX.CL/1546(XLV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the nominations submitted by the Regional Deans following consultation within their respective regions, as per Rule 98 of the African Union Financial Rules;
2. **DECIDES** to appoint, in addition to the first-tier members, the following Heads of Supreme Audit Institutions as members of the African Union Board of External Auditors (BoEA) to carry out audit assignments for the 2024 and 2025 financial years, as per Rule 99 of the African Union Financial Rules.

REGION	REPRESENTATIVE
CENTRAL REGION	EQUATORIAL GUINEA
EASTERN REGION	REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS
SOUTHERN REGION	KINGDOM OF ESWATINI
WESTERN REGION	REPUBLIC OF COTE D'IVOIRE

DECISION ON AFRICAN CANDIDATURES WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System;
2. **FURTHER NOTES** the Council's decisions requesting the Republic of Ghana, The Republic of The Gambia and the Kingdom of Lesotho to consult and agree on one African candidate for the Post of **Secretary-General of the Commonwealth** during the election scheduled for October 2024;
3. **COMMENDS** the withdrawal of the **United Republic of Tanzania** (Eastern Africa Region), in keeping with the spirit of African solidarity and shared values, of its candidate for the Post of **Secretary-General of the Commonwealth**;
4. **RECALLS** the early endorsement by the 44th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council of **Dr. Khaled El-Anany** of the Arab Republic of Egypt (Northern Africa Region) as the African candidate for the **Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for the period 2025-2029** for the election to be held in the last quarter of 2025, in Paris, France;
5. **ALSO RECALLS** the Decision of the 44th Session of the Executive Council of February 2024 endorsing the candidate of Zambia for the Post of President and the candidate of Morocco for the Post of Vice President of INTERPOL; and **REQUESTS** further consultations with Member States competing for these Posts based on the fundamental guiding principles of African unity, solidarity and consensus;
6. **FURTHER RECALLS** the endorsement of the candidate of Senegal for the Post of WHO Regional Director for Africa and also **REQUESTS** further consultations with Member States that submitted candidates for this post;
7. **REITERATES** the early endorsement of the Democratic Republic of Congo (Central Africa Region) and the Republic of Liberia (Western Africa Region) for the Non-Permanent Seats on the UN Security Council for the period 2026-2027; as well as the Republic of Zimbabwe for the period 2027-2028;
8. **REQUESTS** the African Groups to follow up on the implementation of these Decisions and offer the necessary political and technical support;

9. **REFERS** to the Decision of the 44th Session of the Executive Council of February 2024 that the Southern African Region should produce the President of UN General Assembly for the 84th Session in the spirit of regional equity. **FURTHER DECIDES** that the candidature of the Republic of Burundi for the Post of President of the 84th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) for the period 2029-2030, for the election to be held in June 2028, in New York, USA, shall not be considered based on the rotation methodology that was adopted by the Executive Council in February 2024.
10. **ENDORSES THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATURES OF GOVERNMENTS SUBMITTED BY MEMBER STATES:**
- A. For the election for the Post of a **Member of the Governing Council of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for the period 2024-2026, for the election to be held in September 2024 in Vienna, Austria, the candidature of:**
- **Kingdom of Morocco** (Northern Africa Region)
- B. For the election for the Post of a **Member of the Commission on International Trade Law for the period 2025-2028, for the election to be held in October 2024, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:**
- **Republic of Burundi** (Central Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Congo** (Central Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Côte d'Ivoire** (Western Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Ghana** (Western Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Sierra Leone** (Western Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Zambia** (Southern Africa Region)
 - **Pending** (Southern African Region)
 - **Pending** (Northern Africa Region)
- C. For the election for the Post of a **Member of the Human Rights Council for the period 2025-2027, for the election to be held in October 2024 in New York, USA, the candidatures of:**
- **Democratic Republic of Congo** (Central Africa Region)
 - **Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia** (Eastern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Kenya** (Eastern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Benin** (Western Africa Region)
 - **Republic of The Gambia** (Western Africa Region)

NB: Only Five (05) seats are available for Africa.

A. For the election for the Post of a **Member of the Committee for the United Nations Population Award for the period 2025-2027**, for the election scheduled on 23-24 July 2024, in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Islamic Republic of Mauritania** (Northern Africa Region)

11. TAKES NOTE OF NEW CANDIDATURES OF GOVERNMENTS SUBMITTED BY MEMBER STATES:

A. For hosting of the **Regional Office for Africa of the Hague Conference on Private International Law for the period 2025-2027**, for the election to be held in March 2025 in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Kingdom of Morocco** (Northern Africa Region)

B. For the election for the Post of a **Member of the Council of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for the period 2026-2027**, for the election to be held in November 2025, in London, UK, the candidature of:

- **Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia** (Eastern Africa Region)

C. For the election for the Post of a **Member of the Board of Directors** of the Postal Operations Council of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) for the period 2025-2027, for the election to be held in September 2025 in Dubai, UAE, the candidature of:

- **Kingdom of Morocco** (Northern Africa Region)

D. For the election for the Post of a **Member of the UNESCO Executive Board for the period 2025-2029**, for the election to be held in November 2025 in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, the candidatures of:

- **Kingdom of Morocco** (Northern Africa Region)
- **Togolese Republic** (Western Africa Region)
- **Arab Republic of Egypt** (Northern Africa Region)
- **Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia** (Eastern Africa Region)
- **People's Democratic Republic of Algeria** (Northern Africa Region)

E. For the election for the Post of a **Member of the UNESCO Executive Board for the period 2027-2031**, for the election to be held in November 2026 in Paris, France, the candidature of:

- **Republic of Senegal** (Western Africa Region)

F. For the election for the Post of a **Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the period 2028-2029**, for the election to be held in June 2027, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:

- **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region)
- **Republic of Guinea Bissau** (Western Africa Region)
- **Kingdom of Morocco** (Northern Africa Region)
- **State of Libya** (Northern Africa Region)

NB: Two (2) seats are allocated for Africa. The African Group in New York is requested to advise both Regions to consult and agree on one candidate for each Region.

G. For election for the Post of a **Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the period 2029-2030**, for the election to be held in June 2028, in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Republic of Uganda** (Eastern Africa Region)

H. For the election for the Post of a **Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the period 2031-2032**, to be held in June 2030, in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Republic of South Africa** (Southern Africa Region)

I. For the election for the Post of a **Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the period 2032-2033**, to be held in June 2031, in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Islamic Republic of Mauritania** (Northern Africa Region)

J. For the election for the Post of a **Member of the Human Rights Council for the period 2026-2028**, for the election to be held in October 2025 in New York, USA, the candidatures of:

- **Arab Republic of Egypt** (Northern Africa Region)
- **United Republic of Tanzania** (Eastern Africa Region)
- **Republic of South Africa** (Southern Africa Region) *Re-Election*
- **Republic of Mauritius** (Eastern Africa Region)

K. For the election for the Post of a **Member of the Human Rights Council for the period 2027-2029**, for the election to be held in October 2026 in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region)

12. ENDORSES NEW CANDIDATURES OF INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTED BY MEMBER STATES:

- A. For the election for the Post of **Secretary-General of the Commonwealth** for the period 2024-2029, during the election scheduled for October 2024, in Apia, Samoa, the candidatures of:
- **Hon. Shirley Ayokor Botchwey** of the Republic of Ghana (Western Africa Region)
 - **H.E. Dr. Mamadou Tangara**, Current Minister of Foreign Affairs of The Gambia (Western Africa Region)
 - **Senator Joshua Phoho Setipa** of the Kingdom of Lesotho (Southern Africa Region)
- B. For the election for the Post of **Assistant Secretary-General of the Pan-African Postal Union for the period 2025-2029**, scheduled for October 2024 in Arusha, Tanzania, the candidature of:
- **Mrs. Jessica Hope SSENGOOBA** of the Republic of Uganda (Eastern Africa Region) *Re-Election*
- C. For the election for the Post of a **Member of the UN Human Rights Advisory Committee for the period 2025-2027**, scheduled for October 2024 in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
- **Professor Frans Jacobus Viljoen** of the Republic of South Africa (Southern Africa Region)
 - **His Lordship Justice Edward Amoako ASANTE** of the Republic of Ghana (Western Africa Region)
- D. For the election for the Post of a **Member of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) for the period 2025-2030**, for the election to be held in November 2024, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
- **Mr. Makiesse Kinkela Augusto** of the Republic of Angola (Southern Africa Region)
 - **Mr. Tesfa Alem Seyoum** of the State of Eritrea (Eastern Africa Region)
 - **Mr. Robert Nguei Mule** of the Republic of Kenya (Eastern Africa Region)
- E. For the election for the Post of **Chairperson of the Executive Committee of Codex Alimentarius for the period 2025-2027**, scheduled for November 2024 in Geneva, Switzerland, the candidature of:
- **Dr. Allan Azegele** of the Republic of Kenya (Eastern Africa Region)
- F. For the election for the Post of a **Member of the United Nations International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) for the period 2025-2028**, during the election to be held in November 2024 in New York, the candidatures of:

- **Mr. Larbi DJACTA** of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria (Northern Africa Region) **Re-Election**
- **Mr. Elhassane ZAHID** of the Kingdom of Morocco (Northern Africa Region) **Re-Election**

13. TAKES NOTE OF NEW CANDIDATURES OF INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTED BY MEMBER STATES:

A. For the election for the Post of a **Member of the Committee against Torture (CAT), for the period 2026-2029**, for the election to be held in October 2025, in Geneva, Switzerland, the candidature of:

- **Mr. Abderrazak Rouwane** of the Kingdom of Morocco (Northern Africa Region)

B. For the election for the Post of a **Judge of the International Tribunal of the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) for the period 2026-2035**, scheduled for June 2025 in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Dr. Sylvia Adusu** of the Republic of Ghana (Western Africa Region)

C. For the election for the Post of **Chairperson of the United Nations International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) for the period 2026-2030**, for the election to be held in June 2025, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:

- **Mr. Ali Ayad Ali Kurer** of the State of Libya (Northern Africa Region)
- **Amb. Andrew Gbebay Bangali** of the Republic of Sierra Leone (Western Africa Region)

NB: One (1) seat is allocated for Africa. The African Group in New York is requested to facilitate consultation between both Regions and agree on one candidate for this post.

14. ON OTHER ISSUES

The Council;

A. COMMENDS the work of the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System and its Secretariat under the leadership of the Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security;

- B. CALLS UPON** AU Member States to continue providing the necessary political support to the Committee based on one of the great values of African solidarity with the overall objective of ensuring a strong African presence within the International System;
- C. EXPRESSES** its concerns about the timing of the meetings of the Committee in parallel with the Sessions of the Executive Council, and **RESOLVES** that the meeting shall be held a day before the opening of the Executive Council Sessions;
- D. REQUESTS** the Commission to continue with the initiative of the E-Portal for online submission of candidatures and to develop a training manual for ongoing orientation programmes for AU Member States;
- E. NOTES** the lack of compliance with the Rules of Procedure of the Ministerial Committee by Member States and **REQUESTS** the application of the sanction regime as enshrined in the said Rules of Procedure;
- F. FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to organize a special session of the Ministerial Committee in New York in September 2024 on the sidelines of the 79th Session of UNGA, and a Ministerial Retreat in due course. The Meeting shall address outstanding issues regarding the working methods and application of the Rules of Procedure of the Ministerial Committee; and
- G. INSTRUCTS** the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC), through its relevant Sub-Committees, to allocate an adequate budget for the activities of the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System from Member States Budget.