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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.
 - I. **ON THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON STRUCTURAL REFORMS - EX.CL/1635(XLVIII)**
2. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.920(XXXVIII) and Decision EX.CL/Dec.1310(XLVII), adopted at the 47th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council held on 10–11 July 2025 in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, in particular their provisions requesting the PRC, with the support of the Commission, to complete the review of the remaining entities and submit a report to the Executive Council;
3. **TAKES NOTE** of the consolidated report of the PRC Sub-Committee on Structural Reforms on the examination of institutional reform proposals for the period from 23 September to 19 November 2025, and **COMMENDS** the PRC Sub-Committee for the progress achieved in the conduct of its work;
4. **REQUESTS** the PRC, through its Sub-Committee on Structural Reforms, to continue its work, using a case-by-case approach taking into account the specificities of each entity, and to submit a comprehensive report on the outstanding elements of the institutional reform process to the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council by January 2027.
5. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the PRC, in collaboration with the Commission and F15 Committee of Ministers to submit a comprehensive, comparative report detailing the financial, structural and legal implications on the preferred reform scenarios of all the structures under review, including rationalization of existing structures with overlapping and duplicative mandates as well as on the proposed regional support service centres to the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly through the Executive Council;
6. **COGNIZANT** of the need to ensure proportional and equitable representation of Member States within the reformed structures of the AU, **DIRECTS** the Commission in collaboration with the PRC to present regular updates to the Executive Council, taking into consideration previous decisions on SACA, in accordance with decision EX.CL/Dec.1031(XXXIV) of its 34th Ordinary session on,
 - i) advancement of respective quotas within the AU system to least and under-represented Member States and
 - ii) a comprehensive list of staff funded through external and non-African financial resources and the transformative steps taken to address this situation;

7. **RECOGNIZES** the supportive role that AU Liaison Offices (AULOs) play in the promotion of peace and security as well as post-conflict reconstruction and development and on the need to ensure efficient and proper management of these offices, **DIRECTS** the PRC in collaboration with the Commission and Regional Economic Communities (RECs), to finalize a harmonized institutional framework for the management of liaison offices, including clear guidelines on start-up and draw-down criteria, predictable and sustainable financing, standardized structure and appropriate human and technical resources as well as monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and present these to the 50th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in January 2027. **FURTHER DIRECTS** that the closure and reactivation of identified AULOs in accordance with previous Assembly decisions, are conducted in conformance with financial and administrative rules and procedures.
 8. **DIRECTS** the Commission to expedite the timely submission of all outstanding institutional reform proposals, including those not covered under the consultant's assessment, and ensure full cooperation with the PRC Sub-Committee in the conduct of its work.
 9. **URGES** the Commission to address, as a matter of priority, the recurrent institutional challenges identified by the Sub-Committee, in full compliance with decisions of the Assembly and the Executive Council and according to the priorities to be identified by the Subcommittee in coordination with the Commission.
 10. **REITERATES** the importance of finalizing without delay the development of a proposal to harmonize the classification of all AU posts, including those of Heads of AU entities, and submitting it for adoption, according to the established procedure, to the AU decision-making bodies by June 2026, in accordance with decision EX.CL/Dec.1265(XLV), paragraph (39); **REQUESTS** the Commission to develop a legal nomenclature classifying the qualities and legal statuses of AU entities, and to submit it for adoption, according to the established procedure, to the AU decision-making bodies by June 2026.
- II. 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) - EX.CL/1636(XLVIII)**
11. **TAKES NOTE** of the reports of the Joint Sitting of the PRC Sub-Committees on General Supervision and Coordination on Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters and F-15 Technical Experts.

A. Mid-Year Performance Report on the 2025 AU Budget

12. **TAKES NOTE** of the 2025 Mid-year Performance Report and **EXPRESSES** concern regarding the low execution rates of certain Organs and Offices and **RECALLS** paragraph 88 of decision EX.CL/Dec.1189(XLII) on budget performance, and **DIRECTS** the Organs and Offices with execution rates below fifty percent (50%) to submit corrective action plans to the PRC through the GSCBFAM for consideration before the next ordinary session of the Executive Council in June 2026.
13. **DIRECTS** strict adherence to the implementation of paragraph 88 (xiv) of decision EX.CL/Dec.1189(XLII) on the approval of Supplementary Budgets, and **FURTHER DIRECTS** the PRC, through its relevant Sub-Committee, to consider mid-year budget performance prior to the consideration of any supplementary budget proposals.
14. **DIRECTS** all AU Organs and Offices to submit their mid-year and annual budget performance reports within the defined timelines.
15. **UNDERScores** the need to continuously strengthen Results-Based Management practices and performance culture including the mandatory integration of AMERT technical reporting with financial execution across the Union.
16. **EMPHASIZES** that future performance reports should include clear linkages between programmatic results and budget utilization to strengthen accountability.
17. **DIRECTS** the Commission and other Organs to expedite the implementation of the proposed recommendations on staffing, procurement, and monitoring tools to address identified challenges within the approved budget and to report on the progress made in implementing these measures at the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council.
18. Recalling decisions EX.CL/Dec.1265(XLV) of July 2024, EX.CL/Dec.1279(XLVI) of February 2025, and EX.CL/Dec.1310(XLVII) of July 2025 on the conduct of a feasibility study on the proposal to pay a portion of assessed contributions in national currencies; **EXPRESSES CONCERN** that, despite three Executive Council decisions since July 2024, no feasibility study or progress report has been presented to date; **DIRECTS** the Commission, in collaboration with the F15 Experts, to urgently undertake and finalize the feasibility study in accordance with AU Financial Rules; and **REQUESTS** that the study report be submitted to the upcoming session of the Executive Council for consideration.
19. **DIRECTS** AU Organs and Offices to submit quarterly budget performance reports and review and address underperformance within 30 days of report submission.

B. AU 2025 Budget Revisions and Adjustments (Supplementary)

20. **APPROVES** the AU main 2025 Supplementary budget of **US\$8,137,217**, as follows:

- i) AU Operational Budget of **US\$5,889,169**, to be funded by the AU Reserve Funds.
- ii) AU Programme Budget of **US\$2,248,048**, to be funded as follows:
 - US\$1,392,700 from the AU Reserve Funds
 - US\$236,707 from the AU Maintenance Fund
 - US\$618,641 from Member States' Voluntary Contributions

21. **ALSO APPROVES** a Passthrough Budget amounting to **US\$6,067,000**, funded by Partners for the Commission.

AU 2025 Budget Revisions and Adjustments

Organ	Operational	Programs					2025 Supplementary		
	Reserve Fund	Maintenance Fund	Reserve Fund	MSs Voluntary Cont.	Partners	Total	Operational	Programs	Total
AUC	3,078,272	236,707	1,117,080	21,711		1,375,498	3,078,272	1,375,498	4,453,770
PAP	358,000					-	358,000	-	358,000
AfCHPR (The Court)	-		200,620			200,620	-	200,620	200,620
AUDA-NEPAD	861,774		75,000	538,980		613,980	861,774	613,980	1,475,754
Advisory Board on Corruption	149,736					-	149,736	-	149,736
APRM	453,733					-	453,733	-	453,733
AFREC	337,631					-	337,631	-	337,631
PAU			-	57,950		57,950	-	57,950	57,950
AfCDC	650,023					-	650,023	-	650,023
Total Regular Budget	5,889,169	236,707	1,392,700	618,641	-	2,248,048	5,889,169	2,248,048	8,137,217
AUC (Pass-through)					6,067,000	6,067,000		6,067,000	6,067,000
Grand Total	5,889,169	236,707	1,392,700	618,641	6,067,000	8,315,048	5,889,169	8,315,048	14,204,217

Table 1: 2025 Budget Revisions and Adjustments (Supplementary)

22. **FURTHER APPROVES** the overall 2025 budget reallocations amounting to **US\$28,977,787**.

Organs	Operational		Programs		Total		
	Savings	Reallocations	Savings	Reallocations	Savings	Reallocations	Net Reallocation
AUC		60,000	3,009,884	1,323,635	3,009,884	1,383,635	(1,626,249)

Organs	Operational		Programs		Total		
	Savings	Reallocations	Savings	Reallocations	Savings	Reallocations	Net Reallocation
PAP	405,000	405,000	462,649	50,000	867,649	455,000	(412,649)
AfCHPR-Court			-	24,386	-	24,386	24,386
ACHPR-Commission		239,130	-	-	-	239,130	239,130
ECOSOCC	83,906	83,906	-	-	83,906	83,906	-
AUDA-NEPAD			13,414,500	14,525,116	13,414,500	14,525,116	1,110,616
AUABC	107,566	107,566	38,694	38,694	146,260	146,260	-
ACERWC	180,000	180,000	-	-	180,000	180,000	-
AFREC		2,000	-	169,270	-	171,270	171,270
PAU	557,760		-	575,760	557,760	575,760	18,000
Africa CDC		80,000	10,187,816	10,187,816	10,187,816	10,267,816	80,000
AOSTI	87,032		-	-	87,032	-	(87,032)
AU Sports Council	16,250	16,250	-	-	16,250	16,250	-
AfCFTA		132,632	-	-	-	132,632	132,632
STATAFRIC	299,130		-	628,516	299,130	628,516	329,386
ACSRM-Mali	127,600		-	-	127,600	-	(127,600)
AUCTC (ACSRT)			-	148,110	-	148,110	148,110
Grand Total	1,864,244	1,306,484	27,113,543	27,671,303	28,977,787	28,977,787	0

Table 2: AU 2025 Reallocations

23. RECALLS decision EX.CL/Dec.1310(XLVII), in which an amount of US\$2.1 million was approved for renovating the Africa House. **WELCOMES** the Commission's efforts to mobilize US\$2.6 million from Afreximbank to support renovations within the approved Special Infrastructure Project budget and **ENCOURAGES** the Commission to finalize the renovation process and to provide regular updates on progress to the PRC, through its Sub-Committee on GSCBFAM F-15 Technical Experts.

24. COMMENDS the efforts of the AUC Chairperson, with the support of the Deputy Chairperson, for ensuring prudent resource management, particularly with regard to the size of the delegations approved for travel to official AU engagements and **ENCOURAGES** the Commission to sustain and enhance these efforts.

III. ON THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON AUDIT MATTERS, RISK MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE - EX.CL/1637(XLVIII)

25. TAKES NOTE of the report of the PRC Sub-Committee on Audit Matters, Risk Management and Compliance and, **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained therein.

26. **DECIDES** that the implementation of decisions with financial implications, particularly those relating to recruitment, the filling of vacant positions within the approved structures, the review of staff salaries and benefits, or any additional expenditure items, shall be phased in gradually and remain strictly contingent upon the availability of approved and adequate financial resources.

A. ON THE OIO FULL REPORTS ON 2024 BUDGET PERFORMANCE REPORTS OF AU ORGANS

27. **EXPRESSES CONCERN** on the audit issues observed and **URGES** managers across the Union to implement all the audit recommendations contained in the budget performance audit reports and **UNDERScores** the importance of strengthening financial integrity, transparency, and accountability across all AU Organs, with particular emphasis on reconciling discrepancies between SAP, AMERT, and actual bank records.

28. On common issues noted among all AU Organs **DIRECTS** as follows:

- i) **RECALLS** its decision EX.CL/Dec.1218 (XLIII) paragraph 64 and **REITERATES** the need for training on the use of SAP and AMERT, as well as on the monitoring and evaluation process for all Organs Technical Officers and Managers to enhance the use of the systems and enable effective reporting. **FURTHER DIRECTS** that the late submission of AMERT reports and poor implementation of audit recommendations should be incorporated into the performance appraisals of the responsible officers.
- ii) The AU Organs should strengthen MOUs with Partners and include accountability clauses that make them more legally binding on both parties to avoid shifting priorities during implementation of approved programmes.
- iii) The Commission should improve the supplementary budget process by submitting supplementary budget proposals for consideration by Policy Organs by end of August each year instead of October to allow ample time for AU Organs to implement the programmes and other operations.
- iv) The Commission in consultation with the F15 Experts to carefully analyze prior year budget execution rates for each department, Office, institution and Organ before approving supplementary budgets.

29. Further **DIRECTS** individual Organs on specific issues as follows:

a) Africa CDC

- i) The Commission management should engage in discussions with donors and implementing partners to grant the OIO access to audit extramural funds, in accordance with the requirement of Executive

Council decision EX.CL/Dec.1265(XLV), paragraph 55 (iii).

- ii) The Commission should initiate a formal investigation into the use of Partner Funds and certain funds that are not declared in SAP and for which no supporting accounting documentation exists.
- iii) Africa CDC should align its activity planning with donor disbursement schedules to avoid execution delays, and for transparency as well as accountability purposes, and there should be a clear differentiation between activities put under operational and those under programme budgets, in particular for procurement and human resources.
- iv) Africa CDC to address anomalies in SAP reporting such as negative balances, wrong formulas to ensure alignment between AMERT and SAP, as well as the actual bank records.
- v) Africa CDC should comply with the AU's procurement and travel policies, as well as the AU Financial Rules and Regulations and the provisions of the revised AU Staff Regulations and Rules.

b) African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC)

- i) ACERWC should progressively reduce reliance on partner funding, ensuring at least 50% of funding comes from Member States.
- ii) ACERWC should conduct biannual, virtual exchange programmes with the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (AfCHPR) and the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR) to ensure the sustainability of inter-organ cooperation, knowledge-sharing and capacity building in the context of limited budgets.

c) African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)

- i) The AfCFTA Secretariat should ensure that costs of engagements initiated by inviting Member States are borne by the respective inviting States and should introduce a dedicated budget line for activities related to popularization activities, which could be undertaken in exceptional cases with appropriate justification.
- ii) **DIRECTS** the AfCFTA to identify clear programmes that can advance the implementation of key objectives of the AfCFTA and continue liaising with partners to provide funds for AfCFTA's programmes.
- iii) **ENCOURAGES** Member States to increase their contributions for AfCFTA Programmes.

d) African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (AfCHPR)

- i) AfCHPR should develop a normative framework for sensitization missions to properly frame the composition of teams, especially on the Registry Staff accompanying Judges during advocacy and outreach missions in the field.
- ii) AfCHPR should engage with the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to provide support for the outstanding ratifications and declarations.
- iii) In accordance with the AU Travel Policy, officials of the Court who benefit from travel tickets purchased at exorbitant costs should reimburse the excess costs incurred, as compared to the standard fares applicable on the same routes.
- iv) The AfCHPR should collaborate with the Finance Departments of the Commission to improve synchronization in the use of the SAP and AMERT systems, with a view to enhancing financial management execution and the reporting of the Court's activities.

e) African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM)

- i) The APRM should strongly encourage partners to comply with their obligations as stipulated in the Memoranda of Understanding and do not change priorities during budget execution.
- ii) **DIRECTS** the APRM to comply with budgetary discipline by utilizing, in accordance with the AU Financial Rules and Regulations, the funds allocated to it during the relevant period.
- iii) **DIRECTS** the APRM to strengthen its action plan in line with the resources available.

f) Pan African Parliament (PAP)

- i) **REQUESTS** the Commission to work with PAP and submit to the relevant PRC Sub-Committee a proposal to restore the 13 critical budget lines essential to the functioning of the PAP that were removed since 2019.
- ii) **CALLS ON** the Commission to authorize the PAP to fill the 25 critical vacant positions resulting from the retirement of senior staff, in order to stabilize the operations of the Organ. In this regard, the Commission shall jointly develop with the PAP a recruitment plan to fill the 25 vacant

positions of the approved PAP structure over the years 2026, 2027 and 2028.

- iii) **REQUESTS** the Commission to assist the PAP in carrying out tasks related to the consolidation of the PAP Annual Work Plan, the preparation of quarterly performance reports, the efficient use of the SAP and AMERT systems, the enhancement of reporting activities, and the continuous strengthening of the functions of the PAP Finance Department.
- iv) **URGES** the Commission and the relevant PRC Sub-Committees to regularize the budget of the Pan-African Parliament (PAP) so that the Organ is provided with its full budget as was available prior to 2019.

g) African Union Advisory Board Against Corruption (AUABC)

- i) Recognizing AUABC's limited budget, the Commission should submit to the relevant PRC Sub-Committees a proposal to increase AUABC's budget ceiling to enable it to conduct field missions and other corruption measurement initiatives, as well as capacity building programmes in Member States.
- ii) The recruitment of the AUABC remaining vacant positions under the approved Maputo structure should be accelerated by the Commission and considering the seven limited positions under the current structure, the review of the AUABC structure which is under consideration should be followed-up for consideration and approval by the relevant PRC Sub-Committee.
- iii) The Commission should review the classification of statutory meetings and missions of AUABC and categorize them correctly ensuring that those under programmes are not reflected as operational.
- iv) AUABC should have closer cooperation with RECs and Eighth STC (STC 8) to leverage the expertise and resources for anti-corruption work and policy harmonization.

h) African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD)

- i) AUDA-NEPAD should provide by April 2026 detailed justification for the suspended staff recruitment cases to the Commission
- ii) AUDA-NEPAD should strengthen regional collaboration and integration of activities into annual plans to optimize resources and avoid duplication of efforts.

i) Economic, Social, and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC)

- i) The Commission should provide ECOSOCC with its own SAP system with all modules under a separate company code to ensure full accounting and reporting independence as a stand-alone AU Organ.
- ii) The Commission should rename the “PRC budget line” to “Statutory Meetings budget line” to reflect its actual use in line with other statutory budget codes.

j) African Union Commission (AUC/the Commission)

- i) **RECALLS** its decision EX.CL/Dec.1218 (XLIII) paragraph 41 and **REITERATES** that a special meeting of the AUC Chairperson with the PRC should be held to discuss the challenges of implementation of Audit Recommendations and its effects on the Commission’s performance.
- ii) **RECALLS** its decision EX.CL/Dec.1218 (XLIII) paragraph 40 and **CALLS** upon the relevant PRC Sub-Committee to operationalize the Joint Task Force and start monitoring the implementation of audit recommendations and report periodically to the Joint Sitting of the PRC Sub-Committees on Audit Matters, Risk Management and Compliance; and General Supervision and Coordination on Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters; and Experts of the Committee of Fifteen Ministers of Finance (F15).
- iii) The Commission should engage International Partners in consolidating audit processes to have collaborative audit work and have consolidated audit reports to avoid duplicative reporting processes and enable timely disbursement of funds to the respective AU Offices.
- iv) The Commission should submit to the Sub-Committee on Audit Matters, Risk Management and Compliance, a comprehensive list of positions with the relevant gradings, salary structures and offices that are funded through Technical Assistance by International Partners.
- v) The Commission to submit to the Sub-Committee on Audit Matters, Risk Management and Compliance, a road map with clear timelines (start dates as well as end dates) the process to be undertaken on the implementing of the AU large scale digital infrastructure, enterprise solutions and cybersecurity enhancements and also on the synchronization and alignment of the AMERT and SAP platforms.

- vi) **RECALLS** its decision EX.CL/Dec.1143(XL) paragraph 18 (i) and **URGES** the Commission Leadership should include an aspect of implementation of audit recommendations and AMERT reporting compliance in appraising Directors and Heads of various autonomy divisions and offices and also to apply sanctions to Managers that fail to implement audit recommendations and/or submit reports late in AMERT system.
- vii) **URGES** the Commission to strengthen departments' compliance with the Financial Rules and Regulations and international IPSAS standards in the execution of expenditures, with a view to ensuring that results are taken into account in determining the technical execution rates of activities.
- viii) **FURTHER URGES** the Commission to put in place mechanisms to strengthen coordination of activities among departments, improve reporting, ensure the synchronized use of the AMERT and SAP systems, ensure compliance with report submission deadlines, and reinforce monitoring and evaluation in order to enhance results-based management.
- ix) The Commission shall hold Commissioners and department Directors accountable for the coordination of the Commission's activities and provide for the activation of the sanctions regime in cases of non-compliance with the rules.

B. ON THE OIO SUMMARY REPORT ON 2025 MID-YEAR BUDGET PERFORMANCE OF AU ORGANS (AUC, AFRICA-CDC, ACERWC, ACHPR, AFCFTA, AFCHPR (AU COURT), AUDA-NEPAD, APRM, AUABC, ECOSOCC, PAP).

- 30. **TAKES NOTE** of the report and **DIRECTS** the Commission to ensure that the mid-year budget performance report is enhanced and includes information on the released funds, including dates when the funds are received from partners, dates allocated and released in SAP for use by each department, and dates when funds were transferred to Organs, institutions and agencies outside the AU Headquarters. The reports should also include internal control findings with recommendations and management responses, and auditors' conclusions.
- 31. **FURTHER DIRECTS** that the discussions of the mid-year budget performance reports should be discussed before the consideration of supplementary budget in August of each year.

C. ON THE OIO REPORT ON RESERVE FUNDS FOR THE PERIOD 01 JANUARY TO 31 JULY 2025

32. **TAKES NOTE** of the report and **DIRECTS** that figures in the internal audit reports should be supported with the necessary detailed breakdowns and explanations, as well as full information of the decisions mentioned in the reports to make the content of the reports more understandable.
33. **ALSO DIRECTS** that budgets approved under the reserve funds should be executed and where execution is not complete, there should be evidence given to Member States that the funds were returned to the reserve fund accordingly.

D. ON THE OIO REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX OF INTERNAL AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2025

34. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report and recalling its decision EX.CL/Dec.1189 (XLII), paragraph 58 **REITERATES** that there is a need for a single, consolidated implementation matrix covering both internal and external audit recommendations, to provide a comprehensive and institution-wide view of progress made and risks involved.
35. **DIRECTS** that future reports should have strengthened analytical section by clearly identifying Organs with significant progress, limited progress, or no progress, with total figures on the Commission and that this analysis should be escalated to senior leadership, of the Commission for interventions regularly.
36. **FURTHER DIRECTS** that outstanding audit recommendations that need statutory attention on policy issues should be put under a separate sheet to enable Member States to consider them as appropriate.

IV. ON THE JOINT SITTING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON AUDIT MATTERS, RISK MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE, THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SUPERVISION AND COORDINATION ON BUDGETARY, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (GSCBFAM) AND THE EXPERTS OF THE COMMITTEE OF FIFTEEN MINISTERS OF FINANCE (F15 EXPERTS) - EX.CL/1638(XLVIII)

37. **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the Joint Sitting of the PRC Sub-Committees on Audit Matters, Risk Management and Compliance; and General Supervision and Coordination on Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters; and Experts of the Committee of Fifteen Ministers of Finance (F15) and, **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained therein.
38. **DECIDES** that the implementation of decisions with financial implications, particularly those relating to recruitment, the filling of vacant positions within the

approved structures, the review of staff salaries and benefits, or any additional expenditure items, shall be phased in gradually and remain strictly contingent upon the availability of approved and adequate financial resources.

A. ON THE MANAGEMENT LETTERS ON 2024 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE AU ORGANS BY THE AU BOARD OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS (BOA)

39. TAKES NOTE of the report of the Board of External Auditors and expresses its concerns on the recurrent findings and **URGES** all AU Organs to urgently implement all the recommendations contained in the BOEA reports. On common issues noted among all AU Organs, **DIRECTS** as follows:

- i) **RECALLS** its decision EX.CL/Dec.1218 (XLIII) paragraph 64 and **STRESSES** the urgency of automating AU financial management systems (SAP & AMERT) across all AU Organs, to ensure consistency, transparency, timely and reliability of financial reporting. Further **CALLS** on the Commission to ensure training in the use of SAP and AMERT to enhance the use of the systems and enable effective reporting.
- ii) **DIRECTS** the Sub-Committee on Audit Matters, Risk Management and Compliance together with the Commission on a quarterly basis, to work directly with Organs showing low implementation rates, in the context of monitoring and evaluation processes conducted by the Internal Accountability Committee, to discuss challenges and progress.
- iii) **FURTHER DIRECTS** the Commission to harmonize the supplementary budget cycle with implementation of audit recommendations prior to any allocation of budget. Further **CALLS** on the Commission to hold supplementary budget session in August of every year. As part of this budget harmonization, the Sub-Committee on Audit matter should submit all its recommendations to the Sub Committee on General Supervision to facilitate the decisions of the budget session.
- iv) **RECALLS** its decision EX.CL/Dec.1126(XXXIX) paragraph 41 (ii) and **REITERATES** that all AU Organs should strictly adhere to the AU Staff Rules and Regulations and Financial Rules in the management of the Union Resources and ensure that sanctions are enforced on violation of these Regulations and Rules.
- v) **DIRECTS** the Commission Leadership to submit a report on the delays in the implementation of the new Staff Rules and Regulations (SRR) with any financial implications it caused by 30 June 2026 with a view to considering appropriate action.
- vi) **FURTHER DIRECTS** that consultant contracts across all AU Organs should

be enhanced with clauses binding the consultants to prepare handover reports upon completion of each project.

- vii) **ALSO DIRECTS** all AU Organs to ensure that carrying of cash is avoided always so as to reduce the risk of losses to the Organization and enhance effective financial management.
- viii) **FURTHER DIRECTS** individual Organs on specific issues as follows: -
- a) **African Union Commission**
- i) **RECALLS** its decision EX.CL/Dec.1168(XLI) paragraph 53 and **REITERATES** the need for serious follow-up and collective commitment for accountability and **URGES** the new Leadership of the Commission to instill a renewed culture of responsibility and accountability in financial management, with all staff strictly adhering to AU Financial Rules, IPSAS standards, and other established procedures.
- ii) **RECALLS** its decision EX.CL/Dec.1218 (XLIII) paragraph 40 and **CALLS** upon the relevant PRC Sub-Committee to operationalize the Joint Task Force and start monitoring the implementation of audit recommendations and report periodically to the Joint Sitting of the PRC Sub-Committees on Audit Matters, Risk Management and Compliance; and General Supervision and Coordination on Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters; and Experts of the Committee of Fifteen Ministers of Finance (F15).
- iii) **DIRECTS** that the Chairperson of the Board of External Auditors meets with the Deputy Chairperson of the Commission to discuss challenges in implementing audit recommendations and strengthen the cooperation with the new leadership. **FURTHER DIRECTS** that the Deputy Chairperson of the Commission meets with relevant Sub-Committees of the PRC on the challenges linked to the implementation of audit recommendations in line with Decision EX.CL/ Dec.1218 (XLIII) paragraph 41 including those related to MBRS implementation.
- iv) **ALSO DIRECTS** the Commission to enhances the use of a monitoring dashboard already established to systematically track the implementation of audit recommendations and allow real-time oversight on this aspect by Member States.
- v) **RECALLS** its decision EX.CL/Dec.1143(XL) paragraph 18 and **REITERATES** that the allocation of funds during the budget sessions should be linked to the rates on implementation of audit recommendations by the Commission's departments and Offices and

other AU Organs.

- vi) **CALLS** upon the Commission to expedite the review of a comprehensive Property, Plant and Equipment Policy and related mechanisms to ensure transparent and effective management of AU properties and resources, covering both immovable and movable assets.
- vii) **RECALLS** its decision EX.CL/Dec.1168(XLI) paragraph 19 and **CALLS** upon the Commission to accelerate the signature of the Investment and Treasury Policy.
- viii) **FURTHER CALLS** upon the Commission to expedite the finalization and approval of the Union Wide Strategic Plan.

b) Africa CDC

40. DIRECTS as follows:

- i) the Commission Leadership in coordination with Africa CDC and Partners draft MOUs, with a provision of accountability clause, on the use of partner funds availed to Africa CDC in line with its decision EX.CL/Dec.1265(XLV) paragraph 55.
- ii) that the Commission and Africa CDC 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, and consultations be held on new arrangements to revise Partnership Agreements/Memoranda of Understanding on this aspect.
- iii) the Africa CDC to submit to relevant PRC Sub-Committee(s), a comprehensive requirement for the effective implementation of the phase II(b) of its recruitment plan, including associated budgetary implications, to enable the smooth functioning of the Organ.
- iv) Africa CDC to ensure that all funds under advances given to organizations under various Member States are recovered fully.
- v) the Africa CDC to align the management of travels to the AU Rules and the Travel Policy on the ten (10) days ticket booking requirements and the 21-days per quarter limit and where there is an emergency needing urgent travels, the proper justification should be included in the approvals.
- vi) Africa CDC management to adhere to AU Financial Rules in the management of AU resources as it is one of the AU Organs bound by

the Union Rules.

- vii) the Africa CDC and the Commission to work on the MOU on the Premises used by the Africa CDC as recommended by the BOEA.

c) African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC)

- i) **DIRECTS** the Commission to expedite the assignment of ACERWC as a separate AU entity under SAP for independent accountability and reporting.
- ii) **FURTHER DIRECTS** the Commission to have a one to one follow up meetings on the implementation of audit recommendations with ACERWC and other AU Organs with low implementation rates.

d) African Commission on Human & Peoples' Rights (ACHPR)

41. DIRECTS as follows:

- i) to work with the relevant PRC Sub-Committee on Structural Reforms to expedite the review of the proposed structure to put in place the right structure to support the mandate of the Organ.
- ii) to ensure proper segregation of duties in initiation, approval and release of bank transfers in the electronic banking system, as well as in payments and bank reconciliations.
- iii) to put in place an effective asset management mechanism including a fixed assets register and also ensure that all depreciation is recorded in the books of accounts.
- iv) to reconcile the discrepancies between accounts payable balances in SAP GL and balances confirmed by vendors.
- v) **CALLS** on the PRC and the Commission to provide to ACHPR adequate budgetary resources from Member States contributions for programmes to reduce funding by Development Partners as the Organ deals with human rights issues affecting the Member States.

e) African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat

42. DIRECTS as follows:

- i) Take note of the ongoing consultations between the AfCFTA Secretariat and the Government of Ghana on the implementation of the Host Country

Agreement and request the AfCFTA Secretariat to provide a progress report to the relevant PRC Sub-Committee on Host Agreements.

- ii) the AfCFTA Secretariat to provide a progress report showing prioritized list of staff to be recruited in the current recruitment phase, to the relevant PRC Sub-Committee in June 2026.
- iii) AfCFTA Secretariat to adhere to AU rules in financial and assets management and enhance internal controls in the management of imprest advances with retirements done within the required 7 days after the mission; enhance management and accounting of fixed assets and include donated assets from the Host Government of Ghana.
- iv) Encourage Member States to provide timely notifications for cancellation of issued tickets with a view to averting non-refund for procured tickets.
- v) Directs OIO, pursuant to the Malabo decision, to submit the investigation report on the AfCFTA Secretariat's treatment of adjustment of allowances concerning the internationally recruited staff for subsequent consideration by the Executive Council.
- vi) the AfCFTA Secretariat to comply strictly with AU financial and administrative rules, including securing prior authorization for all expenditures outside the approved budget.
- vii) the AfCFTA Secretariat to establish an Internal Committee to monitor the implementation of previous audit recommendations.
- viii) Member States contributions for AfCFTA programmes should be increased to reduce over-reliance on external partners who may broaden financial Ownership of the AfCFTA, by the AU.
- ix) the AfCFTA Secretariat to improve the alignment and technical linkage between the SAP and AMERT systems to resolve data discrepancies and shall Conduct staff training and regular data reconciliation to ensure the accuracy and reliability of future financial reporting.
- x) the AfCFTA Secretariat must enhance travel planning and monitoring to minimize the financial impact of unused air tickets and shall implement mechanisms to ensure Member States communicate non-attendance in a timely manner and explore no-show accountability measures.

f) African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD)**43. DIRECTS** as follows:

- i) to establish clear criteria and limits consultancy procurement and submit a cost-benefit analysis for the Skills Initiative for Africa (SIFA) consultants engaged by 31st March 2026.
- ii) to escalate staffing and funding issues to relevant PRC Sub-Committees for Member States support for budgetary allocations to fill the 166 approved positions by 31st July 2026.
- iii) to provide a detailed report on travel ticket cancellations to the relevant PRC Sub-Committee. Further **URGES** the Agency to put in place measures to reduce cancellations of tickets.
- iv) to put in place corrective measures on travel management, financial controls, and unused tickets in line with AU Travel Policy. Further, **URGES** AUDA-NEPAD to provide a detailed report on unused tickets.
- v) to be transparent in consultancy procurement and stop using staffing shortages as a justification but put in place stronger financial controls on this aspect. Furthermore, **DIRECTS** AUDA-NEPAD to put limits in consultancy negotiations, and to provide details on expenditure, including consultant numbers and sectors by April 2026.
- vi) to comply with procurement processes in the procurement of computers as required in the AU Procurement Policy.

g) African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) Secretariat**44. DIRECTS** as follows: -

- i) The Commission to collaborate with APRM and review salary scales and allowances to align remuneration with the cost of living and AU Staff Regulations and Rules as well as relevant decisions of the Executive Council on salary scales and allowances.
- ii) **REQUESTS** the Commission to provide an opinion on the legal implications related to the cessation of unauthorized payment of allowances to GSA and GSB staff by June 2026 and to propose recommendations on the way forward.
- iii) The APRM to work with the Commission and submit a request for the write-off of the long outstanding Nigeria liability to the relevant PRC Sub-Committee following due process.

- iv) The APRM to strengthen its Internal Audit function, and enforce internal controls in financial management including segregation of duties by recruitment of additional accounting staff to meet international standards.
- v) The relevant PRC Sub-Committee to allocate necessary financial resources for APRM to fill all 114 approved positions in a phased recruitment plan which considers the austerity budget constraints to enhance effective operation of the Organ.
- vi) APRM to strengthen its Internal Audit Function, enforce segregation of duties, and recruit the required additional accounting staff to meet the international standards.

h) African Union Advisory Board Against Corruption (AUABC)

45. DIRECTS as follows:

- i) the Commission and AUABC management to coordinate and follow up closely with the relevant offices in the Government of Tanzania to address pending issues on Host Agreement, and also to submit any unresolved issues on Hosting Agreement to the relevant Sub-Committee for consideration.
- ii) the Commission with AUABC management to follow up and coordinate closely staff contracts.
- iii) the Commission and the AUABC to submit a request for additional funding to the relevant Sub-Committees for the effective functioning of the Organ and any unresolved issues on Hosting Agreement to the relevant Sub-Committee for consideration.
- iv) AUABC to ensure compliance with administrative policies, financial regulations, and operational guidelines, and to continue consultations to enable smooth execution of missions and activities of the Board.
- v) the Commission in collaboration with AUABC to accelerate the implementation of decision Ex.CL/Dec.1287(XLVI) of February 2025 with respect to the residence of the Chairperson of AUABC at the seat of the Board in Arusha and **REITERATES** that the Executive Secretary is responsible for the day-to-day management of administrative and financial matters under the direct authority and responsibility of the Bureau of the AUABC as the primary authorities responsible for the mandate of the Organ to ensure cohesive oversight and institutional accountability until full implementation of decision Ex.CL/Dec.1287(XLVI).

- vi) the Commission, in coordination with the AUABC and the relevant PRC Sub-Committees, to undertake, by end of June 2026, a review of the approved structure of the AUABC, in order to enable the Organ, which currently has seven (7) filled positions, to fill the full structure comprised of forty-two (42) approved posts, thereby strengthening the implementation of all the activities of the Board.
- vii) the Commission, in coordination with the AUABC and the relevant PRC Sub-Committees, to undertake, by end of June 2026, a review of the Rules of Procedure of the AUABC for their adoption by the Executive Council in June 2026, in order to address and resolve the institutional duality at the leadership of the Organ, which weakens and disrupts the effective functioning of the AUABC. To this effect, the revision of the AUABC Rules of Procedure shall clarify the roles and responsibilities of the Executive Secretary, who shall perform his/her functions under the leadership of the Bureau of the Board, the political and administrative authority responsible for the Organ.

i) Economic, Social, and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC)

- i) **COMMENDS** the Government of Zambia for availing land to ECOSOCC and **DIRECTS** as follows:
 - ii) the Commission to work closely with the management of ECOSOCC to secure the original title of the land and expeditiously secure the land to prevent any illegal use of the land.
 - iii) all AU Organs, to ensure that consultants do handover reports upon completion of each project.
 - iv) ECOSOCC to stop the use of consultancy contracts to carry out non-consulting services in order to cover staff shortages required to perform normal routine tasks and ensure that consultancy services are used only on technical tasks lacking specific skills on programmes procured for specific durations in line with AU Procurement Policy.
 - v) ECOSOCC to adhere to the approved budget expenditure items and stop spending outside the approved budget.
 - vi) ECOSOCC to avoid financial errors when calculating exchange rates in SAP System, and put in an effective mechanism for Physical Verification and Reporting of Assets.

j) Pan African Parliament (PAP)

- i) **DIRECTS** PAP Management to implement the recommendations in the report and continued compliance with AU financial Rules.
- ii) **ALSO DIRECTS** the Commission to provide technical and capacity-building support to PAP to enable PAP to improve its registry systems, document management capacity and strengthen internal controls.
- iii) **FURTHER DIRECTS** that:
 - a) PAP must ensure timely submission of its financial statements by 31 March each year.
 - b) Attendance of MPs and staff must be monitored
 - c) Attendance of staff should be enforced through the biometric system and PAP should ensure that staff are working within the duty station in line with AU SRR.
 - d) PAP should finalize the disposal of grounded vehicles and cease unnecessary insurance payments.
 - e) The outstanding VAT refund claims from 2020 onward should be submitted without further delay.
 - f) Recruitment processes must adhere to competitive standards, with complete staff records maintained.
 - g) PAP should ensure that petty cash management is as per AU Financial Rules, should not insure vehicles that are not on the road, and the vehicles needing disposals should be submitted to AU Board of Survey.

B. ON THE BOEA REPORT ON COMPREHENSIVE AND IN-DEPTH AUDIT ON ALL RECRUITMENTS THAT TOOK PLACE SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE MERIT BASED RECRUITMENT SYSTEM (MBRS)

- 46. **TAKES NOTE** of the report and **EXPRESSES CONCERN** on the serious findings contained in particular on the recruitment and raised concerns on the critical issues raised on the recruitment of the Senior Managers of the Commission, that require corrective measures including for positions where the recruitment process did not comply with the relevant provisions of the Staff Rules and Regulations (SRR), to be implemented urgently. **URGES** the Commission to implement all recommendations contained in the BOEA reports and report to the Executive Council in June 2026 on the implementation of all the recommendations in the report.
- 47. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to regularly report to the PRC on challenges in the implementation of the MBRS as soon as it is necessary.

48. **RECALLS** its decision EX.CL/Dec. 1218 (XLIII) para 38 & 39 and **EXPRESSES CONCERN** on the delayed consideration of the report by the Member States, and **STRESSES** that such reports should be considered on time to close the gaps identified and improve internal controls.
49. **REQUESTS** the BOEA to carry out a comprehensive additional audit of the MBRS itself, by 30 June 2026, looking at the whole recruitment platform to ensure the platform's controls and processes are adequate and functioning effectively. This additional audit should focus on reviewing the MBRS itself with a view of revising the recruitment platform's configuration and integrating it with the digital scorecard to ensure alignment with best practices and organizational objectives. The scope of this audit should include, but not be limited to the following:
- a) Review of current platform configuration and workflows
 - b) Evaluation of integration with the digital scorecard
 - c) Assessment of user access controls and permissions
 - d) Testing of platform reporting and monitoring capabilities
50. **REQUESTS** the BOEA to make an annual audit on recruitment within the MBRS system during the annual audits of the Union.
51. **FURTHER DIRECTS** the Commission's Leadership as follows: -
- i. to strengthen its internal control mechanisms by establishing rigorous and systematic follow-up measures to ensure a transparent, consistent, and compliant application of the established rules and procedures.
 - ii. to carry out performance evaluation of all managers mentioned in the report to assess their performance in line with the job descriptions and the targets set in the performance appraisals.
 - iii. to ensure that the MBRS is used as per new SRR in a transparent manner with no human intervention and eliminate completely any human interventions at all levels and stages.
 - iv. to ensure that the new TORs are developed under the new SRR and should be submitted to the Joint Sitting for review before being approved by the Chairperson of the Commission as the Accounting Officer of the AU, before April 2026.
52. **ALSO DIRECTS** the Commission to ensure:
- i. that the best 3 final candidates submitted to the Chairperson are based on merit on the whole process starting from shortlisting and all other elements required including quota, least representation, youth, gender are met during the whole recruitment process and not at the last stage of the recruitment

process. The list should also have full information on how the final list is submitted for proper guidance to the Chairperson.

- ii. all the candidates on the final shortlist are eligible for nomination for more equity and transparency.
- iii. equal opportunities for women and promote diversity in the recruitment process and the following measures should be put in place: -
 - a) Clearly communicate the AU's commitment to gender equality and diversity in all job postings and communications as done by the UN.
 - b) Ensure all evaluation panels receive training on unconscious bias and gender-sensitive recruitment practices.
 - c) Implement a blind hiring process, removing identifiable information from applications to minimize unconscious bias.
 - d) Track and monitor applicant demographics throughout the recruitment process.
 - e) Include diverse representation on evaluation panels, particularly for positions with a high proportion of women candidates.
 - f) Ensure consistent application of the 5-point bonus for women and youth candidates, as per the ToR.
 - g) Provide regular reporting on diversity metrics and outcomes to the PRC and Executive Council.
- iv. that sanctions against technical officials that violated rules and the codes of conduct are applied to correct the consequences of deliberate recruitment fraud since the introduction of the merit-based recruitment system in cases where the responsible technical staff are identified.

C. ON THE BOEA REPORT ON THE INDEPENDENT AND COMPREHENSIVE FORENSIC AUDIT REPORT ON THE GOVERNANCE, ADMINISTRATION, FINANCES, AND OPERATIONS OF THE PAN AFRICAN PARLIAMENT (PAP)

- 53. TAKES NOTE** of the report and **EXPRESSES CONCERN** on the Governance, Administrative, Financial and Human Resource Management, and Operational Performance and Procurement issues raised by the Board of External Auditors and **URGES** the PAP to implement all recommendations contained in the BOEA reports.
- 54. DIRECTS** the PAP Leadership and Management as follows: -
- i) To align the revised Rules and Procedures with the AU Rules and Regulations on Financial and Human Resources Management and to be adopted in June 2026.

- ii) To ensure that the internal control system is enhanced to eliminate irregularities noted in the financial management, recruitment processes and operations of the PAP.
 - iii) To investigate the long outstanding receivables coming from 2014 and ask for approval of the write up through the AU required process for the write up.
 - iv) To stop the improper special payment of special allowances in line with previous Executive Council decision.
 - v) To submit the confirmed cases of fraud and embezzlement to the tribunal as a mechanism of consequence management by June 2026.
 - vi) To ensure that the irregular recruitment processes, prolonged acting appointments without proper authorization, favoritism, non-compliance with established promotion procedures, unauthorized leave, payroll irregularities, and inadequate management of personnel records are fully addressed.
 - vii) To establish robust planning, monitoring and evaluation systems, strengthen procurement planning and compliance with AU procurement rules, improve asset and travel management, and institutionalize risk management practices in line with AU standards and best practices, in line with Decision EX.CL/Dec.1126 (XXXIX).
- 55. RECALLS** its decision EX.CL/Dec.1242 (XLIV) that calls for the OLC to support the PAP in the review of its Rules of Procedure and **RECOMMENDS** that the PRC, in consultation with the relevant stakeholders finalize the amended Rules of Procedures of the PAP and report to the forty-ninth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in June 2026.
- 56.** To this effect, further **DIRECTS** the Commission, in coordination with the Pan-African Parliament (PAP) and the relevant PRC Sub-Committees, to undertake, in April 2026, for adoption by the Executive Council in June 2026, the alignment of all subsequent instruments governing the administrative and financial functioning of the Organ, in particular the PAP Rules of Procedure and the latest Executive Council decisions on the PAP, with the provisions of Article 12.5 of the Protocol establishing the PAP, which stipulates that the principal governance organ of the PAP is the Bureau of the PAP, under whose authority all PAP staff exercise their functions.
- 57. REQUESTS** the Commission in consultation with the PRC, to align the mandates, roles and responsibilities of Heads of governance and oversight structures including those of AU Boards, Presidents and Vice Presidents of AU entities with those of the Heads of administrative and management of all AU organs and

entities. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Secretariat, in consultation with the PRC, to ensure that such alignment provides clarity of roles and responsibilities, delineation of authority and accountability, avoids duplicative management structures and advances complementarity and efficiencies.

58. **EXPRESSES CONCERN** on recurring violations of quorum and attendance requirements, weaknesses in rotation of PAP regional leadership and regional representation, and the systematic non-implementation or delayed implementation of session resolutions and urged the PAP Bureau to ensure that these weaknesses are addressed appropriately.
59. **FURTHER EXPRESSES CONCERN** on shortage of staff and **DIRECTS** PAP to work with the Commission to prioritize recruitment of key positions including the Deputy Clerk (Finance, Administration and Human Resources), Head of Finance and Budgeting, Head of Human Resources and Administration, Senior Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, Senior Internal Auditor, Head of Committees, Head of Plenary, Senior Protocol Officer, Senior International Relations Officer, Human Resources Officer, Interpreter – French and Sergeant-at-Arms.
60. **RECALLS** decision Ex.CL/Dec.1104(XXXIV) paragraph 29 of February 2019 and **URGES** the Commission to draft an action plan for the recovery of the missing funds for the period 2012-2023, and results of this process should be submitted to the 49th Ordinary Session of Executive Council in June 2026.
61. **TAKES NOTE** of the existing legal ambiguities between Article 12(5) of the Protocol establishing the PAP, the revised Financial Rules and Regulations, and decision EX.CL/Dec.1031 (XXXIV) of February 2019.
62. **DECIDES** to review the said decision to ensure full alignment with the PAP Protocol and **REQUESTS** the Commission to initiate an amendment of the revised Financial Rules, in accordance with its Rule 109, to align with Article 12(5) of PAP Protocol designating the President and Vice-Presidents as the primary authorities responsible for the mandate of the PAP.
63. **REITERATES** that, pursuant to Article 12.5 of the PAP Protocol, the Secretary-General is responsible for the day-to-day management of administrative and financial matters under the direct authority and responsibility of the Bureau of the PAP to ensure cohesive oversight and institutional accountability.
64. **PROPOSES** that all Heads of Organs, specifically the President and Vice-Presidents, be permanently based at their respective headquarters for the duration of their mandates to ensure effective day-to-day management and **DIRECTS** the Commission to prepare a comprehensive report detailing the financial, legal, and structural implications of this permanent residency requirement and **INSTRUCTS** that this report be presented to the relevant Sub-Committees of the PRC for

technical review, with a final decision to be taken through the established due process of the Union.

65. **EXPRESSES CONCERN** regarding the 2014 partner fund balances recorded in the PAP accounting books that lack supporting documentation and **DIRECTS** an immediate and thorough investigation to establish responsibility for the utilization of these funds and **DECIDES** that any individual found accountable for the mismanagement of the funds be required to refund the Organization in full, in strict compliance with the Financial Rules and the Staff Regulations and Rules of the Union.

V. ON THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON MULTILATERAL COOPERATION – EX.CL/1639(XLVIII)

A. On AU – EU Partnership

66. **EXPRESSES GRATITUDE** to the President of the Republic of Angola, H.E. Mr. João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço and to the Angolan Government and the people of Angola for the excellent organization of the 7th AU-EU Summit.

67. **RECOMMENDS** to the Assembly to endorse the declaration of the 7th African Union – European Union Summit held on 24 and 25 November 2025, in Luanda, Angola.

68. **REQUESTS** the PRC, in close cooperation with the Commission and the EU to continue to work jointly on an implementation plan on the Sectoral Areas of Cooperation, building on the document submitted by the EU, anchored in Agenda 2063, the Second Ten-Year Implementation Plan (STYIP) and relevant Assembly decisions, for adoption by an African Union - European Union Senior Officials' Meeting within six (6) months after the 7th AU-EU Summit.

69. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the PRC, in close collaboration with the Commission, the African Diplomatic Corps in Brussels and the EU, to continue monitoring and taking stock of the implementation of the commitments made in the Declaration of the 7th AU-EU Summit.

B. On Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD)

70. **EXPRESSES** appreciation and **CONGRATULATES** the Government and People of Japan for the successful holding of the TICAD 9 Summit and its statutory preceding meetings.

71. **RECOMMENDS** to the Assembly to endorse the Declaration of the Summit and **REQUESTS** the Commission in close collaboration with Japan and the African Diplomatic Corps in Tokyo, to follow-up on the swift implementation of the outcomes of the Summit

72. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the PRC in close collaboration with the Commission, the African Diplomatic Corps in Tokyo, and the Government of Japan, to commence the selection process of the host country for the TICAD Ministerial Meeting scheduled to be held in Africa in 2027 and for TICAD 10 Summit to be held in 2028.

C. On Africa-Korea Partnership

73. **TAKES NOTE** of the request made by the Republic of Korea to postpone the Africa-Korea Ministerial Forum to 2027.

74. **REQUESTS** the PRC in close collaboration with the Commission to continue monitoring implementation of the commitments made at the Fifth (5th) Korea-Africa Ministerial Forum, held on 10 March 2022, in Seoul, Korea, and to start the process of selecting a host country for the 6th Africa-Korea Ministerial Forum, scheduled to be held in Africa in 2027.

D. On Africa-India Partnership

75. **WELCOMES** the offer by the Republic of India to host the Fourth (4th) Africa-India Summit and **ENDORSES** the offer made.

76. **REQUESTS** the PRC, in close collaboration with the Commission and the African Diplomatic Corps in New Delhi, to agree on the exact dates for the Fourth (4th) Africa-India Summit and to continue all necessary consultations towards finalizing the Working Documents for the summit, which shall be held in the first or before the end of the second quarter of 2026, in India.

77. **REITERATES** the importance of strict adherence to AU decisions regarding the modalities of participation and representation of the Union at statutory partnership meetings, in particular decision Assembly/AU/Dec.762(XXXIII), which clearly stipulates that the AU will be represented at statutory partnership meetings between the African Union / African Continent and a partner country by the restricted format, known as the “Banjul Format”.

E. On Africa-Türkiye Partnership

78. **REQUESTS** the PRC, working closely with the Commission and the State of Libya, to agree with Türkiye on the dates for the Fourth (4th) Africa–Türkiye Partnership Summit to be held in Tripoli, Libya in 2026, and to initiate the required preparatory steps for its successful convening, upon confirmation of the proposed dates by the host country.

F. On the Finalization of the AU Partnerships Policy and Strategic Framework

79. **RECALLS** decision EX.CL/Dec.1265(XLV) adopted by the 45th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council held in Accra, Ghana, in July 2024, which acknowledged the lack of consensus on the classification, participation, and nomenclature of the African Union Partnerships Policy and Strategic Framework (AUPPSF) and requested the Chairperson of the Executive Council and the Chairperson of the Commission to urgently hold consultations on the issues relating to the AUPPSF and communicate the outcome of the consultations to Member States in due course.
80. **EXPRESSES CONCERN** over the continued delay in the finalization of the AUPPSF.
81. **REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Executive Council, in collaboration with the Chairperson of the Commission, to provide the necessary political leadership to conclude the high-level consultations as soon as possible to resolve the outstanding issues that have hindered the finalization of the AUPPSF.
82. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Executive Council and the Chairperson of the Commission to report on the outcome of their consultations to the Executive Council in June 2026.

G. On the AU Steering Committee for Partnerships

83. **WELCOMES** the important role played by the African Union Steering Committee on Partnerships in consolidating Africa's position and priorities, and in ensuring that Member States spoke with one voice during the preparatory processes of African Union partnership meetings and related events.
84. **REQUESTS** the PRC in close collaboration with the Commission, to institutionalize the AU Steering Committee on Partnerships, before the 49th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council.

H. Institutional Capacity for Partnership Management

85. **DIRECTS** the Commission to take the necessary measures to implement previous Decisions, EX.CL/Dec.942(XXX) of January 2017, EX.CL/Dec.1020(XXXIII) of June 2018 and EX.CL/Dec.1310(XLVII) of July 2025, within the structure, functions and capacity of PMRMD in fulfilment of its mandate, and request additional proposal as required to be submitted through a comprehensive report to the relevant sub-committees for consideration and referral to the PRC.

VI. ON THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMMES AND CONFERENCES - EX.CL/1640(XLVIII)

86. **RECALLS** its decision EX.CL/Dec.1217(XLVIII) and decision EX.CL/Dec.1310 (XLVI) on the AU Strategic Plan, calling for the development of the five-year Strategic Plan and deferring its approval to February 2026:
87. **TAKES NOTE** of the outcomes and recommendations of the PRC on the implementation of the roadmap to finalize the AU Strategic Plan (2024–2028).
88. **COMMENDS** the new Commission and the technical teams for the commitment to execute the roadmap leading to the finalization of the AU Strategic Plan (2024-2028).
89. **FURTHER COMMENDS** the efforts of the PRC Sub-Committee on Programmes and Conferences in strengthening coordination, promoting programmatic coherence, and enhancing institutional effectiveness.
90. **TAKES NOTE** of the update on the implementation of the roadmap, which included completion of the consultative processes, review of the Strategic Plan by the new Commission, technical validation through inclusive high-level engagements and alignment and response to the external environment affecting implementation.
91. **ADOPTS** the five-year AU Strategic Plan (2024–2028).
92. **DIRECTS** the Sub-Committee on Programmes and Conferences to continue monitoring the alignment of Organ’s strategies and budgets to the priorities of the Moonshots as articulated in the STYIP of Agenda 2063 and the five-year Strategic Plan priorities and further work with relevant AU structures to ensure sufficient resourcing of the Strategic Plan and reduce over dependency on partner funding.
93. **FURTHER DIRECTS** the Commission to develop and institutionalize the Implementation Strategy Governance Framework for inclusive reporting, monitoring, ownership and accountability of the Plan by the broader AU leadership and submit regular framework implementation progress to the Executive Council.

VII. SUB-COMMITTEE ON NEPAD – EX.CL/1641(XLVIII)

94. **TAKES NOTE** of the 2025 Annual Report of the Sub-Committee on NEPAD;
95. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the revised Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Sub-Committee on NEPAD as adopted by the PRC following the transformation of the Sub-Committee on NEPAD into a Sub-Committee of the whole;

96. **APPROVES** the outcomes of the Annual Retreat between the PRC Sub-Committee on NEPAD and AUDA-NEPAD held on 16 December 2025 to enhance coordination and synergy within the AU organs and institutions for effective implementation of policies, programs and projects of NEPAD and Agenda 2063;
97. **REQUESTS** AUDA-NEPAD to provide annually, a comprehensive matrix of proposed projects/programs, including the criteria and methodology for selecting beneficiary countries, the nature of the projects/programs, the corresponding budget allocation, and the impact of each project; while ensuring an equitable and balanced allocation of resources and projects among Member States and regions of the Union;
98. **FURTHER REQUESTS** AUDA-NEPAD to submit an annual consolidated report on the progress of programs and their concrete impact on the implementation of the Agenda 2063, including performance indicators and lessons learned;
99. **CALLS ON** the continental Secretariat of AUDA-NEPAD to improve synergy and collaboration with respective Member States National Focal Offices for NEPAD, with a view to enhance coordination, implementation and reporting on the Second Ten-Year Implementation Plan (STYIP) of Agenda 2063, under the supervision of the Commission.
100. **REQUESTS** AUDA-NEPAD to enhance its engagement with the African private sector to maximize their contribution to the implementation of Agenda 2063, and, in this regard, calls for regular consultation with the African private sector on the sidelines of AU Policy Organ engagements, where suitable.
101. **WELCOMES** the ongoing process of handing over the African Medicines Regulatory Harmonization (AMRH) initiative to the AMA and encourage its effective implementation to ensure continuity, sustainability, and the successful operationalization of the AMA.
102. **REEMPHASIZES** the imperative, through the AUDA-NEPAD Coordination Unit, under the supervision of the Commission, to reinforce coordination among the Commission, AUDA-NEPAD, Africa CDC, AfCFTA, AMA and the RECs, through joint planning, monitoring and evaluation in order to ensure coherence, synergy and effectiveness, particularly in resources mobilization and utilization, towards the realization of the Second Ten-Year Implementation Plan (STYIP) of Agenda 2063;
103. **WELCOMES** the progress made in the finalization of the draft feasibility study of the Agenda 2063 Development Fund and **REQUESTS** the acceleration of its submission to the relevant PRC Sub-Committees and the Ministerial Follow-up Committee on Agenda 2063 prior to its transmission to the Executive Council no later than its session in June 2026, and **FURTHER RECOMMENDS** that the financial philosophy of the Development Fund should be translated into a detailed

operational schedule, including clearly defined intermediate steps, in order to reduce the risk of structural delays in its implementation;

104. **DIRECTS** the PRC, through the Sub-Committee on NEPAD to explore structured channels of interaction and communication between the Sub-Committee on NEPAD and the AUDA-NEPAD Steering Committee with view to harmonize guidance and support of Member States to AUDA-NEPAD in discharging its mandate.

VIII. **SUB-COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE (HRDG) – DOC. EX.CL/1643(XLVIII)**

105. **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the Activities of the PRC Sub-Committee on Human Rights, Democracy and Governance (HRDG) for the period of January to December 2025 and **COMMENDS** the members as well as the secretariat for the comprehensive report submitted;
106. **RECALLS** its earlier Decision EX.CL/Dec.1233(XLIV), which decided the theme of the year 2025 as “the Year of Human Rights, Democracy and Governance in Africa” and further recommended for this decision to be carried over to the forthcoming years;
107. **NOTES** the historic significance of the twentieth anniversary (2007-2027) of the adoption of the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (ACDEG), which serves as the continental standard for democratic governance and accountability; and which is the principal normative instrument of the African Governance Architecture (AGA) and its synergy with the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA); and **FURTHER NOTES** the upcoming fifteenth anniversary (2012-2027) of the Charter's entry into force;
108. **RECALLS** that Aspiration 1 (A Prosperous Africa based on Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development) and Aspiration 3 (An Africa of good governance, democracy, respect for human rights, justice, and the rule of law) of Agenda 2063 are mutually dependent and inseparable; **EMPHASIZING** that robust democratic institutions, accountability and the respect for human and peoples' rights are necessary pre-conditions for attracting sustainable investment, fostering intra-African trade, enabling capable and transparent institutions, and ultimately, realizing the continent's shared vision of inclusive prosperity;
109. **DECIDES**, in light of the above, to propose for adoption by the Assembly that the AU theme for the year 2028 shall be “the Year of Human Rights, Democracy and Governance in Africa”; **REQUESTS** the Commission, in consultation with Member States and relevant AU Organs, to develop and submit a detailed concept note and roadmap for the rollout of the theme to the Council for consideration at its next Ordinary Session;

110. **NOTES** the current Human and People's Rights Decade in Africa 2017-2026 is due to conclude at the end of 2026;
111. **FURTHER NOTES** the holding of the Second (2nd) Forum between the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and the PRC Sub-Committee on HRDG as part of the regular dialogue between the Banjul Commission and Member States, and **CALLS** for the implementation of the conclusions of this meeting;
112. **REQUESTS** the Commission to undertake a comprehensive study in 2027 assessing progress made under the first Human Rights Decade (2017-2026), with the aim of identifying achievements, challenges, and lessons learned, in close collaboration with the relevant African Human Rights Bodies;
113. **DECIDES** that the findings of the aforementioned study shall inform the possible declaration of a new Human Rights Decade in Africa covering the period 2028-2037;
114. **RECALLS** decision EX.CL/Dec.1176(XXVI) paragraph (65) to submit a study on the proposed amendment to be submitted to the PRC Sub-Committee of HRDG on granting the ACERWC direct access to the African Court while following due process;
115. **COMMENDS** the AU human rights bodies for the significant progress made in undertaking the comprehensive study on the state of compliance with decisions, as mandated by decision EX.CL/Dec.1245(XLIV), and **NOTES** its formal adoption as an AGA-APSA Flagship Project;
116. **URGES** all AU Member States and relevant organs of the African Governance and Peace and Security Architectures (AGA-APSA), including the PRC Sub-Committee on HRDG, to provide the necessary cooperation and political buy-in to the study's data collection and validation activities to ensure its successful completion and empirical integrity;
117. **COMMENDS** the Kingdom of Lesotho for its recent constitutional amendments strengthening democratic governance, the rule of law and institutional accountability, and **RECOGNIZES** these reforms as an important contribution to democratic resilience and conflict prevention in an enclaved Member State.
118. **RECALLS** the AGA-APSA Platform initiative on Harmonizing the reporting processes by Member States on the African Shared Values Instruments and call for the finalization of this initiative.
119. **REQUESTS** the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (AfCHPR), in close collaboration with the African Commission and the African Committee of Experts,

to develop and utilize clear Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for assessing, reporting, and enhancing the implementation of human rights decisions.

120. **NOTES** the forthcoming twentieth anniversary (2006-2026) of the operationalization of the AfCHPR; and **REQUESTS** the Commission, in close collaboration with the AfCHPR, to develop and mobilize high-level political, financial, and logistical support for the celebratory activities across all relevant AU Organs and Member States to highlight the Court's vital role in upholding the African Human Rights System;
121. **EMPHASIZES** that twenty years of operation of the AfCHPR offers a crucial moment to accelerate the establishment of the African Court of Justice and Human Rights (ACJHR); **REITERATES** the imperative need for States Parties to the 1998 Protocol and the 2003 Protocol to prioritize the ratification of the Sharm El-Sheikh Protocol of 2008 to hasten the merger and subsequent entry into force of the ACJHR;
122. **FURTHER EMPHASIZES** that the establishment of the ACJHR is vital as its specialized judicial jurisdiction over general continental legal and institutional matters will strengthen the legal environment necessary for market predictability and enhanced cross-border commercial activity;
123. **UNDERScores** that this robust, overarching continental judicial infrastructure is a foundational requirement for securing the stable environment needed to fully realize the potential of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and achieve a prosperous, integrated, and peaceful Africa under Agenda 2063; **NOTES** the continued relevance of the Malabo Protocol (2014); and **INSTRUCTS** that the transition to the ACJHR be done in line with the AU reforms and budgetary procedures;
124. **URGES** for improved coordination and regular engagement between the Continental Early Warning Systems (CEWS), the PRC Sub Committee on HRDG, the RECs and CSOs in information sharing on strategic interventions;
125. **COMMENDS** ECOSOCC's vital role in the involvement of the African citizenry in the affairs of the AU through the institutionalization of the CSOs reports to the AU Summit through the Sub-Committee on HRDG;
126. **CALLS** for enhanced coordination between ECOSOCC and all Member States to expedite the implementation of the Accreditation Framework of CSOs to avoid parallel process;
127. **REQUESTS** the Commission to review the Policy Framework for the Security Sector Reform (SSR) adopted in 1993, in line with the overall APSA reform agenda and conflict prevention and management;

128. **CONGRATULATES** APRM for the launch of the 2025 African Governance Report on the Natural Resources Governance in Africa. **ENDORSES** the proposed theme and sub-themes for the 2027 African Governance Report to be on "*Youth and Governance: From Promise to Prosperity*";
129. **CALLS** on all Member States to develop and implement national whistleblower protection frameworks guided by the Framework developed by the African Union Advisory Board on Anti-Corruption (AUABC);
130. **REQUESTS** the Pan African Parliament (PAP) to continue its advocacy efforts to promote the ratification of the AU Shared Values Instruments in close collaboration with the Commission, and ensure adequate funding for PAP's activities and mandate;
131. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to continue the implementation of initiatives, programmes and activities under the AU theme of the year "***Justice for Africans and People of African Descent through Reparations***", as part of the efforts to advance the reparatory justice agenda;
132. **STRESSES** the need to identify a "***Day of Remembrance***" which will be commemorated annually as part of the AU reparation agenda and **RECALLS** decision Assembly/AU/Dec. 903(XXXVIII), which approves the proposal of H.E. Abdelmadjid TEBBOUNE, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to institute a day of tribute to the African martyrs and victims of the transatlantic slave trade, colonization and apartheid.

IX. SUB-COMMITTEE ON RULES, STANDARDS AND CREDENTIALS - EX.CL/1644(XLVIII)

133. **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the Sub-Committee on Rules, Standards and Credentials and **COMMENDS** the Sub-Committee and the Commission for the work done;
- A. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE POLICY ORGANS AND STATUTE OF THE COMMISSION ON THE ELECTION OF THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION**
134. **TAKES NOTE** of the proposed amendments to the rules of procedure of the policy organs and statute of the Commission on the election of the senior leadership of the Commission;
135. **REQUESTS** the PRC to consider this report and to make recommendations to the 49th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in June 2026;

B. DRAFT FRAMEWORK FOR ESTABLISHING AND ADMITTING OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OF THE AFRICAN UNION

136. **TAKES NOTE** of the progress made in the development of the Framework for Establishing and Admitting Specialized Agencies;
137. **REQUESTS** the PRC Sub-Committee on Rules, Standards and Credentials to hold a joint session with the PRC Sub-Committee on Structural Reforms to finalize the draft Framework and report to the 49th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council;

C. STUDY ON THE CATEGORISATION OF DECISIONS OF AU POLICY ORGANS

138. **REQUESTS** the Sub-Committee on Rules, Standards and Credentials to finalise the work on categorization of decisions of AU Policy Organs, in collaboration with other relevant AU organs and institutions, and report to the 49th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council.

D. REVISION OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE PAN AFRICAN PARLIAMENT

139. **TAKES NOTE** of the progress made in the revision of the Rules of Procedure of PAP and **DECIDES** to:
- i. **REITERATE** that the election of PAP Bureau shall take place in February 2026 as directed by decision EX.CL/Dec.1288(XLVI) and the new Bureau to be elected shall be composed as follows:
 - President: North
 - 1st Vice President: East
 - 2nd Vice President: West
 - 3rd Vice President: Central
 - 4th Vice President: South
 - ii. **FURTHER REITERATE** that PAP shall comply with values and principles of the Union, including the principle of regular and predictable rotation;
 - iii. **DIRECT** PAP to maintain in its Rules of Procedure the three-years term of office for the Bureau to ensure effective implementation of the principle of regular and predictable rotation;
 - iv. **FURTHER DIRECT** that the continuation of the consideration of the Draft Revised Rules of Procedure shall not affect the holding of the elections of PAP Bureau in February 2026;

- v. **REQUEST** the Chairperson of the Commission to deploy a High-Level Panel to oversee the elections of PAP Bureau of February 2026 and to report back to the 49th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council.

X. SUB-COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

- 140. RECALLS** its decision EX.CL/Dec.987(XXXII) of January 2018, establishing the PRC Sub-Committee on Environmental Issues.
- 141. TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the PRC Sub-Committee on Environmental Issues and **COMMENDS** the Sub-Committee for the oversight and coordination it provides on environmental and natural resource management agenda of the Union.
- 142. NOTES** that the Partner's (the European Union's) continued funding confirmation for the Intra-ACP Climate Services and Related Applications (ClimSA) Programme came after the AU budgeting process had been completed, and that in line with the established practice, the ClimSA budget was deleted from the 2026 AUC Programme Budget because it had no funding confirmation.
- 143. APPRECIATES** the availability of Partner funds at the Commission and the benefits of the ClimSA programme to Member States in delivering weather and climate information for agriculture and food security, disaster risk reduction, early warning systems, energy, health, and water, among others.
- 144. ACKNOWLEDGES** the peculiar circumstances that resulted in the ClimSA budget not being included in the 2026 AUC programme budget, and the potential negative implications to Member States as well as the risk of the Commission breaching its contractual obligations by not paying the contractors.
- 145. EXCEPTIONALLY APPROVES** an addendum of a budget amounting to **US\$7,500,000.00** of which **US\$4,000,000.00** is passthrough funds, and **US\$3,500,000.00** is programme budget for the implementation of the ClimSA programme in the ECCAS Region and for AUC continental activities to AU Member States

DECISION ON THE REPORTS OF THE SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL COMMITTEES (STCs) AND OTHER MINISTERIAL MEETINGS

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the reports of the Specialized Technical Committees (STCs) and other Ministerial Meetings;
2. **RECALLS** decision EX.CL/Dec.1032(XXXIV), regarding the moratorium on the creation of new bodies and offices;
3. **STRESSES** that the following decisions should not bear any financial, legal and structural implications to the AU and **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 AU Policy Organs through the due process.
4. **REQUESTS** that all STCs adopt their reports at the end of their meetings.
 - (A) **ON THE REPORT OF THE 5TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE SPECIALISED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (STC) ON MIGRATION, REFUGEES, AND IDPS - Doc. EX.CL/1646(XLVIII)**
5. **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the 5th Ordinary Session of the Specialized Technical Committee on Migration, Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons (STC-MRIDPs), held from 10–14 November 2025 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and the recommendations contained therein;
6. **COMMENDS** the Ministers and Experts for their constructive deliberations and the comprehensive outcomes of the Session;
7. **ENDORSES** the decision of the 5th STC-MRIDPs to hold a virtual Extraordinary Session in 2026, and the Ordinary Session of the 6th STC on MRIDPs in 2027;

ON MIGRATION AND MOBILITY

8. **TAKES NOTE** of the status reports on:
 - i. Operationalization of the Continental Operational Centre in Sudan on Combating Irregular Migration (COC);
 - ii. Operationalization of the African Centre for the Study and Research on Migration (ACSRM);
 - iii. Operationalization of the Africa Migration Observatory (AMO);
 - iv. Implementation of the African Climate and Mobility Initiative (ACMI);

- v. Mid-Term Assessment of the Migration Policy Framework for Africa (MPFA) and its Plan of Action.
9. **FURTHER TAKES NOTE** of the interim relocation of the COC to the AU Headquarters and **ENCOURAGES** Member States to consider temporary hosting arrangements to facilitate full operationalization.
 10. **ENDORSES** the following instruments adopted by the STC-MRIDPs:
 - i. Continental Guidelines on Return, Readmission and Sustainable Reintegration of Migrants and associated supporting tools;
 - ii. The Common African Position on Migration and Development (CAPMD);
 - iii. Plan of Action for the Implementation of the AU Policy on Prevention of Trafficking in Persons in Africa;
 - iv. Plan of Action for the Implementation of the AU Policy on Prevention of Smuggling of Migrants in Africa;
 - v. Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) in Africa.
 11. **MANDATES** the Commission, in its role as lead of the ACMI, to coordinate the continental agenda on migration and climate change and support Member States and RECs in addressing climate-induced mobility and displacement.
 12. **DIRECTS** the Commission to:
 - i. Develop and implement a dissemination, capacity-building, monitoring and evaluation plan for the Return, Readmission and Reintegration Guidelines;
 - ii. Develop Continental Guidelines on coordination, data collection and information exchange on missing migrants;
 - iii. Develop the AU Migration and Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan;
 - iv. Participate in the Second (2nd) International Migration Review Forum (IMRF).

ON THE IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS OF THE OUTCOMES OF THE MALABO EXTRAORDINARY HUMANITARIAN SUMMIT (2022)

13. **TAKES NOTE** of the progress report of the Commission on the implementation of the outcomes of the Malabo Extraordinary Humanitarian Summit and Pledging Conference.
14. **EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** to Member States that have honoured their humanitarian pledges and **URGES** those that have not yet done so to fulfil their commitments without delay.
15. **DIRECTS** the Commission to:

- i. **Expedite** the development of the Humanitarian Support Index and Compensatory Index, as mandated by the Malabo Summit, to guide equitable burden sharing and resource allocation.
- ii. **Develop**, in collaboration with relevant AU Organs, RECs, and partners, an AU Framework on Health in the Humanitarian–Development–Peace Nexus, for submission to the next Ordinary Session of the STC-MRIDPs.

ON THE AFRICAN HUMANITARIAN AGENCY (AfHA)

16. **TAKES NOTE** of the briefing by the Commission on the operationalization of the African Humanitarian Agency (AfHA) and **COMMENDS** the progress made to date.
17. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in close collaboration with the Republic of Uganda to develop a joint roadmap to facilitate urgent operationalization of the African Humanitarian Agency (AfHA).
18. **REQUESTS** the Commission to:
 - i. **Expedite** all administrative, legal, and logistical processes required to make the Agency fully operational.
 - ii. **Accelerate** the nomination process for the AfHA Governing Board, in line with the Statute of the Agency, and to submit to the Extraordinary Session of the 5th STC-MRIDPs for endorsement.
 - iii. **Strengthen** AfHA's institutional readiness, including staffing, resource mobilization, coordination mechanisms, and partnerships with RECs/RMs, UN agencies, and humanitarian actors.

ON HUMANITARIAN NORMATIVE FRAMEWORKS

19. **ENDORSES** the following without financial, legal, and structural implications:
 - i. The Roadmap on the Ratification and Implementation of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Right to a Nationality and the Eradication of Statelessness in Africa.
 - ii. The Roadmap on the Implementation of Pledges made at the Global Refugee Forum (GRF), as amended by the Fifth (5th) STC-MRIDPs.
20. **DIRECTS** the Commission to:
 - i. **Expedite** the process of receiving feedback from Member States on the African Union Humanitarian Diplomacy Framework, and to submit the final draft to the Extraordinary Session of the Fifth (5th) STC-MRIDPs for endorsement.

- ii. **Develop** an Annotation and Guidance Note on the African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala Convention), to guide State Parties to the Convention in the implementation of the Protocol; and submit to the next Ordinary Session of the STC for endorsement.
- iii. **Provide legal Interpretation of** Article I(2) of the 1969 OAU Refugee Convention in relation to displacement caused by climate change and disasters, and to report to the next STC-MRIDPs.

ON DISASTERS, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND FORCED DISPLACEMENT

21. **ENDORSES** the following without financial, legal, and structural implications:
 - i. The African Union Model Act on Disaster Preparedness and Response in Humanitarian Context.
22. **CALLS UPON** Member States to strengthen national disaster preparedness, early warning systems, and community resilience to mitigate climate-induced displacement.
23. **DIRECTS** the Commission to support Member States in addressing the humanitarian consequences of climate change, including through anticipatory action and risk-informed planning.

ON FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS

24. **TAKES NOTE** of the report on the Status of Free Movement of Persons in Africa (2023–2025) and **REQUESTS** the Commission to brief the next Ordinary Session of the STC.
25. **COMMENDS** the Commission and the Sub-Committee for incorporating the migration and labour areas with the overall purpose to provide comprehensive, continental strategic policy direction and advise as directed by decision EX.CL/Dec.1238 (XLIV) of February 2024.
26. **ENDORSES** the following without financial, legal, and structural implications:
 - i. The African Union Strategy for the Popularization of the Free Movement Protocol;
 - ii. The African Union Coordination Mechanism on the implementation of the Protocol to the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community Relating to Free Movement of Persons, Right of Residence, and Right of Establishment

(B) ON THE REPORT OF THE 8TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE SPECIALISED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (STC) ON FINANCE, MONETARY AFFAIRS, ECONOMIC PLANNING AND INTEGRATION HELD FROM 29 SEPTEMBER TO 03 OCTOBER 2025, JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

27. **TAKES NOTE** and **ADOPTS** the report and the Declaration of the Eighth (8th) Ordinary Session of the Specialized Technical Committee (STC) on Finance, Monetary Affairs, Economic Planning and Integration, and the recommendations contained therein;
28. **NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the progress towards the establishment of the African Union Financial Institutions, the African Credit Rating Agency, and other continental initiatives such as the African Virtual Investment Platform, the Payment Service Directive for Africa (PSDA) and the African Entity Identifier (AEI);
29. **REITERATES** the significance of health financing as a key factor in Africa's transformation, while acknowledging the challenges African countries encounter within a globally evolving economic landscape;
30. **REAFFIRMS** that bridging Africa's health financing gap in a changing geo-economic context is crucial for strengthening the continent's financial resilience and independence, fostering inclusive growth and sustainable development.
31. **DECIDES** on the following:

ON "BRIDGING AFRICA'S HEALTH FINANCING GAP IN A CHANGING GEO ECONOMIC CONTEXT: CHALLENGES AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS"

32. **ENCOURAGES** Member States to implement an annual increase in budget allocation to the health sector, with the goal of achieving and sustaining the 15% Abuja Declaration target, with performance monitored against the Africa Scorecard;
33. **FURTHER ENCOURAGES** Member States to implement Innovative Health Taxes, with emphasis to champion the introduction of health taxes on harmful products to increase revenue and reduce resultant expenditure on health;
34. **URGES** Member States to leverage AUDA-NEPAD Programme for Investment and Financing in Africa's Health (PIFAH) for development and preparation of priority investment projects towards the transformation of Africa's health economy;
35. **CALLS UPON** the Commission and RECs to support AU Member States in negotiating on the issues of global health financing, debt restructuring and climate finance;
36. **REQUESTS** the Commission, AUDA-NEPAD, Africa CDC and other relevant stakeholders to support Member States improving health sector Public Financial

Management (PFM) by shifting to result-oriented, with measurable criteria, strengthening human and institutional capacity and modern information systems within Ministries of Health;

37. **URGES** Member States to prioritize and allocate funding for public Primary Health Care (PHC) and human resources for health through the costed provision of an Essential Health Benefit Package to reduce Out-of-Pocket (OOP) payments;
38. **FURTHER URGES** AAMFI to provide the technical and financial support needed to the AU Epidemic Fund with a view to achieving its objective; and
39. **REQUESTS** the Commission, UNECA, AfDB, AAMFI and AUDA-NEPAD through PIFAH to support Member States efforts in piloting and scaling-up innovative financing instruments, including blended finance models that combine public, private, and philanthropic capital for critical infrastructure such as digital health and Debt-for-Health Swaps.

ON ENHANCING DOMESTIC RESOURCE MOBILIZATION IN AFRICA: CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE FOURTH STC SUB-COMMITTEE ON TAX AND ILLICIT FINANCIAL FLOWS

40. **ADOPTS** the report of the Fourth (4th) STC Sub-Committee on Tax;
41. **CALLS UPON** Member States to broaden tax bases, reduce exemptions, harmonize incentives, reform their tax treaty policy and carry out other transformative tax policy reforms including through working with the Commission, ATAF, TJNA, UNECA, ACBF and other relevant stakeholders to support designing and implementing robust rules for the taxation of the digital economy, digitalization of tax administration and rules to effectively address IFFs, Base Erosion and Profit Shifting;
42. **ENCOURAGES** Member States to collaborate with Commission, ATAF, TJNA, UNECA, ACBF and other stakeholders to implement AU tax and IFF strategies. This includes promoting transparency, establishing beneficial ownership registrars, adopting continental instruments for mutual administrative assistance, expanding the Anti-IFFs Policy Tracker, and strengthening asset recovery mechanisms;
43. **URGES** Member States to collaborate with the Commission, ATAF, AfDB, ACBF, UNECA and relevant stakeholders to enhance the capacity of officials. This includes facilitating a continent-wide peer learning mechanism and strengthening expertise in transfer pricing, auditing, digital economy, and natural resource taxation;
44. **ENCOURAGES** the Commission, ATAF, TJNA, ACBF and UNECA to continue supporting African experts engaged in negotiations across various global platforms, including the United Nations, the OECD Inclusive Framework, and the G20;

45. **FURTHER URGES** Member States to implement tax and fiscal reforms necessary for the AfCFTA, including broadening the tax treaty network and coordinating or harmonizing tax policies;
46. **CALLS UPON** the Commission and ATAF to collaborate in ensuring that the Joint Technical Committee on tax works harmoniously with the STC Sub-committee on tax and IFFs, providing technical solutions to Africa's tax-related issues; and
47. **ENCOURAGES** the Commission, ACBF, ATAF, TJNA to strengthen their collaboration to develop a continental strategy on the taxation of the digital economy.

ON ENHANCING DEBT MANAGEMENT IN AFRICA; CONSIDERATION OF THE LOME DECLARATION AND DRAFT COMMON AFRICAN POSITION ON DEBT AS OUTCOME DOCUMENTS OF THE AFRICAN UNION DEBT CONFERENCE

48. **WELCOMES AND ADOPTS** the Lome Declaration on the AU Debt Conference and the recommendations contained herein;
49. **ADOPTS** the Common African Position on Debt and **URGES** Member States to utilize it as a reference document for debt negotiations in international forums and as a framework for sustainable debt management;
50. **REQUESTS** the AUC to define clear implementation timelines, roles, and responsibilities to ensure that the CAP on Debt is actionable and not merely aspirational;
51. **CALLS UPON** the Commission to establish and operationalize the African Debt Monitoring Mechanism (ADMM) within the ETTIM Department as a virtual platform with no legal, structural and financial burden to Member States, with the financial and technical support of AAMFI.

ON UPDATE ON THE AFRICAN CREDIT RATING AGENCY

52. **WELCOMES** the announcement of Mauritius as the primary jurisdiction of AfCRA; and
53. **URGES** Member States interested in registering as AfCRA to submit their Expression of Interest to the APRM for consideration by the transaction advisor.

ON AFRICAN VIRTUAL INVESTMENT PLATFORM (AVIP)

54. **ENCOURAGES** Member States to express their interest in joining the pilot phase of the AVIP;

55. **REQUESTS** the Commission to develop a clear roadmap for data integration, supported by systems for quality assurance, monitoring and evaluation;
56. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to ensure that the Platform provides regular and transparent communication with investors with a view to promoting measurement of investment impact; and
57. **URGES** the Commission and OECD to accelerate the operationalization of the AVIP to support Member States improving their investments profiles to attract more financial resources.

ON PAYMENT SERVICE DIRECTIVE FOR AFRICA (PSDA)

58. **ENCOURAGES** the Commission and AfricaNenda Foundation to continue consultation with key stakeholders on the PSDA, particularly the AACB and report progress through the STC on Finance, Monetary Affairs, Economic Planning and Integration; and
59. **FURTHER ENCOURAGES** the Commission and AfricaNenda Foundation to complete the ongoing feasibility study on the PSDA and report progress through the STC on Finance, Monetary Affairs, Economic Planning and Integration.

ON AFRICAN ENTITY IDENTIFIER (AEI)

60. **WELCOMES** the AEI initiative and **NOTES** ongoing work to embed the AEI under the AfCFTA Digital Trade Protocol; and
61. **URGES** Member States to accelerate integration of AEI with national ID systems and financial infrastructure, including credit registries, mobile money platforms, and digital payment systems, to expand adoption among SMEs and enhance Africa's credibility in global markets.

(C) ON THE REPORT OF THE TENTH (10TH) STC ON GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

The African Union Convention on Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (AU-CEVAWG) and Campaign for the Ratification, Domestication and Implementation of the Convention

62. **ENDORSES** the three-phase implementation approach of the Roadmap for the Signature, Ratification, Domestication, and Implementation of the AU-CEVAWG:
- (i) Phase 1: Entry into force within eighteen (18) months, starting from its adoption in February 2025.
 - (ii) Phase 2: Legislative alignment and institutional strengthening within three (3) years.

- (iii) Phase 3: Sustainable impact and accountability within five (5) years, taking into account Member States' National Laws, regulations, and strategies.
- 63. DIRECTS** the Commission in close collaboration with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR), to:
- (i) Establish a mechanism to track progress against each phase, including the collection and analysis of data on ratification, domestication, and implementation across Member States;
 - (ii) Provide coordinated technical assistance and capacity building to Member States in the processes of ratification, legislative alignment, and implementation of the Convention's provisions.
- 64. URGES** all Member States to accelerate domestic processes for the signature and ratification of the Convention to achieve its entry into force within eighteen (18) months, taking into account Member States' national laws, regulations, and strategies.
- 65. REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with RECs, AU Organs, Specialized Agencies and partners, to support Member States with advocacy and technical assistance to accelerate the ratification, domestication and implementation of the AU-CEVAWG and report progress to the next session of the STC-GEWE.

2024 Reports on the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa

- 66. TAKES NOTE** of the progress made in implementing the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa.
- 67. FURTHER TAKES NOTE** of its 2023 decision adopting the Gender Observatory as a reporting mechanism in implementing gender related instruments and **TASKS** the Commission to revise the reporting template for the SDGEA to enable Member States to substantively curate progress on advancing gender equality and operationalize the Gender Observatory as the repository of Member States' reports, like the SDGEA.
- 68. ADOPTS** the report on the implementation of the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa.
- 69. ACKNOWLEDGES** the Peace and Security Council (PSC) decisions on Women, Peace and Security and, in this regard, notably the conclusions adopted at the 1309th meeting of the Peace and Security Council held on 30 October 2025, and underscore the importance of reinforcing the Office of the AU Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security (OSE-WPS) through predictable and sufficient financing from the AU regular budget.
- 70. RECOGNIZES** the forty-six (46) Member States that have ratified the Maputo Protocol

71. **ENCOURAGES** the nine (9) Member States that have not yet signed and/ or ratified the Maputo Protocol, affirming their sovereignty, to take appropriate action at the national level and submit their instruments of ratification to the Commission.

Report of the work of the STC Bureau on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

The Inaugural Egumeni Dialogue on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

72. **ENCOURAGES** Member States to mainstream gender consistently across all policies and development agendas, including peace and security frameworks, as appropriate.
73. **TAKES NOTE** of the Launch of the Continental Campaign, engaging traditional/religious councils and build a knowledge repository on GEWE, including conducting the Egumeni Dialogue as an annual platform on GEWE.
74. **INSTRUCTS** the Commission to develop evidence-based monitoring frameworks to track progress on addressing gender norms and related indicators.

In-country Advocacy Mission in Central Africa Republic and in Egypt

75. **ENCOURAGES** the Member States that have not yet ratified to take appropriate action at the national level and submit their instruments of ratification to the Commission.

Mid-Term Progress Brief on the African Women's Decade on Women's Financial and Economic Inclusion, 2020-2030

76. **TAKES NOTE** of the African Women's Decade on Financial and Economic Inclusion (AWD-FEI 2020-2030) Mid-term Brief findings and commit to integrating gender-responsive targets inter alia, financing lines and indicators.
77. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the gaps in policy, implementation, coordination, and commitment to strengthening national and regional accountability mechanisms for women's financial and economic inclusion.
78. **REQUESTS** the Commission to develop an Acceleration Plan for the implementation of the AWD-FEI through the Women and Youth Financial and Economic Inclusion (WYFEI 2030) Initiative and commit to strengthening national and regional accountability mechanisms.

Role of Civil Society Organizations in advancing Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in Africa

79. **TAKES NOTE** of the role of CSOs and women's organizations in monitoring and promoting gender equality across Member States.
80. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of ECOSOCC's request to convene CSOs including associations working in the fields of women's affairs, to reflect on emerging GEWE issues and inform policy and decision-making by the STC on GEWE.
81. **STRENGTHENS** cooperation between ministries in charge of gender and women's affairs at the national level and women's organizations/networks and CSOs.

Report on the Pan-African Women's Organization

82. **FURTHER TAKES NOTE** of the progress made by the Pan African Women's Organization (PAWO), while also acknowledging the persistent financial challenges hindering its full operational capacity, including the need for at least Six Million United States Dollar (USD 6 million) annually to effectively carry out its programmes and activities.

Brief of the Empowerment of the Women Working Group²⁰ Focusing on Care Work

83. **REQUESTS** the Commission to facilitate the development of a Common African Position on Care Work, leveraging an African-centred approach that reflects African realities and priorities.
84. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to convene an African Care Forum as a continental platform for knowledge exchange, policy dialogue and promotion of African solutions and innovations to transform care work.
85. **ENCOURAGES** Member States that have not already done so, to develop national care strategies.
86. **CALLS UPON** the Commission, in collaboration with relevant partners, to map and document evidence on the socio-economic benefits of investing in social infrastructure.

ADOPTION OF THE COMMON AFRICA POSITION FOR CSW70

87. **ESTABLISHES** a formal rotation mechanism with ECOSOCC to ensure equitable hosting of Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) sessions and propose that Africa hosts first CSW session.

(D) ON THE REPORT OF THE FIFTH (5TH) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AFRICAN UNION SPECIALISED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (STC) ON YOUTH, CULTURE AND SPORTS STC-YCS(V)

88. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Fifth (5th) Ordinary Session of the AU Specialized Technical Committee on Youth, Culture and Sports (STC-YCS5) held 9 – 13 December 2025, Bujumbura, Burundi.

89. ENDORSES:

- a) The election of the new members of the Bureau of the STC-YCS5.
- b) The recommendations of the STC-YCS Ministerial Meeting Report as follows:

ON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

(1) ON AFRICAN YOUTH CHARTER@20

- 90. REQUESTS** the Commission to initiate the review of the African Youth Charter by activating Article 31 and following its procedural requirements.
- 91. CALLS UPON** Member States that have not yet ratified the Charter to expedite the process to achieve universal ratification by the end of 2026.
- 92. ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to collaborate with Member States, Regional Economic Communities (RECs), AUDA-NEPAD, the Pan-African Youth Union, National Youth Councils, and other stakeholders to conduct youth-led consultations in 2026 on the emerging youth issues.

(2) ON ONE (1) MILLION NEXT LEVEL (1MNL) INITIATIVE

- 93. URGES** Member States to fully cooperate in submitting annual reports and in developing Country Acceleration Strategies consistent with the One (1) Million Next Level (1MNL) pillars and targets.
- 94. REQUESTS** the Commission to provide technical assistance to Member States and convene capacity-building sessions on the Scorecard and Country Acceleration Strategies in collaboration with partners.
- 95. ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to publish a continental status report on the 1MNL Scorecard and submit the findings to the next STC-YCS session.
- 96. COMMENDS** the Commission, in collaboration with Member States and partners, for leading the development and validation of the “One Million at the Next Level” Initiative Scoreboard, in accordance with the decisions of STC-YCS-4.

97. **ALSO COMMENDS** the leadership of Algeria, Burundi, Djibouti, Egypt, Kenya, Namibia, and Uganda in promoting the empowerment of African youth by launching the “One Million at the Next Level” Initiative, and **FURTHER REQUESTS** all other Member States to also launch this initiative, in this regard.
98. **WELCOMES AND APPROVES** the Initiative Scoreboard as a continental mechanism for youth performance and accountability, aligned with the African Youth Charter and Agenda 2063.

(3) ON THE 2026 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF VOLUNTEERS

99. **WELCOMES** United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Resolution 78/127 proclaiming 2026 as the International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development and **URGES** AU Member States to strengthen volunteerism through robust national policies, programmes, and sustainable resourcing.
100. **REQUESTS** regional and national volunteer coordination bodies to work closely with the Commission in implementing the International Year of Volunteers Plan of Action.

(4) ON PYU REPORTS

101. **RECALLS** the recommendation of STC-YCS 4 on the revival of relations between the Pan-African Youth Union (PAYU) and the Commission through a memorandum of understanding:
102. **COMMENDS** the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Commission and the PYU as a key instrument for revitalizing, reforming, and strengthening the PYU;
103. **REQUESTS** the Commission and the PYU to jointly develop a roadmap for the urgent implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding and to present a progress report to the next session of the STC-YCS.

(5) ON THE PAN AFRICAN YOUTH FORUM

104. **COMMENDS** and **CONGRATULATES** Algeria and Djibouti for hosting and organizing the 2024 and 2025 Pan-African Youth Forums, respectively, in collaboration with the Commission, Member States, youth organizations, partners, and stakeholders.
105. **RECOGNIZES** the Forum’s role in fostering youth participation and empowerment and encourages its annual organization in line with STC-YCS (2) decisions to institutionalize it.

106. **ADOPTS** the 2024 Oran Declaration and 2025 Djibouti Declaration as presented by the youth from the two Youth Forums.

ON CULTURE OUTCOMES

(1) ON THE ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE SECTOR FOR THE PERIOD 2023 - 2025

107. **REQUESTS** the Commission to ensure that information on its arts, culture and heritage programmes is closely and continuously shared with the Ministries responsible for arts, culture and heritage.
108. **ALSO REQUESTS** Member States to take steps to accelerate the ratification process of key arts, culture and heritage instruments, including the Charter for African Cultural Renaissance and the Statute of the African Audio-Visual and Cinema Commission.
109. **URGES** Member States to fast-track the process of implementation of decision Assembly/AU/Dec/872 (XXXIV), which **CALLS ON** Member States to provide at least 1% of national budgets to the arts, culture and heritage sector. This financial commitment is vital for providing ongoing support to cultural initiatives, capacity development and the protection of Africa's rich heritage.

(2) ON THE DRAFT AFRICAN UNION ARTS EDUCATION POLICY

110. **ENDORSES** the Draft African Union Arts Education Policy and **REQUESTS** Member States to align national policies to the AU Arts Education Policy.
111. **ALSO REQUESTS** Member States to integrate arts education into the school curriculum at all levels.
112. **ENCOURAGES** Member States to establish national coordination platforms as well as monitoring and evaluation mechanisms for arts education.

(3) ON THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE OPERATIONALIZATION OF THE GREAT MUSEUM OF AFRICA AND CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT STATUTE OF THE GREAT MUSEUM OF AFRICA (GMA)

113. **REQUESTS** Member States to continue supporting the Great Museum of Africa in Algeria, which is an AU Agenda 2063 flagship project.
114. **ENDORSES** the Draft Statute of the Great Museum of Africa (GMA): a flagship Project of the AU Agenda 2063, and **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to submit the legal instrument to the STC on Justice and Legal Affairs for consideration.

115. CALLS UPON Member States to support Algeria in the full operationalization of the Temporary Site of the Great Museum of Africa and its continental activities.

116. DIRECTS the Commission to fast track the organization of the 2nd Continental Exhibition of the Great Museum of Africa.

(4) ON THE FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION OF THE SIXTH (6TH) AFRICAN UNION PAN-AFRICAN CULTURAL CONGRESS (AU/PACC6)

117. ENDORSES the Framework for Action of the Sixth (6th) African Union Pan-African Cultural Congress to the Ministerial session, for subsequent implementation by all stakeholders.

118. REQUESTS the Commission to promote Africa's cultural and creative industries in all its disciplines to ensure their growth and enhanced contribution to building the Africa We Want as encapsulated in the AU Agenda 2063 aspiration and moonshot 5.

119. ADVOCATES for the establishment of an African Heritage List of Cultural and Natural Sites to assist Member States in the promotion and profiling of their rich heritage and to improve management of heritage resources, particularly those in the UNESCO Danger List.

120. ALSO REQUESTS Member States to support programmes that encourage young people to enjoy and familiarize themselves with their cultural and natural heritage and to develop entrepreneurial activities around its heritage.

(5) ON THE FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION ON UPSCALING THE AUDIO-VISUAL AND CINEMA SECTOR IN AFRICA

121. ENDORSES the Framework for Action of the Stakeholders' Event on Audiovisual and Cinema for implementation by the African Audiovisual and cinema Commission and **COMMENDS** the Republic of Kenya for launching the Temporary Secretariat of the African Audiovisual and Cinema Commission.

122. DIRECTS the African Audiovisual and Cinema Commission (AACC) to champion the process of changing narratives about Africa through strategic storytelling and promotion of local content in film and audiovisual productions.

123. ADVOCATES for Africa to develop a homegrown framework for collecting cultural and creative industries statistics which should broaden the process of data collection from traditional sources to include administrative data, business registers, professional associations, big data providers and cultural observatories to evolve accurate, reliable and timely data that support business decision and investment in the sector.

(6) ON THE REPORT OF THE AFRICAN ACADEMY OF LANGUAGES (ACALAN)

- 124. REQUESTS** Member States and partners to support the work of ACALAN through partnerships, secondment of staff, volunteers and interns to cover human resources gaps within the institution.
- 125. ALSO REQUESTS** Member States with no national bodies of language specialists to consider creating these bodies to support translation of strategic documents into African languages.
- 126. CALLS UPON** Member States to ensure a greater recognition and celebration of the African Languages Week on the continent through collaboration with key stakeholders to ensure adequate funding and to sensitize the public with focus in young people and educational institutions.

(7) ON THE REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTRE FOR LINGUISTIC AND HISTORICAL STUDIES BY ORAL TRADITION (CELHTO) AND THE DRAFT STATUTE OF CELHTO

- 127. ENDORSES** the Draft Statute of the Centre for Linguistic and Historical Studies by Oral Tradition (CELHTO) and **REQUESTS** the Commission to submit the draft legal instrument to the STC on Justice and Legal Affairs for consideration.
- 128. DIRECTS** CELHTO to continue promoting and preserving oral traditions and African storytelling to foster African identity and enable Africa to take charge of and document her authentic history.

(8) ON THE G20 MINISTERS OF CULTURE KWADUKUZA DECLARATION

- 129. ENDORSES** the G20 KwaDukuza Ministerial Declaration for implementation by AU Member States.
- 130. REQUESTS** Member States to adopt mechanisms for monitoring progress of implementation of the Declaration through short-, medium- and long-term outcomes in partnership with G20 Members and Pan-African Cultural Institutions.

(9) ON THE OUTCOME DOCUMENT OF THE MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE ON AUDIO-VISUAL AND CINEMA CONVENED BY AFREXIM BANK IN COLLABORATION WITH ALGERIA AND AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION (AUC/THE COMMISSION):

- 131. REQUESTS** Member States to strengthen national and regional policies that place Cultural and Creative Industries (CCIs) within regional economic development plans.

- 132. ALSO REQUESTS** Member States to fast-track the process of ratification of the Statute of the African Audio-visual and Cinema Commission (AACC) to ensure it enters into force soon and for the timely full operationalization of the specialized agency.
- 133. CALLS UPON** financial institutions to scale up financing and investment channels for creatives and creative enterprises.
- 134. FURTHER CALLS ON** AU Member States and the Caribbean States to boost promotion of African and Caribbean cultural goods and services in regional and global markets and to improve data and research systems to support evidence-based CCI policy making.

(10) ON THE REPORT OF THE OBSERVATORY OF CULTURAL POLICIES IN AFRICA (OCPA)

- 135. REQUESTS** the Commission and the Observatory of the Cultural Policies in Africa (OCPA) to formalize the relationship between the two institutions through an MoU.
- 136. CALLS UPON** Member States to Strengthen the already existing AU/UNESCO/Observatory of Cultural Policies in Africa (OCPA).
- 137. FURTHER REQUESTS** Member States to support the initiative by Morocco to host the office of the Cultural Capitals of Africa as part of implementation of AU Agenda 2063.

(11) ON THE REPORT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES OF THE AFRICAN WORLD HERITAGE FUND (AWHF)

- 138. CALLS UPON** AU Member States to continue supporting the work of the African World Heritage Fund (AWHF) for increased promotion, protection and profiling of Africa's rich cultural and natural heritage.
- 139. FURTHER CALLS UPON** Member States to enhance advocacy and engagement of the Private Sector for sustained investment in heritage programmes.
- 140. INVITES** Member States to participate in the High-Level Advocacy Event of the African World Heritage Fund to celebrate its Twentieth (20th) Anniversary, convened by H.E José Maria Neves, President of the Republic of Cabo Verde and AU Champion on Cultural and Natural Heritage, to be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in February 2026 on the sidelines of the 39th Assembly of the African Union.

(12) ON THE JOINT PROGRAMME ON ADVANCING DECENT WORK IN AFRICA'S CULTURAL AND CREATIVE ECONOMY (CREATE)

- 141. ENDORSES** the CREATE programme as a continental initiative aligned with the AU Agenda 2063 and the revised AU Plan of Action on Cultural and Creative Industries.
- 142. REQUESTS** Member States, Regional Economic Communities and Partners to support the Implementation of the CREATE programme at regional and national levels.
- 143. MANDATES** the Commission, ILO and UNESCO to coordinate, monitor and report progress on CREATE implementation to the STC-YCS (VI)

(13) ON THE REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES OF SELAM

- 144. REQUESTS** Member States to collaborate with SELAM to expand research in Cultural and Creative Industries.
- 145. FURTHER REQUESTS** Member States to fast-track the implementation of Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.772(XXXIII) to allocate at least one percent (1%) of national budgets to arts, culture and heritage by 2030, in line with the Selam's Connect for Culture Africa (CfCA) project.
- 146. CALLS UPON** SELAM and the Commission to conduct joint programming for the implementation of and monitoring of their MoU

(14) ON AMBIKA AFRIKA FILM PROJECT (AAFP) - STRENGTHENING AFRIKAN FILM CONNECTIVITY & ADVANCING AU AGENDA 2063

- 147. REQUESTS** Member States to strengthen African narrative, promote talents of African filmmakers through capacity building, production, co-productions and distribution of African films.
- 148. FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to partner with AAFP to promote the ratification of the African Audio-Visual and Cinema Commission (AACC) Statute.

(15) ON THE INSTITUTIONALISATION OF THE AFRICAN LIBERATION HERITAGE CENTRE (ALHC) AS A SPECIALISED AGENCY OF THE AFRICAN UNION

- 149. ENDORSES** the African Liberation Heritage Centre as a specialized agency of the AU.

150. CALLS UPON Member States, regional bodies and international partners to extend support to this initiative, recognizing its importance in preserving Africa's liberation heritage for future generations and integrating liberation heritage into national education and cultural policies.

(16) ON THE ACTIVITY REPORT BY THE PAN AFRICAN WRITERS' ASSOCIATION (PAWA)

151. REQUESTS Member States, Pan-African cultural institutions, to support the work of the Pan-African Writers Association (PAWA).

152. ENCOURAGES the Commission, ACALAN, CELHTO, GMA, AACC to enhance their collaboration with PAWA.

ON SPORTS

(1) ON REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE STC-YCS (IV) IN THE SPORT SECTOR

153. REQUESTS the AU Sports Council to implement a robust communication strategy to amplify achievements in African sports.

154. CALLS UPON Member States with outstanding arrears to the dissolved Supreme Council of Sports in Africa to honour their commitments and settle payments before the next edition of the African Games in 2027.

(2) ON CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT FROM AU SPORTS COUNCIL ADVISORY BOARD

155. DIRECTS AU Sports Council to establish a technical committee to analyze the Statute of AU Sports Council, identify lacunas that challenge implementation and recommend amendments in line with Article 32 of the Statute of AU Sports Council.

156. REQUESTS the STC-YCS(V) to endorse the new members of the Technical Committee for Finance and the Technical Committee for the African Games in line with Article 10 (f) of the Statute of the AU Sports Council.

157. ALSO REQUESTS all Member States to be fully involved in African Union Sports Council Development Regions' activities and encourage Member States to consider seconding competent staff to Regional Secretariats to support operations and programme implementation.

158. RECOMMENDS re-opening the bid to host the 2027 African Games considering the delays to sign the Host Protocol Agreement between the Arab Republic of Egypt and the AU if it will not be signed by 28 February 2026.

- 159. ALSO RECOMMENDS** re-opening the bid to host African Games if a host country fails to comply with Article 18 of the Statute of AU Sports Council that was endorsed by the Assembly in 2016.
- 160. FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to convene an Indaba (symposium) involving all African Games stakeholders for the purpose of clearly defining and harmonizing stakeholder roles and responsibilities.
- 161. URGES** Member States not to participate in any edition of African Games held in violation of the Statute of AU Sports Council that was endorsed by the Assembly of Heads of States and further recommends exclusion of any country that violates the African Games Host Agreement from participating in the next edition of the African Games after the violation has been committed.
- 162. REQUESTS** Member States to align the hosting of African Games with the African Union's geographical framework to ensure equitable hosting opportunities across all Regions for the benefit of athletes. In instances where a Region is unable to identify a host country, the bidding process shall be opened to all Member States. This rotational framework shall take effect from the 2035 African Games onward.
- 163. ENDORSES** the AUSC Strategic Plan and Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for the period 2024-2028.

(3) **ON CONSIDERATION OF THE REVIEWED AFRICAN GAMES FUNDAMENTAL REGULATIONS**

- 164. RECOMMENDS** that Member States submit further input on the proposed amendments of African Games draft Fundamental Regulations through African Union Sports Council Development Regions by 31 January 2026.
- 165. DIRECTS** the Technical Committee of the African Games to finalize the Draft Fundamental Regulations and submit to the Extraordinary STC-YCSV through the Sports Advisory Board.
- 166. ALSO DIRECTS** the Commission to organize an Extra-Ordinary Session of the STC-YCS V early 2026 to consider and endorse African Games draft Fundamental Regulations.

(4) **ON ANTI-DOPING AND COMPLIANCE TO THE WADA – CODE**

- 167. ENCOURAGES** Member States to ensure alignment of national legal instruments, including legislation, policies, rules and regulations, and their anti-doping programmes, with the 2027 Revised World Anti-Doping Code and International Standards, in consultation with WADA.

- 168. REQUESTS** Member States to support the organization of the 2026 African Regional Anti-Doping Symposium with the objective of providing African public authorities, the African sports movements, National and Regional Anti-Doping Organizations, athletes, among others, a platform to deliberate on strategies to assist stakeholders in implementing the Revised Code.
- 169. CALLS UPON** Member States to ensure that all contributions are paid, including arrears for previous years.
- 170. APPROVES** the nomination of The Gambia to replace Ghana for the 2028-2031 period.
- 171. NOTES**, with appreciation, the offer by the Arab Republic of Egypt to host the 2026 African Regional Anti-Doping Symposium, which will be held in Cairo, Egypt from 27-29 April 2026 and encourage all relevant African Stakeholders, to support the event.

(5) ON FOOTBALL FOR SCHOOLS INITIATIVE BY FIFA

- 172. RECOMMENDS** that AU Member States strengthen collaboration with FIFA and Member Associations in the implementation of the second phase of the Football for Schools and FIFA Arena initiatives, to ensure coordinated planning, effective delivery, and long-term sustainability. These initiatives aim to expand access to football, increase participation, develop coaching pathways for teachers, strengthen talent identification, and further leverage football as a tool for social and educational development.

(6) ON MISSION 89: SAFEGUARDING AFRICA'S ATHLETIC FUTURE - ADDRESSING SPORT TRAFFICKING ON THE CONTINENT.

- 173. ENCOURAGES** Member States to develop adopt policies addressing sports trafficking and prioritizing safeguarding in all youth sports programmes including penalties for sports academies and sports agents that facilitate sports trafficking.

(7) ON THE REPORT FROM THE POLICY MAKERS AND STAKEHOLDERS' ROUNDTABLE: ON SPORT AS A CATALYST FOR AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT: ALIGNING POLICY, VISION, INVESTMENT AND ACTION

- 174. URGES** Member States to collaborate with SportBiz Africa Platform to align sports development with AU Agenda 2063 aspirations, AfCFTA opportunities, mobilize domestic and international resources.
- 175. ENCOURAGES** Member States to actively participate in the 4th Summer Youth Olympic Games, which will be held for the first time on the Continent in Dakar, Senegal, from 31 October to 14 November 2026.

(E) ON THE ELEVENTH (11TH) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE STC ON JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS – EX.CL/

176. TAKES NOTE of the Report and recommendations of the Eleventh (11th) Ordinary Session of the STC on Justice and Legal Affairs held from 08 to 17 December 2025 in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya.

177. ADOPTS the following Draft Legal Instruments:

- (i) Draft Model Law on Factoring
- (ii) Draft Model Law on Medical Products Regulation

178. DECIDES to recommend the following Draft Legal Instruments to the Assembly for consideration and adoption:

- i. Draft Statute of the African Monetary Institute¹
- ii. Draft Revised Statute of the Economic, Social and Cultural Council of the African Union
- iii. Draft Annexes to the Protocol to the Agreement Establishing the African Continental Free Trade Area on Intellectual Property Rights:
 - a. Annex on Utility Models
 - b. Annex on Traditional Knowledge, Traditional Cultural Expressions and Genetic Resources
 - c. Annex on Plant Variety Protection
 - d. Annex on Patents
 - e. Annex on Marks
 - f. Annex on Industrial Designs
 - g. Annex on Geographical Indications
 - h. Annex on Copyright and Related Rights

179. REQUESTS the Commission to rework the draft legal instrument of the Africa – Arab Fund prior to its resubmission to the Specialized Technical Committee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Environment (STC-ARDWE).

180. DECIDES to request relevant departments of the Commission and the ECOSOCC to undertake a study on the redefinition of the term “Diaspora” and to submit the outcome thereof to the Executive Council for consideration.

¹ Reservation entered by the Republic of South Africa and the Arab Republic of Egypt on Article 30.

(F) ON THE SIXTH (6th) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, WATER AND ENVIRONMENT (STC-ARDWE)

181. RECALLING decisions Assembly/AU/Dec.227 (XII) and Assembly/AU/Dec.365 (XVII) establishing the Specialized Technical Committees (STCs) as Organs of the Union in accordance with Article 5(1)(g) of the Constitutive Act;

182. FURTHER RECALLING the Kampala CAADP Declaration adopted by the Assembly in January 2025, and the mandate of the STC-ARDWE to guide agricultural transformation, rural development, water, environment, and blue economy policies;

183. DECIDES to:

- (i) **ADOPT** the Ministerial Report of the Sixth (6th) Ordinary Session of the STC-ARDWE, together with the recommendations of the Experts' Session.
- (ii) **ENDORSE** the Fifth (5th) CAADP Biennial Review Report and **RECOMMEND** its submission to the Thirty-Ninth (39th) Ordinary Session of the Assembly, 14-15 February 2026 for adoption.
- (iii) **ENDORSE** the Implementation Guidelines for the CAADP Kampala Strategy and Action Plan (2026-2036).
- (iv) **ENDORSE** CAADP as a Flagship Programme of Agenda 2063, given its proven impact on agricultural transformation, food security and inclusive economic growth across the continent.
- (v) **ENDORSE** the operationalization of the Commissioner's 100-Day Priorities for Africa's Food Security and **APPROVE** the establishment of a Continental Steering Committee chaired by the AUC-DARBE.
- (vi) **ENDORSE** the Strategic Plan for the Resuscitation of the African Fertilizer Development Centre in Harare, Zimbabwe, and **ENCOURAGE** Member States to sign, ratify, and deposit the relevant instruments.
- (vii) **ENDORSE** the Guidelines for Accelerating Public Sector Opportunities in Financing Agrifood Systems.
- (viii) **ENDORSE** the Pan-African Strategies for elimination of dog-mediated rabies and trypanosomiasis (2026–2035).
- (ix) **ENDORSE** the Policy Framework for Economic African Feed and Fodder Sub-Sectors and the establishment of the Dairy Africa Alliance, and **REQUEST** support for domestication and implementation.
- (x) **ENDORSE** the revised African Seed and Biotechnology Partnership Platform (ASBPP) Operational Guidelines and the transfer of the ASBPP Secretariat from the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) to AUDA-NEPAD; strengthen Thematic Working Groups.
- (xi) **REQUEST** convening of an Extra-ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union on Seed Systems and Biotechnology in 2026.
- (xii) **ENDORSE** the Farmer Managed Seed Systems Policy Framework, Strategy & Action Plan (2026–2035), aligned to Access and Benefit Sharing

and International Treaty for Plant and Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture Article 9.

- (xiii) **ADOPT** the Continental Framework for Genome Editing Landscape Analysis.
- (xiv) **APPROVE** the revision of AU Model Law on Biosafety and AU Guidelines on Biotechnology for Food & Agriculture.
- (xv) **SUPPORT** the domestication of risk proportionate guidelines.
- (xvi) **APPROVE** the establishment of five (5) Regional Seedbanks/Gene banks as Centers of Excellence (one host per region).
- (xvii) **ENDORSE** the Templates for Access and Benefit Sharing Legal Instruments transfer terms including Digital Sequence Information stewardship and third-party rules.
- (xviii) **ENDORSE** Africa's draft common position on ITPGRFA and **SUPPORT** the participation of five negotiators in various fora.
- (xix) **ENDORSE** the Geographical Indications Policy Framework, Strategy and Action Plan (2026-2035).
- (xx) **ENDORSE** the African Vegetable Biodiversity Rescue Plan (2025–2035).
- (xxi) **ENDORSE** the Addis Ababa Declaration from the Second Africa Climate Summit and **REQUEST** the Commission to develop a Monitoring and Reporting Framework.
- (xxii) **ENDORSE** the Africa Water Vision 2063 and Policy² and **RECOMMEND** its adoption by the Assembly as Africa's Common Position for the UN 2026 Water Conference.
- (xxiii) **REQUEST** AMCOW, the Commission, AfDB, AWF, and UNECA to develop the First Implementation Plan (2026–2033) and convene an international financing conference in 2026.
- (xxiv) **DIRECT** the Commission to integrate the endorsed decisions into continental frameworks, ensure resource mobilization, and report on implementation progress at the Seventh STC-ARDWE.
- (xxv) **REQUEST** Member States, RECs, AUDA-NEPAD, and partners to support effective domestication of endorsed frameworks.
- (xxvi) **REQUEST** the Commission to strengthen monitoring, evaluation, and accountability mechanisms, and to submit consolidated progress reports to the Executive Council.

(G) ON THE REPORT OF THE SEVENTEENTH (17th) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE SPECIALISED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE(STC) ON DEFENCE, SAFETY AND SECURITY (STCDSS)

184. WELCOMES the Report adopted by the Seventeenth (17th) Ordinary Session of the Specialized Technical Committee on Defence, Safety and Security (STCDSS) held

² Reservation entered by the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia with respect to the Water Vision 2063 and Policy

in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 8 to 11 December 2025, and **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained therein;

185. **ALSO ENDORSES** the African Union Command, Control, Communications and Information Systems Concept for the African Standby Force and Peace Support Operations and the Policy on Remedial Actions for Victims of Misconduct and Harm in African Union Peace Support Operations, adopted by the 17th Ordinary Session of the STCDSS;
186. **FURTHER ENDORSES** the report on the Strategic Review of the African Standby Force adopted by the 17th Ordinary Meeting of the STCDSS and **REQUESTS** the Commission to broaden and expedite the relevant comprehensive engagements with the AU Member States, RECs/RMs Planning Elements (PLANELMs) and their relevant policy organs, as well as with the relevant AU Policy Organs to implement the outcomes of the Strategic Review of the African Standby Force;
187. **RECALLS** decision Assembly/AU/Dec.918(XXXVIII) of February 2025 regarding the need to finalize the Draft Memorandum of Understanding between the AU and the RECs and RMs on the Use of the African Standby Force to be completed during the 39th Ordinary Session of the Assembly in February 2026, and **REQUESTS** the adoption of the Draft Memorandum along with the Report on the Strategic Review of the African Standby Force.

**DECISION ON THE REPORTS OF THE COMMISSION ON THE HUMANITARIAN
ASPECTS AND FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS IN AFRICA,
Doc. EX.CL/1655(XLVIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the Commission on the Humanitarian Situation in Africa for the period January–December 2025, and **COMMENDS** the Commission for the comprehensive analysis and field-based assessments conducted across affected Member States.
2. **EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN** over the worsening humanitarian situation across the continent, with more than 160 million people in need of assistance, including 45 million forcibly displaced persons, driven by armed conflict, climate shocks, food insecurity, and economic fragility.
3. **FURTHER EXPRESSES CONCERN** regarding the humanitarian catastrophe in Sudan, now the world’s largest displacement crisis with twelve (12) million displaced persons, Eastern DRC, where the resurgence in conflict put the lives of millions at risk, and the severe spill-over effects on neighbouring countries, and the Sahel Region, where a protracted crisis continues to affect the lives of millions.
4. **CONDEMNS** the continued violations of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and International Human Rights Law (IHRL), including attacks on civilians, conflict-related sexual violence, obstruction of humanitarian access, and deliberate targeting of aid workers, noting the reported 20% increase in attacks on humanitarian personnel in 2025.
5. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the compounding impact of climate-induced disasters—including droughts, floods, cyclones, and extreme weather events—which have left over one hundred and twenty (120) million Africans facing crisis-level or worse food insecurity, particularly in the Horn of Africa, Sahel, and Southern Africa Region.
6. **RECOGNISES** the heavy burden borne by refugee-hosting countries, and **CALLS UPON** partners to provide sustainable and predictable financing for host countries, based on the principles of equitable burden and responsibility-sharing.
7. **TAKES NOTE** of the report on Humanitarian situation in West Africa, particularly in Nigeria where 8.1 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance, and **EMPHASIZES** the urgent need for humanitarian assessment mission to Nigeria, with a view to provide assistance to the affected people/communities.

On AU Institutional Response and Coordination

8. **COMMENDS** the Commission and the PRC Sub-Committee on Refugees, Returnees and IDPs, for the humanitarian assessment missions conducted in Burundi, Mozambique, South Sudan, and the Sudan, and for the provision of core relief items to affected populations.
9. **REQUESTS** the Commission to accelerate the process of disbursement of backlog solidarity gestures and **RECOMMENDS** to the Commission to document achievements made by the donated funds and report accordingly.
10. **TAKES NOTE** of progress made towards the operationalization of the African Humanitarian Agency (AfHA) and **DIRECTS** the Commission and relevant PRC Sub-Committees to accelerate the establishment of its operational, financial, and coordination mechanisms in line with the Malabo Declaration (2022).
11. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to strengthen coordination with RECs, RMs, UN agencies, and humanitarian partners to ensure coherent, African-led responses, particularly in cross-border displacement situations.
12. **ALSO DIRECTS** the Commission to enhance early warning–early action linkages between AfHA, Africa CDC, Africa Risk Capacity (ARC), the Continental Civilian Capacity for Disaster Response, the Continental Early Warning System (CEWS), and national disaster management institutions.

On Humanitarian Financing

13. **NOTES WITH CONCERN** the persistent underfunding of Humanitarian Response Plans (HRPs), with less than 26.7 percent of the US \$11 billion required for 2025 funded, and **CALLS UPON** Member States, partners, and the private sector to scale up predictable, flexible, and sustainable humanitarian financing.
14. **COMMENDS** Member States who honoured pledges made during the 2022 Malabo Extraordinary Humanitarian Summit and Pledging Conference, **URGES** Member States who have not yet honoured pledges to do so without delay.
15. **DIRECTS** the Commission to develop the necessary mechanisms for the utilisation of the available funds committed to humanitarian response in Africa, and to the operationalisation of the African Humanitarian Agency (AfHA).
16. **REQUESTS** the Commission to engage with relevant stakeholders and explore innovative financing mechanisms, including risk pooling, climate insurance, and African-led humanitarian financing instruments.

On Protection of Civilians and Access Constraints

17. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** all forms of violence against civilians, humanitarian aid workers and their assets, including conflict-related sexual violence, forced displacement, and attacks on schools, hospitals, and other civilian infrastructure.
18. **CALLS UPON** all parties to armed conflict to respect IHL, guarantee safe and unhindered humanitarian access, and protect humanitarian personnel and assets.
19. **REQUESTS** the Commission to intensify humanitarian diplomacy efforts, including through the AU Peace and Security Council (PSC), to address access impediments in the Sudan, Eastern DRC, the Sahel, northern Mozambique, and other affected regions.

On Climate, Food Security, and Resilience

20. **EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN** at the worsening food insecurity across Africa, particularly in the Horn of Africa, the Sahel, the Great Lakes Region, and Southern Africa, and **CALLS FOR** scaled-up investments in climate adaptation, anticipatory action, and resilient food systems.
21. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with all relevant stakeholders, to support Member States in strengthening early warning systems, climate risk management, and community-based resilience initiatives.

On Displacement and Durable Solutions

22. **CALLS UPON** Member States to implement the African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons (2009), the Convention Governing the Specific Aspects of Refugee Problems in Africa (1969), and the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Specific Aspects of the Right to a Nationality and the Eradication of Statelessness in Africa (2024), and to integrate durable solutions into national development planning and **REQUESTS** the Commission to support Member States in the implementation of the afore-mentioned AU Treaties., and to integrate durable solutions into national development planning in implementation.
23. **COMMENDS** His Excellency Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, Leader of the 2019 Theme of the Year for his steadfast efforts in AU in addressing challenges of forced displacement and **REQUESTS** the Assembly to appoint him as African Union Champion on Humanitarian response and protection of vulnerable populations;
24. **CONGRATULATES** Burundi for having hosted more than 177 000 Congolese in its territory;

On the Humanitarian Intervention to suspended Member States through the AU Humanitarian and Health Activities

25. **TAKES NOTE** of the Commission's proposed activities to assist Member States under suspension due to Unconstitutional Changes of Government that are experiencing worsening humanitarian crises.
26. **RECALLS** the AU Legal Frameworks on Unconstitutional Changes of Government, which emphasize the need to ensure that ordinary citizens in the suspended Member States do not suffer disproportionately as a result of enforcing such sanctions.
27. **FURTHER RECALLS** the Lomé Declaration on the Framework for an AU Response to Unconstitutional Changes of Government and Article 7(p) of the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council of the AU, which empowers the Peace and Security Council to "support and facilitate humanitarian action in situations of armed conflict or major natural disasters."
28. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in close consultation with the Peace and Security Council, to provide necessary humanitarian assistance to affected member states through the AU humanitarian and health activities.

On Externalisation of Migration Management and Border Control

29. **RESOLVES** to:
 - i) **Reject** externalization of migration management and border control that undermines human rights and dignity.
 - ii) **Support** African-led initiatives to address root causes of migration, including poverty, conflict, and climate change.
 - iii) **Urge** international partners to provide support and resources to strengthen African capacities for humanitarian response and migration management.
 - iv) **Emphasize** the importance of protecting human rights and dignity of migrants, refugees, and displaced persons.

DECISION ON THE RECRUITMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT EVALUATION GROUP MEMBERS BY PANEL OF EMINENT AFRICANS - EX.CL/1657(XLVIII)

The Executive Council,

1. **RECALLS** Decision EX.CL/Dec.1240(XLIV), adopted during the Forty-Fifth (45th) Ordinary Session held in February 2024 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, which requested the Commission to finalize the operationalization of the Independent Evaluation Group and to undertake the selection process through the Panel of Eminent Africans in order to ensure transparency;
2. **FURTHER RECALLS** the report of the Panel of Eminent Africans, as well as the Executive Council's request to finalize the selection process during its 46th Ordinary Session and to report thereon to the Executive Council;
3. **TAKES NOTE** of the recommendations of the Panel of Eminent Africans regarding the appointment of the members of the Independent Evaluation Group of the Peace Fund, as well as the recommendations of the Executive Management Committee, and the subsequent appointment of the Independent Evaluation Group members by the Board of Trustees, comprising five (5) members representing each region of the continent.
4. **COMMENDS** the members of the Panel for their valuable contribution in supporting the Commission throughout the selection process of the AU Peace Fund Independent Evaluation Group;
5. **DIRECTS** the Commission to keep the Executive Council regularly updated on the operationalization of the Independent Evaluation Group and on its subsequent reports.

**DECISION ON THE ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION ON
HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS (ACHPR)
Doc. EX.CL/1659(XLVIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the combined Fifty-eighth (58th) and Fifty-ninth (59th) Activity Reports of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR);
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the election of a new Bureau of the ACHPR for a two-year term and **CONGRATULATES** its new members, Hon. Commissioner Idrissa SOW, Chairperson, and Hon. Commissioner Hatem ESSAIEM, Vice Chairperson, for their elections and **ENCOURAGES** them to fully engage in the implementation of the mandate of the ACHPR;
3. **WELCOMES** the efforts made by the ACHPR during the period under review to promote and protect human rights on the continent;
4. **FURTHER TAKES NOTE** of the organization of the Second Joint Forum of Special Mechanisms, with the theme: *Human Rights as an Imperative for People-Centred Sustainable Development in Africa*;
5. **CONGRATULATES** the ACHPR for hosting the Second Pre-Session Forum of States Parties to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, attended by States Parties and the PRC Sub-Committee on Human Rights, Democracy, and Governance, and for organizing the **Conference on Advocacy for the Continental Ratification of the Treaties under the ACHPR Monitoring** in Accra, Ghana, under the Theme: *Towards Achieving the Universal Ratification of all African Human Rights Treaties*, which provided a platform to advocate for the universal ratification of the core human rights instruments monitored by the ACHPR;
6. **ALSO WELCOMES** the adoption of the African Union Convention on Ending Violence Against Women and Girls by the African Union; and **REITERATES** its request to Member States that have not yet ratified the various African Union human rights instruments, to take all necessary measures to do so;
7. **COMMENDS** those States Parties to the African Charter that have fulfilled their reporting obligations and **ENCOURAGES** those which have never submitted reports, as well as those with outstanding periodic reports, to submit them in accordance with Article 62 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, Article 26 of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa, and Article 14 of the African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa;

8. **CALLS ON** States Parties to comply with the decisions of the ACHPR on Communications involving them, as well as the recommendations issued pursuant to Promotion Missions and Concluding Observations; and **FURTHER CALLS ON** States Parties to continue to authorize Promotion Missions by the ACHPR to States Parties,
9. **TAKES NOTE** of the publication of the Report of the Joint Fact-Finding Mission on Sudan, mandated by the AU Peace and Security Council and conducted virtually, and **URGES** the Government of Sudan and neighbouring countries, to cooperate with the ACHPR to authorize an on-ground fact-finding mission to obtain direct, first-hand accounts from refugees and other individuals affected by the conflict in Sudan;
10. **COMMENDS** the efforts made by the Government of the Republic of The Gambia towards the construction of a permanent headquarters for the ACHPR, and the proposed alternative building with more office space to house the Secretariat temporarily until the permanent Headquarters is ready, and **REITERATES** its directive to the Commission to work jointly with the Government of The Gambia and the ACHPR to mobilize resources and accelerate efforts towards building the headquarters;
11. **TAKES NOTE** of the understaffing of the ACHPR and **WELCOMES** the ongoing efforts to review the organizational structure of the ACHPR, in consultation with the Commission, following its decisions EX.CL/Dec. 995 (2018), EX.CL/Dec. 1080 (2020) and EX.CL/Dec. 11 (2024);
12. **REITERATES** its decision EX.CL/Dec.1244(XLIV) and **DIRECTS** the PRC to expedite the review of the new structure of the ACHPR, in order to align it with its expanded mandates, and to report to the Executive Council at its next ordinary session.
13. **TAKES NOTE** of the budgetary challenges encountered by the ACHPR in the delivery of its expanded mandate, and **DIRECTS** the PRC to allocate adequate budgetary resources and support to the ACHPR following the due process, to fully implement its expanded mandate;
14. **ENCOURAGES** the ACHPR to improve cooperation with State Parties and the AUC, for the enhanced promotion and protection of human rights in Africa; and **URGES** States Parties to host the Commission's Sessions; and
15. **AUTHORIZES** the publication of the 58th and 59th combined activity reports of the ACHPR, considering the contributions and observations made by the States Parties

**DECISION ON THE ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE AFRICAN COURT ON HUMAN AND
PEOPLES' RIGHTS (AfCHPR)
Doc. EX.CL/1660(XLVIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Activity Report of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Court) for the period 1 January to 31 December 2025.
2. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the efforts undertaken by the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights in the discharge of its mandate, and **ENCOURAGES** the Court, in collaboration with Member States and relevant stakeholders, to intensify measures aimed at improving compliance with its decisions and expanding access to its jurisdiction, in accordance with the Protocol.
3. **NOTES WITH CONCERN** that more than two decades after its adoption, only thirty-four (34) Member States of the AU have ratified the Protocol and only eight (8) of the 34 State Parties, have the Declaration required under Article 34(6) thereof, allowing individuals and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to bring cases directly to the Court in effect.
4. **ALSO ACKNOWLEDGES** the commitment demonstrated by State Parties to the Protocol and **EMPHASIZES** the need for accelerated action to address outstanding gaps in ratification, deposit of declarations under Article 34(6), and compliance with the Court's decisions.
5. **CONGRATULATES** the eight (8) State Parties that currently have the Declaration under Article 34(6) of the Protocol in effect, namely: Burkina Faso, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Malawi, Mali, Niger and Tunisia; commending their leadership and firm commitment to realizing access to justice by removing barriers to individual access and thereby enabling the full exercise of the Court's protective mandate.
6. **CALLS UPON** the State Parties that have withdrawn their Declarations under Article 34(6) to reconsider their decision and re-deposit the Declaration, affirming their commitment to the integrity and comprehensive reach of the African human rights judicial system.
7. **FURTHER CALLS UPON** Member States that have not yet acceded to the Protocol and deposited the Declaration under Article 34(6) to take the necessary legal and administrative measures and **REQUESTS** the Commission to report on progress made in this regard at the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council.
8. **ALSO CONGRATULATES** the twenty-four (24) Member States that have appointed National Focal Points for the Court, namely: Algeria, Benin, Botswana,

Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cabo Verde, Central African Republic, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mauritania, Mozambique, Nigeria, Uganda, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, in conformity with Decision EX.CL/Dec.1153(XL), adopted during the 40th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council, held from 2 - 3 February 2022, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

9. **CALLS UPON** those Member States that have not yet done so, to take immediate steps to appoint their National Focal Points in cognizance of the critical role of the National Focal Points in serving as the designated liaison and coordination mechanism for key communications and follow-up on activities concerning the Court;
10. **URGES** Member States that have appointed National Focal Points to ensure these structures are fully operational and legally anchored within the national governance system, and are equipped with adequate budgetary resources, to coordinate the work of diverse government agencies and actively involve domestic stakeholders in the implementation process.
11. **NOTES** with deep concern the persistently low level of compliance with the decisions of the Court and **DIRECTS** the PRC Sub-Committee on Human Rights Democracy and Governance (HRDG) to institute regular compliance review sessions focused on systematic monitoring of implementation efforts and challenges.
12. **EXPRESSES SERIOUS CONCERN** over the persistently low level of compliance with decisions of the African Court, and **URGES** Member States to submit, within a defined reporting cycle, information on measures taken to implement such decisions, including challenges encountered.
13. **CALLS UPON** Member States to actively collaborate with the Court to host dialogue sessions towards the implementation of Court decisions; and **REQUESTS** Member States to facilitate the necessary resources for the logistical organization of these dialogue sessions, recognizing their value for enhanced compliance.
14. **COMMENDS** the Court in securing resources in the form of technical assistance to implementation of Decision EX.CL/Dec.1245(XLIV), calling on the African Court and the Commission to *“undertake a study on the state of compliance with decisions of AU human rights bodies, including in particular, the reasons for the low level of compliance, and make concrete recommendations to the Executive Council, on how to enhance Member States’ compliance with such decisions”*.
15. **ENDORSES** the Calendar of work on the in-depth study on the implementation of decisions of AU Human Rights bodies as endorsed by the 4th Meeting of the Permanent Representatives’ Sub-Committee on Human

Rights Democracy, and Governance and to this end, **REQUESTS** the African Court to report to the Executive Council in January 2027.

16. **DIRECTS** the Commission through the African Governance Architecture - African Peace and Security Architecture Secretariat to appoint a dedicated Focal Point within the existing structure to centralize technical support, resource mobilization, and coordination for implementation and dissemination of decisions rendered by the Court and recommendations issued by the other AU Human Rights Organs.
17. **REITERATES** its previous decisions EX.CL/Dec.973 (XXXI); EX.CL/Dec.994 (XXXII); EX.CL/Dec.1044 (XXXIV); EX.CL/Dec.1064 (XXXV); and EX.CL/Dec.1079), to take all necessary measures to operationalize the Legal Aid Fund for AU Human Rights Organs, and to this end, **INVITES** and **ENCOURAGES** all Member States of the Union, and other relevant human rights stakeholders on the continent, to make generous voluntary contributions to the Fund to ensure its sustainability and success;
18. **DIRECTS** the African Court, in collaboration with the Commission, to develop a comprehensive proposal for the establishment of an African Court Trust Fund to secure long-term, sustainable funding for its core operations, capacity building and the execution of key decisions, and to report on the status of this proposal at the next Ordinary Session.
19. **NOTES** that the African Court will commemorate twenty (20) years of its operationalization in 2026, and **INVITES** all Member States and relevant stakeholders to work with the African Court to implement activities to commemorate the 20th Anniversary, and make concrete contributions, on how to strengthen the Court, enhance its visibility across the continent, and make it fit-for-purpose within the ongoing socio-economic and political developments on the continent.
20. **COMMENDS** the steps taken by the United Republic of Tanzania towards the completion of the permanent premises of the Court.
21. **REQUESTS** the Court, in collaboration with the PRC and the Commission, to report to the 49th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in June 2026, on the implementation of this Decision.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL
AND CULTURAL COUNCIL (ECOSOCC)
Doc. EX.CL/1661(XLVIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the 2025 Activity Report of the Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC) and the accompanying submissions on institutional frameworks and programmatic achievements.

ON THE REVISED ECOSOCC LEGAL INSTRUMENTS

2. **RECALLS** decision EX.CL/Dec.1157(XL) directing the ECOSOCC Secretariat, in consultation with the Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) and the Office of Internal Oversight (OIO), to conduct a comprehensive and holistic review of the ECOSOCC legal instruments incorporating recommendations from the ECOSOCC In-depth Study and OIO Investigation Report;
3. **NOTES** that the Technical Working Group comprising the ECOSOCC Secretariat, OLC, and OIO has completed the technical revision of the ECOSOCC Statutes, and that the revised instruments have been validated by the 4th Permanent General Assembly of ECOSOCC in October 2025 and endorsed at the 11th Ordinary Session of the Specialized Technical Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs (STC JLA) in December 2025.
4. **ACKNOWLEDGES** that the revised ECOSOCC Statute, as endorsed by the STC-JLA, addresses critical gaps, contradictions, and misalignments in the organ's legal framework, and streamline membership composition, election frameworks, Sectoral Cluster Committee operations, and institutional management structures.

ON THE AU INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORKS FOR CSO ENGAGEMENT

5. **NOTES** the progress made in the implementation of AU Harmonized Mechanism for Granting Observer and Consultative Status to Civil Society Organizations (CSO) and the ECOSOCC Diaspora Legal Framework in February 2025 (EX.CL/Dec.1286(XLVI)) and for ECOSOCC to collaborate with Member States in the implementation process.
6. **DIRECTS** ECOSOCC to operationalize the AU CSO Online Accreditation Portal and initiate a comprehensive implementation process with all AU organs/entities to ensure smooth rollout of the accreditation mechanism in close consultation with Member States.

ON INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY AND OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

7. **COMMENDS** ECOSOCC for its achievements in strengthening civil society engagement across the African Union system, its stewardship role played at the G20 Social Summit for rallying African CSOs towards the Summit, and the extensive programmatic activities aligned with the AU Theme of the Year;
8. **ACKNOWLEDGES** that ECOSOCC currently operates with only 19 of 34 approved positions filled (56% staffing capacity), severely constraining the Secretariat's ability to execute its technical agenda and deliver on its mandate;
9. **RECALLS** decision EX.CL/Dec.1199(XLII) of February 2023 that requested the Commission to expedite the finalization of the Skills and Competency-based Assessment for ECOSOCC Regular Staff.
10. **NOTES WITH CONCERN** the protracted delay in finalizing the skills and competency-based assessment of incumbent staff, which has created institutional uncertainty and demoralization;
11. **DIRECTS** the Commission to prioritize the completion of ECOSOCC's approved 34-position staffing structure, with a target of achieving at least 80% staffing capacity by December 2026, in accordance with AU Staff Regulations and Rules and the Merit-Based Recruitment System.

ON PROGRAMME BUDGET AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

12. **NOTES** that since relocating to Lusaka and establishing a standalone operational facility, ECOSOCC has demonstrated significantly enhanced programme implementation capacity and attracted substantial interest from international partners offering valuable resources;
13. **FURTHER NOTES** that the current programme budget ceiling, established when ECOSOCC operated with a part-time Secretariat at the Commission, no longer corresponds to the organ's matured operational scale and strategic importance, thereby preventing access to readily available partnership funding.
14. **REQUESTS** the PRC through its Sub-Committee on General Supervision and Coordination on Budgetary, Financial, and Administrative Matters (GSCBFAM) and F15 Experts to assess and consider an upward adjustment of ECOSOCC's programme budget ceiling to align with the organ's expanded operational capacity, increased partnership opportunities, and growing demand for civil society engagement within the AU framework and enhance citizen participation in works and programs of the AU and its Organs.

ON THE AU DECADE OF REPARATIONS

15. **RECALLS** the AU's declaration of the Decade of Reparations (2026-2036), building on the 2025 Year of Reparations and the historic 1993 Abuja Proclamation.
16. **ENDORSES** ECOSOCC's programmatic focus on advancing the AU Decade of Reparations, including the utilization of ECOSOCC's civil society white paper to inform the development of the Continental Common Position and Programme of Action on Reparations.

ON THE FIFTH (5TH) PERMANENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

17. **ACKNOWLEDGES** that for the first time in the history of ECOSOCC, the constitution of the fifth (5th) ECOSOCC Permanent General Assembly considers the inclusion of the Diaspora CSOs in accordance with the criteria stipulated in the ECOSOCC Diaspora Legal Framework.
18. **TAKES NOTE** of the non-allocation of budget resources to reconstitute and convene the Ordinary Session of the fifth (5th) Permanent General Assembly of ECOSOCC in 2026;
19. **RECOGNIZES** the potential legal and operational adverse implications of the non-reconstitution of the fifth (5th) General Assembly and organization of the inaugural session, including a possible recurrence of the governance and legal challenges experienced by the previous General Assembly, requiring the intervention of the Executive Council.
20. **REQUESTS** the Commission to work with ECOSOCC to implement a solution via supplementary budget or virement to enable ECOSOCC to constitute the fifth (5th) General Assembly and convene the inaugural Session of the fifth (5th) Permanent General Assembly in line with statutory requirements.

ON THE ECOSOCC UNIVERSITY OUTREACH PROGRAMME 2025

21. **ENCOURAGES** ECOSOCC to further broaden its university outreach programme beyond regions not currently covered, particularly West and Central Africa.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE AFRICAN COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS
ON THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF THE CHILD (ACERWC)
Doc. EX.CL/1662(XLVIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC).
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the election of a new Bureau of the ACERWC for a two-year term (November 2025 to November 2027) and **CONGRATULATES** its new members, Hon. Sabrina Gahar, Chairperson, Hon. Ghislain Roch Etsan, Vice Chairperson for their elections and **ENCOURAGES** them to fully engage in the implementation of the mandate of the ACERWC.
3. **COMMENDS** the Committee for the work done in monitoring the implementation of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child and the increased engagement with Member States.
4. **ALSO ENCOURAGES** Member States which have not yet ratified the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child to expedite the ratification of the Charter.
5. **ALSO COMMENDS** the Federal Republic of Somalia for the national level ratification and **URGES** the Member State to deposit its ratification instrument to the Union in due time.
6. **ALSO CONGRATULATES** the Republic of Burundi, the Republic of Kenya, the Arab Republic of Egypt; the State of Eritrea; the Republic of The Gambia, and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania on the submission of their State Party reports on the implementation of the African Children's Charter and **ALSO URGES** State Parties, which have not yet reported to the Committee to comply with their reporting obligations.
7. **APPRECIATES** the Republic of Burundi for the measures it has undertaken in implementing the recommendations of the Committee on its initial report and **FURTHER ENCOURAGES** the same to fully comply with the Concluding Observations and Recommendations of the Committee.
8. **ALSO APPRECIATES** State Parties that cooperate with the Committee in implementing its decisions on the Communications brought against them and **ENCOURAGES** them to fully implement the decisions of the Committee and submit reports on the status of implementation.
9. **COMMENDS** the Republic of Burundi for submitting its report on the status of implementation of the Amicable Settlement reached under the auspices of the

Committee in Communication No. 0022/Com/004/22 and **ALSO ENCOURAGES** for full implementation of the terms of the settlement.

10. **FURTHER APPRECIATES** the Republic of Botswana for the amicable settlement and encourage the same to fully implement the terms of the settlement
11. **ADOPTS** the theme of the Day of the African Child for the year 2026 to be on **‘Ensuring universal access to water, sanitation and hygiene for every child in Africa’** and **FURTHER ENCOURAGES** Member States to undertake activities as defined by the ACERWC and submit report on the same.
12. **COMMENDS** Member States for the measures they have undertaken in commemorating the Day of the African Child for the Year 2025 on the theme- “Planning and Budgeting for Children in Africa: Progress Since 2010” and **ENCOURAGES** Member States to implement the recommendations of the Committee and report on the same.
13. **ALSO ENCOURAGES** Member States to:
 - (i). Allocate sufficient budget for children and ensure their visibility in the national budgets and programs; take into account the views of children in budgeting; have up to date data and disaggregated data to assess the needs of children; and undertake child rights assessments of budgeting and programs.
 - (ii). Utilize and implement the General Comment No 9 on Article 11 of the African children Charter on the Right to Education; and General Comment No 10 on Article 25 of the African Children’s Charter on Children Without Parental Care in upholding the provisions of the Charter.
 - (iii). Utilize the Guidelines on Reporting on the Rights and Welfare of Children with Albinism and include the measures undertaken to provide special measures of protection for children with albinism in their State Party reports in line with the Guidelines.
 - (iv). Utilize the Targeted State Party Reporting Procedure and cooperate with the Committee to participate in this procedure and submitting reports in line with the list of issues to be issued prior to reporting.
14. **ALSO COMMENDS** the participation of Member States in the commemoration of the 35th Anniversary of the adoption of the African Children’s Charter and encourage them to implement the recommendations that came forward during the celebration.
15. **URGES** the concerned Member States to address the plights of children in conflict situation.

16. **FURTHER ENCOURAGES** Member States to implement their pledges during the First Global Ministerial Conference on Ending Violence Against Children (Bogota Conference).
17. **ENCOURAGES** Member States to implement the recommendations of the Study on Implementation of Decision and Recommendations of the ACERWC and the Study on the Climate Change and Children's Rights in Africa.
18. **ALSO ENCOURAGES** Member States to establish a **legally founded and well-resourced National Mechanisms for Implementation, Reporting and Follow-up (NMIRFs)**. Experiences shared demonstrated that NMIRFs with clear mandates, sustainable budgets, and inclusive multi-stakeholder composition, involving government, NHRIs, CSOs, and children, are essential for managing the reporting cycle.
19. **CALLS ON** the ACERWC to engage with the PRC Sub-Committee on Democracy, Governance and Human Rights to address challenges hindering the effective discharge of its monitoring mandate; and **REQUESTS** the Committee to report to the PRC Sub-Committee on Democracy, Governance and Human Rights on the status of implementation of its decisions.
20. **FURTHER ENCOURAGES** Member States to adopt and adequately finance National Action Plans on Business and Human Rights that embed child rights due diligence, enforcement mechanisms, and robust monitoring systems, with meaningful participation of affected communities and children.
21. **ENCOURAGES** the Republic of Ghana to cooperate with the Committee in the context of the pending Communication and finalize the ongoing amicable settlement.
22. Welcoming The Gambia's proactive measures to address the tragic case of the 1-month-old baby who died from FGM, acknowledging the swift action taken to charge key perpetrators, with the prime suspect facing potential life imprisonment, noting the ongoing court process and the commitment to allow due process to unfold, **COMMENDS** The Gambia for taking decisive steps to hold perpetrators accountable and demonstrating commitment to combating FGM and protecting children's rights. **SUPPORTS** continued efforts to eradicate FGM and **ALSO ENCOURAGES** The Gambia to sustain efforts to prevent FGM and protect vulnerable populations.
23. **FURTHER ENCOURAGES** the Republic of the Gambia to implement the recommendations of the Committee on elimination of FGM and prosecuting perpetrators of FGM that violates the right to life, survival and development of children and report on the status of implementation of the recommendations in the joint letters of urgent appeals by the ACHPR and the ACERWC.

24. **CONGRATULATES** members of the ACERWC who are completing their terms of office, **WELCOMES** those who are newly elected, and encourage Member States whose citizens have been elected to facilitate the effective participation of these members in the work of the Committee, including their participation in the ordinary sessions of the ACERWC.
25. **DECIDES** to harmonize the benefits of the members of the ACERWC by providing Judicature Allowance and Inter-session Allowance in line with its quasi-judicial mandate and the benefits of other elected officials of other Organs pursuant to decision EX.CL/Dec.1057(XXXV) and **REQUESTS** the Commission to work with the PRC Sub-Committee on General Supervision and Coordination on Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters to implement the same.
26. **WELCOMES** the activities undertaken, resolutions, studies and standards developed by the Working Groups of the ACERWC and **ENCOURAGES** Member States to make use of such mechanism within the ACERWC.
27. **REITERATES** decision EX.CL/Dec.1248 (XLIV) requesting the Commission to expedite the finalization of the recruitment of the ACERWC Secretariat's staff and provide guidance on the possibility of allowing the ACERWC to recruit its own staff.
28. **ALSO ENCOURAGES** Member States to further strengthen their cooperation with the ACERWC, inter alia, by considering hosting the Ordinary Sessions of the ACERWC and by seconding qualified staff to address the acute human resource gaps within the Secretariat of the Committee.
29. **CONGRATULATES** the Kingdom of Lesotho for ensuring the smooth operations of the Secretariat of the ACERWC; and encourage the host country to continue providing the required pursuant to the host agreement, including the timely construction of the permanent office premises and facilitation of its Ordinary Sessions.

**DECISION ON THE ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE PAN AFRICAN
PARLIAMENT (PAP) - EX.CL/1663(XLVIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Activity Report of the Pan-African Parliament (PAP) for the year 2025.
2. **COMMENDS** the PAP and its Secretariat for the progress that it has made since the assumption of office of the current Bureau and the reinstatement of the Clerk of Parliament.
3. **ALSO COMMENDS** the activities implemented by the PAP aligned with its 2024–2028 Strategic Plan, and **COMMENDS** PAP’s oversight activities, including participation in AU Election Observation Missions and deliberations on justice and reparations.
4. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the progress made in the implementation of decision EX.CL/Dec.1242(XLIV) regarding the Rules of Procedure and **ENCOURAGES** the PRC and the PAP to finalize the adoption of the revised Rules of Procedure.
5. **RECALLS** decision EX.CL/Dec.1288 (XLVII), which directed a review by the PRC of the budget allocation to the PAP and the review of decision EX.CL/Dec.1057(XXXV) on the payment of emoluments to elected officials with a view to reinstating allowances of Members of the PAP. **REQUESTS** the PAP, PRC and the Commission to report on the progress on the implementation of decision EX.CL/Dec.1288(XLVII), at the next Session.
6. **FURTHER TAKES NOTE** of the progress made in the revision of the Rules of Procedure of the PAP and **DECIDES** to:
 - i. **REITERATE** that the election of the Bureau of the PAP shall take place in February 2026, in accordance with decision EX.CL/Dec.1288(XLVI), and that the new Bureau to be elected shall be composed as follows:
 - President: North Africa region
 - First Vice-President: East Africa region
 - Second Vice-President: West Africa region
 - Third Vice-President: Central Africa region
 - Fourth Vice-President: Southern Africa region
 - ii. **REAFFIRM** that the PAP must comply with the values and principles of the Union, including the principle of regular and predictable rotation;
 - iii. **REQUEST** the PAP to maintain in its Rules of Procedure the three-year term of office of the Bureau in order to ensure the effective implementation of the principle of regular and predictable rotation;

- iv. **ALSO REQUEST** that the continuation of the consideration of the draft revised Rules of Procedure shall have no impact on the holding of the elections of the Bureau of the PAP in February 2026;
 - v. **FURTHER REQUEST** the Chairperson of the Commission to deploy a High-Level Group mandated to supervise the elections of the Bureau of the PAP in February 2026 and to submit a report to the Forty-Ninth (49th) Ordinary Session of the Executive Council.
7. **CONGRATULATES** the PAP on its successful partnership with the National Assembly of South Africa in facilitating the P20 conference of Speakers and the contribution made by African Parliaments and Peoples to the G20 and the global development agenda.
 8. **FURTHER CONGRATULATES** the PAP for its partnership with the European Parliament in hosting the Parliament meeting in Midrand, South Africa and through this, the expression of African Parliaments and Citizens on continental policies common to both Africa and Europe. and **WELCOMES** PAP's parliamentary diplomacy, including the Joint Declaration with the European Parliament on restitution of African artefacts.
 9. **FURTHER TAKES NOTE** of the development by the PAP Plenary of three (3) new continental Model Laws on
 - (i) Model Law on Labour Migration in Africa;
 - (ii) Model Law on Gender Equality and Equity; and
 - (iii) Model Law on Sustainable Soil Management in Africaand its progress on model law and reiterates its encouragement of the formulation of its model laws in collaboration with the Special Technical committees for enhanced normative and legal coherence in the text of the AU and **FURTHER ENCOURAGES** Member States to utilize these Model Laws as guiding instruments for strengthening their national legal and policy frameworks in the respective thematic areas, after their adoption by the Policy Organs.
 10. **COMMENDS** the PAP for hosting a retreat with Peace and Security Council (PSC) in Midrand, South Africa and the establishment through this of an institutionalized mechanism for the consultative, advisory and early warning mechanisms of the Parliament to provide support to the continental peace agenda.
 11. **ALSO COMMENDS** the PAP for the successful hosting of an Annual Citizen Forum, Annual Youth Summit jointly with APRM and the African Women's Conference on Beijing+30 and by doing so giving full expression of African Citizens to African Continental Policy issues

12. **FURTHER COMMENDS** the initiatives of the PAP in fostering institute policy coherence with other AU Organs through collaborative programmes that it has held with the AfCFTA, African Court, ACERWC, APRM, AUDA-NEPAD, ECOSOCC, and the Commission.

**DECISION ON THE ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE AFRICAN UNION ADVISORY
BOARD AGAINST CORRUPTION (AUABC) –
DOC. EX.CL/1664(XLVIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Seventeenth (17th) Activity Report of the African Union Advisory Board Against Corruption (AUABC) as well as the report on implementation of Common African Position on Assets Recovery (CAPAR);
2. **EXPRESSES** its appreciation for the efforts made by the Board to promote anti-corruption measures on the continent and specifically for carrying out a survey on the state of play with respect to promoting human dignity in the fight against corruption in AU Member States;
3. **CONGRATULATES** the Republic of The Gambia on establishing its Anti-Corruption Commission and for appointing its members, who were confirmed by the National Assembly.
4. **URGES** Member States that have not yet acceded to the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption (AU-CCPC) to take the necessary steps to sign and ratify it;
5. **CALLS UPON** States Parties that have not yet been reviewed to accept requests from the Board for review missions to enable the Board to evaluate the status of implementation of the Convention and finalize States' reporting processes;
6. **ALSO CALLS UPON** the States Parties that have not yet submitted their baseline reports to take the necessary measures for their submission, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the instrument.;
7. **ENDORSES** the theme of the African Anti-Corruption Day and the African Anti-Corruption Dialogue of 2026, namely "Scaling Up the Promotion of Integrity and Anti-Corruption Actions Across Africa";
8. **ALSO REQUESTS** the authorities of the United Republic of Tanzania to finalize the architectural drawings of the proposed permanent structure and submit them to the Board for review and approval by the Commission;
9. **FURTHER CALLS UPON** the Commission to finalize the reform of the AUABC Structure and provide more resources for the Board following due process, to effectively implement its mandate; and

10. **ALSO URGES** the Commission to ensure, with due priority, the implementation of the decision on operationalizing the residency of the AUABC Chairperson in Arusha.
11. **TAKES NOTE** of the completion of Egypt Country Review Report and **COMMENDS** the Arab Republic of Egypt for the comprehensive anti-corruption measures put in place.

**DECISION ON THE ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION
ON INTERNATIONAL LAW (AUCIL)
Doc. EX.CL/1665(XLVIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the activity report of the African Union Commission on International Law (AUCIL) for the period February 2025-January 2026, and the recommendations contained therein;
2. **COMMENDS** the AUCIL for the successful holding of the Eleventh (11th) Forum on the theme “*International Law, WTO Reform and Implementation of the AfCFTA*”.
3. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the wide range of legal topics covered by studies being undertaken by the AUCIL and **ALSO COMMENDS** the AUCIL for the several studies on international law so far finalized;
4. **ENCOURAGES** the AUCIL to expand its studies to emerging fields such as cyberspace law, international environmental law, and data protection in Africa, with a view to supporting Agenda 2063;
5. **FURTHER TAKES NOTE WITH CONCERN** of the insufficient resources allocated to the AUCIL, which affects its effectiveness and **RECALLS** its decision EX.CL/Dec.1176(XLI) requesting the PRC and the AUC to work closely with the AUCIL and provide it with necessary resources for the effective discharge of its mandate;
6. **ALSO RECALLS** decision Assembly/AU/Dec. 821(XXXV) that amended the Statute of the AUCIL and made possible the relocation of its Secretariat, as well as decisions EX.CL/Dec.1243(XLIV) and EX.CL/Dec.1289(XLVI) requesting the AUC to undertake the assessment missions for the hosting of the AUCIL and report to the Policy Organs;
7. **FURTHER RECALLS** decision Assembly/AU/Dec.850(XXXVI) of the Assembly that adopted the structure of the AUCIL Secretariat and provided for the recruitment of fifteen staff members for the phase 1 from 2023 to 2025;
8. **DECIDES** to:
 - i. **REQUEST** the Commission to expedite the assessment missions for the hosting of the AUCIL and report to the Policy Organs in February 2027;
 - ii. **URGE** the PRC and the Commission to expeditiously implement the new structure of the AUCIL Secretariat and provide the AUCIL with necessary resources, following due process, to hold its activities;

- iii. **REQUEST** the AUCIL to disseminate the outcomes of the 11th Forum to Member States and other relevant stakeholders.

DECISION OF THE AFRICAN SPACE AGENCY (AfSA)
Doc. EX.CL/1666(XLVIII)

The Executive Council,

1. **COMMENDS** the African Space Council for its sustained efforts in supporting the operationalization of the African Space Agency (AfSA).
2. **FURTHER COMMENDS** the Arab Republic of Egypt for its efforts in the facilitation and handing over the premises of the AfSA, contributing to the timely establishment of the Agency.
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to expedite the full operationalization of the AfSA, including the recruitment of the Director General and key staff, through the due processes and in accordance with the applicable rules and procedures of the African Union.
4. **TAKES NOTE** of the request of AfSA for additional funding to cover pending operational and establishment-related expenditures, including networking infrastructure, finishing works, and essential Information Technology (IT) equipment required for its effective functioning, and **REQUESTS** the relevant Sub-Committee to consider the request in accordance with relevant rules.
5. **URGES** the Commission to ensure the timely disbursement and utilization of the approved funds by AfSA, in accordance with the applicable financial rules and regulations.
6. **CALLS UPON** Member States and relevant partners to continue supporting the AfSA in order to enable it to effectively deliver on Africa's continental space agenda.
7. **REQUESTS** the Commission in coordination with the competent Sub-Committees, namely the Sub-Committee on Structural Reforms and the Sub-Committee on General Supervision and Coordination on Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters, to start after the 39th session of the Assembly of February 2026, from the 20th February 2026, the consideration of all the operations of AfSA which are still pending, namely the structural and financial implications of the integration of the African Space Council in the approved structure of AfSA, the issue of the finalization, and the financial implications of the issues of approved recruitment of staff, the budget for 2026 for the meetings planned by AfSA and the funds dedicated to equipment and maintenance of the offices of AfSA for 2026.
8. **NOTES** the importance of the 2025 AU-EU Space Dialogue, and **REQUESTS** the Commission, in coordination with AfSA, to organize the next session of the AU - EU Dialogue.
9. **DECIDES** to remain seized on the matter.

**DECISION ON THE ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE AFRICA CENTERS
FOR DISEASES CONTROL (Africa CDC)
Doc. EX.CL/1668(XLVIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **RECALLS** decision Assembly/AU/Dec.924(XXXVIII), which recognizes and strongly reaffirms the pivotal role played by Africa CDC in safeguarding Africa's public health by providing strategic direction, and support to Member States in line with its mandate as the Public Health agency of Africa, per its Statutes.
2. **WELCOMES** the continued leadership of Africa CDC in strengthening health security, pandemic preparedness, primary health care, and institutional resilience, and
3. **TAKES NOTE** of the transition from the New Public Health Order to the Africa Health Security and Sovereignty (AHSS) Agenda as the guiding continental framework for building long-term health sovereignty.
4. **ALSO WELCOMES** Africa CDC's significant progress in resource mobilization, including USD 369 million for its operations, and its contributions towards the mobilization of more than USD 40 billion for Member States secured in 2025, and **ENCOURAGES** continued engagement with global, regional and philanthropic partners to ensure predictable, flexible and sustainable financing in support of Member States.
5. **CONGRATULATES** Africa CDC for the effort to unify the African voice at international level, **FULLY SUPPORTS** its application as Board Member of Gavi and other Global health Initiatives and **REQUESTS** Member States and partners to collaborate with Africa CDC on its efforts to continue unifying Africa global health voice in major governance spaces, including the G20, G7, WHA, JEAP, GF, Gavi, and the Pandemic Fund.
6. **URGES** Member States to reinforce domestic investment in essential public health functions, in line with the Lusaka Agenda, including the financing of CHW programmes, surveillance systems, laboratories, and emergency operations centres as part of sovereign and sustainable PPPR systems.
7. **CALLS UPON** Member States and partners to align all external health financing behind under One National Plan, One Budget, and One Monitoring and Evaluation Framework, to reduce fragmentation, enhance accountability, and support country-led priorities.
8. **INVITES** Member States to ensure coherent, coordinated health outbreak management through signing of data sharing agreement, establishment and

strengthening of National Public Health Institutes (NPHIs) and Public Health Emergency Operation Centres (PHEOCs).

9. **CALLS UPON** Member States to accelerate digital transformation of health systems, including adoption of the forthcoming Africa Health Data Governance Framework, integration with the Central Data Repository (CDR), and the digitalization of PHC and CHW programmes to strengthen real-time epidemic intelligence
10. **NOTES WITH APPRECIATION** the Continental Community Health Workforce Survey, which confirmed the deployment of one million forty two thousand, four hundred and forty one (1,042,441) Community Health Worker across forty eight (48) Member States, representing fifty two percent (52%) of the AU target, and **EXPRESSES CONCERN** over the persistent financing gap that continues to limit sustainability.
11. **REQUESTS** Member States and partners to support the capitalization of the Africa Epidemics Fund (AfEF) and the establishment of regional surge hubs under Africa CDC's RCCs to enable rapid deployment of resources, personnel and commodities.
12. **CONGRATULATES** Algeria on organizing the 1st Ministerial Conference on Local Production of Medicines and Health Technologies in Africa, held from 27 to 29 November 2025, **RECOGNIZES** Algeria's leadership in promoting the pharmaceutical industry and the remarkable measures taken in support of the manufacturing of pharmaceutical products, and **ENDORSES** the Declaration of the Ministerial Conference on Local Production of Medicines and Health Technologies in Africa, as a contribution to the continental effort in this area, which strengthens local and regional pharmaceutical and vaccine manufacturing hubs on the Continent by leveraging the opportunities offered by the African Union's initiatives for the harmonization of medicine regulation and the African Pool Procurement mechanism led by Africa CDC for equitable access to medicines, vaccines, and medical devices for all African populations.
13. **COMMENDS** Africa CDC and its partners for the operationalization of the AAPPM and AVMA and **ENCOURAGES** Member States to adopt pooled procurement as a mechanism to reduce prices, secure predictable markets, and advance local manufacturing in line with continental targets.
14. **APPEALS** to global health partners, including Gavi, the Global Fund, the Pandemic Fund, and other major procurers, to increase sourcing from African manufacturers and align procurement mechanisms with the goals of the AHSS Agenda and PHAHM/AVMA.

15. **ENCOURAGES** Member States to support implementation of the Continental Immunization Strategy, strengthening routine immunization, securing access to vaccines, and aligning with local manufacturing pathways.
16. **WELCOMES** Africa CDC's leadership in the prevention of Non-Communicable Disease, Injuries and Mental Health (NCDIMH) and **ADOPTS** the AU Common Africa Position on Non-Communicable Diseases, Injuries and Mental Health (NCDIMH) and the Multisectoral Engagement, Coordination and Action Framework (MECA) to guide Member States in implementing coherent, harmonized and multisectoral actions to reduce premature mortality, prevent injury, and strengthen mental health systems.
17. **APPLAUDS** Africa CDC for the successful organization in 2025 of the Conference in Public health in Africa (CPHIA) in South Africa and **WELCOMES** the organization of the CPHIA in 2026 in Addis Ababa from 8 November to 12 November 2026
18. **DIRECTS** Africa CDC to report on progress made to the 8th Mid-Year Coordination Meeting of June 2026 and the 49th and 50th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council and 40th Assembly of the African Union on the implementation of the AHSS Agenda, Lusaka Agenda, APPM, AVMA, AfEF, digital transformation, and PPPR capacity strengthening.

**DECISION ON THE ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE AFRICAN RISK CAPACITY (ARC)
Doc. EX.CL/1669(XLVIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report and **ACKNOWLEDGES** the vital contributions of the African Risk Capacity (ARC) in enhancing the capacities of AU member states to plan, prepare, and respond more effectively to extreme weather events, natural disasters, and other emergencies.
2. **RECOGNISES** the significant benefits for Member States in participating in ARC programs, including access to capacity-building initiatives, advanced contingency planning tools, early warning systems, gender-sensitive disaster risk management, and ARC's innovative insurance risk pool covering droughts, tropical cyclones, epidemics, and floods.
3. **FURTHER RECOGNISES** the importance of fostering closer collaboration and engagement between ARC and AU Organs and bodies, including the continental civilian capacity mechanism for disaster preparedness and response, the PRC and Executive Council.
4. **STRESSES** the extreme importance of the regular payment of contributions and voluntary contributions by AU Member States in terms of the sustainability of essential AU institutions such as the ARC, including its operations and programs. In this regard, **URGES** all Member States that have pledged voluntary contributions to honour their commitments, in support of the ARC 's collective priorities.
5. **REQUESTS** all Member States of the African Union (AU) to prioritize the ratification or accession of the ARC Treaty to strengthen ownership, enhance collaboration, and ensure the sustainability of ARC's critical mission.
6. **EMPHASISES** the critical importance of regular membership fees and voluntary contributions from AU Member States to ensure the sustainability of important AU institutions like ARC's operations and programs. As regular financial contributions will not only enhance ARC's ability to respond effectively to emergencies but also demonstrate collective ownership and commitment to building resilience across the continent.
7. **CALLS UPON** all Member States to actively engage with ARC by utilizing its technical expertise, participating in knowledge-sharing sessions, and leveraging its resources to make informed and proactive decisions on disaster risk management and financing.
8. **TAKES NOTE** and **SUPPORTS** the request of ARC to AU to appoint a champion for ARC.

9. **FURTHER TAKES NOTE** and supports the decision of ARC to open a liaison office at AU in Addis Ababa.
10. **WELCOMES** the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia for hosting the upcoming 16th conference of parties of the ARC and **CALLS** on the ARC Secretariat to fully engage and provide necessary support for the success of the conference.

**DECISION ON THE ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE AFRICAN CAPACITY BUILDING
FOUNDATION (ACBF)
Doc.EX.CL/1670(XLVIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the ACBF's 2025 activity report;
2. **COMMENDS** ACBF for its activities, presented in its Report for the year 2025;
3. **RECOMMENDS** that the ACBF strengthen its collaboration with think tanks specializing in climate governance and increase its support for African negotiator groups on carbon credits, in order to consolidate the continent's voice in global debates and maximize benefits for African countries;
4. **REITERATES** its request to the ACBF, in collaboration with the Commission, to organize diplomatic training to African Diplomats in Addis Ababa and to make its technical and capacity building assistance to Member states necessity based and tailor made;
5. **RECALLS** decision EX.CL/Dec.1293 (XLVI) and **REITERATES** the request made to the ACBF to develop a list of training courses based on needs, in consultation with the PRC;
6. **REQUESTS** the ACBF to organize, within the limits of available resources, a capacity-building seminar on AI tools for performance monitoring, data analysis, and results-oriented reporting for the benefit of the Commission and African diplomats posted in Addis Ababa, as well as national focal points;
7. **RECOMMENDS** that the Commission increases its partnership with ACBF in the latter's implementation of its Strategic Plan (2023-2027).

**DECISION ON THE ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE INTER-AFRICAN COFFEE
ORGANIZATION (IACO)
Doc.EX.CL/1671(XLVIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Activity Report of the Inter-African Coffee Organization (IACO) and the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the Commission and IACO in November 2024.
2. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the progress made by IACO in the operationalization and implementation of the MoU, in line with its mandate to support the transformation and development of Africa's coffee sector;
3. **REAFFIRMS** the AU's recognition of coffee as a strategic commodity for Africa's economic transformation, value addition, job creation, and regional integration, including its contribution to the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA);
4. **COMMENDS** the United Republic of Tanzania for successfully hosting the 3rd G25 Heads of State Coffee Summit and the 2nd edition of the Africa Coffee Week which served as platforms for promoting intra-African cooperation and private sector engagement;
5. **FURTHER COMMENDS** the Republic of Burundi for successfully hosting the Sixty fifth (65th) Annual Meetings of IACO;
6. **WELCOMES** :
 - The submission by IACO of the AUC-IACO Coffee Promotion Action Plan and **COMMENDS** the initiative to promote domestic coffee consumption within the AU, including by extending support for the Commission to promote and serve African coffee brands to the Commission;
 - The hosting of the 3rd edition of the Africa Coffee Week in the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, from 2 to 6 February 2026, and the decision for Ethiopia to host the 4th G25 Heads of State Coffee Summit in Addis Ababa in February 2027, and **REQUESTS** the Commission to provide the necessary support to IACO and the Government of Ethiopia for the successful organization of these events;
 - The initiative by IACO, in collaboration with the International Trade Centre (ITC), to translate the Coffee Exporters Guide into Kiswahili, as a contribution to knowledge dissemination and capacity building in an African Union official language.

7. **TAKES NOTE** of IACO's flagship initiatives, including the establishment of the African Centre for Coffee Research and the Coffee Training Centre of Excellence, aimed at strengthening research, value addition, climate resilience, and youth and women participation in the coffee value chain;
8. **ACKNOWLEDGES** IACO's collaboration with international partners under continental and global frameworks to support climate resilience, compliance with international market requirements, and sustainable transformation of the African coffee sector;
9. **ENDORSES** the request for the Commission to support IACO's efforts to mobilize African coffee-consuming countries to join the Organization, with a view to strengthening continental coordination, enhancing the capacity of Member States, and advancing the effective implementation of the AfCFTA agenda in the coffee sector.
10. **REQUESTS** IACO to continue reporting on progress and emerging initiatives, including those related to:
 - Strengthening regional value chains and capacity-building for coffee producers;
 - Promoting social inclusion, gender equality, and youth empowerment within the coffee sector;
 - Enhancing African coffee branding and inter regional trade;
 - Strengthening partnerships with the private sector, regional institutions, and international stakeholders for the sustainable development of the coffee industry.

**DECISION OF THE PAN-AFRICAN FORUM ON THE CULTURE OF PEACE AND
NON-VIOLENCE IN AFRICA “BIENNALE OF LUANDA”
Doc.EX.CL/1672(XLVIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the information presented by the Republic of Angola on the preparations for the Fourth (4th) Edition of the Pan-African Forum for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence, the “Luanda Biennale”, to be held in two (02) phases, namely from March to June, at a venue to be determined among Addis Ababa, Luanda or Paris, and on 22–23 October 2026, in Luanda, Republic of Angola.
2. **RECALLS** decision Assembly/AU/Dec.558(XXIV) of 2015, which establishes the organization of the Pan-African Forum for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence, as well as Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.895(XXXVII) of 2024, which determines that future editions of the said Forum shall henceforth be held in the month of October.
3. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the link between the theme “Strengthening Water Governance in Africa as a Tool for Conflict Prevention, Mediation and Resolution” and the African Union Theme of the Year 2026, “Ensuring Sustainable Availability of Water and Safe Sanitation Systems to Achieve the Objectives of Agenda 2063”.
4. **DECIDES** on the holding of the Fourth (4th) Edition of the Pan-African Forum for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence, the “Luanda Biennale”, in two (2) phases and on the dates proposed above, in Luanda, Republic of Angola.
5. **DIRECTS** the Commission and UNESCO to prepare and disseminate the activities and programmes related to the theme of the Fourth (4th) Edition of the Pan-African Forum on a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence in Africa, the “Luanda Biennale”, throughout the year 2026.
6. **REQUESTS** Member States and Regional Economic Communities, within the framework of the implementation of the Programme of the Theme of the Year 2026, to include activities related to the theme of the 4th Edition of the Pan-African Forum on a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence in Africa, the “Luanda Biennale”.
7. **CONSIDERS** important the role played by the Pan-African Forum on a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence in Africa, the “Luanda Biennale”, in the process of continental pacification and stability, and **ENCOURAGES** the Government of the Republic of Angola, together with the African Union and UNESCO, to organize the 4th Edition of the Pan-African Forum on a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence in Africa, the “Luanda Biennale”.

8. **CALLS FOR** the active participation of Member States and Regional Economic Communities in the Fourth (4th) Edition of the Pan-African Forum on a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence in Africa, the “Luanda Biennale”.
9. **RECOMMENDS** that the present Decision be submitted for consideration and adoption by the 39th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the AU.

**DECISION ON THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL FORUM
ON RIGHTS AND GUARANTEES OF YOUNG AFRICAN WOMEN AND CHILDREN
(ITEM PROPOSED BY THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA) –
Doc. EX.CL/1674(XLVIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the proposal by the Republic of Angola regarding the establishment of the Constitutional Forum on the Rights and Guarantees of African Young Women and Children, whose 1st Edition took place in Luanda on 2nd and 3rd February 2026.
2. **COMMENDS** this initiative of the Republic of Angola, which contributes to the promotion of the rights of African young women and children.
3. **DECIDES** to institutionalize the Constitutional Forum on the Rights and Guarantees of African Young Women and Children as a platform for exchange of best practices among the Member States of the African Union and **INSTRUCTS** the Commission to disseminate the activities and programmes related to this Forum, which will be held every two years (Biennial Forum).
4. **RECALLS** the definition provided by the African Youth Charter for ‘youth’ or ‘young people’, which designates every person aged between 15 and 35 years.
5. **RECOMMENDS** that the present decision be submitted for consideration and adoption by the 39th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union.

**DECISION ON THE EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT OF THE AFRICAN UNION
ON “STRENGTHENING THE MECHANISMS FOR CONFLICT PREVENTION
AND RESOLUTION IN AFRICA”**

(ITEM PROPOSED BY THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA)

Doc. EX.CL/1675(XLVIII)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** and **COMMENDS** the proposal submitted by the Republic of Angola to hold an Extraordinary Summit of the African Union on Strengthening Conflict Prevention and Resolution Mechanisms in Africa in 2026 in Luanda.
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the Concept Note proposed by the Republic of Angola and **RECOMMENDS** the draft decision for consideration and adoption by the 39th Ordinary Session of the African Union.

**DECISION ON THE WATER AND SANITATION IN AFRICA: SOUTH-SOUTH
COOPERATION FOR INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO PROMOTE CLIMATE
RESILIENCE AND INCLUSIVE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
(ITEM PROPOSED BY THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO)
Doc. EX.CL/1681(XLVIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **RECALLS** decision Assembly/AU/Dec.912 (XXXVIII) designating the theme of the year 2026 as follows: 'Ensuring sustainable water availability and safe sanitation systems to achieve the goals of Agenda 2063'.
2. **NOTES** that Africa is facing a multidimensional water crisis, marked by increased water demand, rapid urbanization, growing impacts of climate change, and insufficient sanitation infrastructure, hampering the realization of the relevant aspirations of Agenda 2063.
3. **REITERATES** the importance of aligning water resource management policies with the African Water Vision, the N'gor Declaration, Agenda 2063, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly those relevant to health and food security, inclusive human development, poverty reduction and youth employment, as well as vulnerability reduction against natural disaster risks;
4. **FURTHER RECALLS** the communiqué of the African Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Environment, Water and Sanitation, convened at the Third African Implementation and Partnership Conference on Water (PANAFCON-3), held from 27 to 29 May 2025 in Lusaka, Zambia;
5. **UNDERScores** the need for implementing the recommendations of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) with a view to improving access to water for agriculture and irrigation, and rural infrastructure as part of efforts aimed at boosting agricultural production and productivity through the development of an African model for capacity building and the sharing of experiences and best practices in water resource management;
6. **STRESSES** the need for innovative financing for water and sanitation infrastructure, including green and blue bonds, climate funds and results-based financing; drawing on successful experiences, support from partners, multilateral development banks and climate funds;
7. **HIGHLIGHTS** the importance of fostering solidarity-based and effective multilateralism in the area of water and sanitation, drawing on successful experiences and implementing effective, concrete, innovative and appropriate solutions;

8. **CALLS FOR** the creation of inclusive public-private partnerships, ensuring accessibility of services to vulnerable populations and sustainability of economic models;
9. **ENCOURAGES** the implementation of policies for wastewater treatment and reuse in agriculture, industry and urban green spaces, through the development of appropriate standards and monitoring frameworks, and the acceleration of modernization of irrigation systems to improve water efficiency and agricultural system resilience;
10. **REQUESTS** the Commission to support the design and implementation of innovative solutions tailored to the specific needs of the Continent, particularly in the areas of efficient water management, wastewater treatment and reuse, efficient irrigation, digitalization of water systems and desalination;
11. **REITERATES** its full support to relevant African initiatives aimed at optimizing water management for agriculture, including the Initiative for the Adaptation of African Agriculture (AAA Initiative), and **WELCOMES** the key role played by the three climate commissions on the Sahel, the Congo Basin and the Island States in establishing integrated water resource management as a lever for climate resilience;
12. **EMPHASIZES** the importance of workshops and seminars involving African experts and policy-makers, and partners working in water and sanitation, aimed at fostering knowledge, best practices sharing and capacity building, while coordinating the common African position, with a view to implementing the AU's theme of 2026 and its roadmap, as well as Africa's contribution to the UN Water Conference scheduled to take place in Abu Dhabi in December 2026;
13. **WELCOMES** the offer by the Kingdom of Morocco to host a High-Level Conference on South-South Cooperation on Water and Sanitation in 2026, in the run-up to the UN Water Conference scheduled to take place in Abu Dhabi in December 2026.

**DECISION ON THE 2025 INTRA-AFRICAN TRADE FAIR
(IATF2025 – ALGIERS)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Brief on the 2025 Intra-African Trade Fair (IATF2025), held in Algiers, Algeria, from 04 to 10 September 2025
2. **COMMENDS** the Government and People of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria, under the leadership of H.E. President Abdelmadjid Tebboune, for their warm hospitality and successful organization of IATF2025;
3. **CONGRATULATES** the Heads of State and Government of Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Chad, Mauritania, Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic, Mozambique, Grenada, Barbados, St. Kitts and Nevis, Burundi, Kenya, Namibia, Rwanda, Uganda, Somalia, Senegal, Nigeria, Republic of Congo, Zimbabwe and the Member States who participated at the IATF2025;
4. **COMMENDS** the Commission, the AfCFTA Secretariat and the Afreximbank for their effective partnership in convening IATF2025 and for elevating the IATF into Africa major platform for trade, investment, innovation, and industrial cooperation;
5. **FURTHER COMMENDS** IATF2025 Advisory Council members who actively participated in making the fourth edition a success such as Afreximbank, AUC, AfCFTA, African Development Bank (AfDB), International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC), Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA), United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), African Trade Policy Centre (ATPC), African Association of Automotive Manufacturers (AAAM), Pan-African Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PACCI), the Afro-Champions Initiative, World Trade Centre Miami/ Centre for International Trade Development (WTCM/ CITD), AeTrade Group, International Trade Centre (ITC), Africa Business Council (AfBC), Government of Arab Republic of Egypt represented by Egypt Expo & Convention Authority (EECA-Immediate Past host of IATF) and the Government of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria (host of IATF2025).
6. **WELCOMES** the remarkable results of IATF2025, including US\$ 48.3 billion in trade and investment deals, over one hundred and twelve thousand (112,000) visitors from one hundred and thirty two (132) countries, two thousand (2,000) exhibitors, and nine hundred and fifty eight (958) registered buyers, demonstrating a remarkable evolution in the volume of transactions concluded during the different editions of the IATF, reflecting a growing commercial dynamic and a deepening of African economic integration;
7. **RECOGNISES** that the IATF has demonstrated its strategic importance as a major continental instrument for increasing intra-African trade, strengthening regional

value chains, promoting African industrial production, and unlocking the continent's investment potential;

8. **ENCOURAGES** Member States to support the creative industries such as fashion, music, film, arts and crafts, sports, gastronomy and culinary arts to accelerate economic growth and job creation, and to participate in CANEX WKND 2026. **COMMENDS** the Government and People of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria for their warm hospitality and successful organization of CANEX 2025.
9. **CONGRATULATES** Zimbabwe for winning the Bid to host the headquarters of Intra- African Trade Fair Company (IATFCO).
10. **COMMENDS** Afreximbank for investing \$14.8 million equity in IATFCO and urge other Institutional Members of the Intra-African Trade Fair Advisory Council as well as interested African finance institutions and other like-minded entities to invest in IATFCO.
11. **ENCOURAGES** Member States to fully leverage the outcomes of IATF2025 by implementing the agreements concluded, supporting private sector follow-up activities, investing in production capacity, and removing trade barriers to foster a fully integrated continental market under the AfCFTA.
12. **WELCOMES** the decision of the IATF Advisory Council and **CONGRATULATES** Nigeria on being selected to host the next edition of the Intra-African Trade Fair (IATF) in 2027.
13. **DECIDES** to institutionalize the IATF as the AfCFTA "Market Place" and as an African Union platform for the acceleration of intra-Africa trade.
14. **URGES** Member States, in coordination with the Commission, the AfCFTA Secretariat and Afreximbank, to ensure effective and measurable follow-up to the agreements and commitments made during the Intra-African Trade Fair (IATF 2025), with special emphasis on the participation of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), women and youth, in order to maximize their impact on intra-African trade and the industrial development of the continent..

**DECISION ON THE REPORT ON ADDITIONAL SECURED PARTNERS FUNDING &
BUDGET OF THE AFRICAN UNION SUPPORT & STABILISATION MISSION IN
SOMALIA (AUSSOM) FOR 2025 OPERATIONS**

The Executive Council,

1. **RECALLS** decision EX.CL/Dec.1265(XLV) of July 2024, in Accra, Ghana, in which the Council emphasized that the amount allocated for the AU-led Peace Support Operation in Somalia was *provisional pending the adoption of clear modalities and a funding mechanism for the post-ATMIS mission*;
2. **FURTHER RECALLS** the Communiqué of the PSC adopted at its 1317th meeting held on 15 December 2025, on the *Consideration of the Situation in Somalia and the Operations of the African Union Support and Stabilization Mission in Somalia (AUSSOM)*;
3. **TAKES NOTE** of United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 2809 (2025), which, inter alia, requested the Secretary-General to submit a report by 31 May 2026 on: (a) measures to address the liquidity challenges of UNSOS and recommendations for sustaining AUSSOM's operational capacity in implementing phases 2, 3 and 4 of the CONOPS; (b) progress made in coordination with the African Union and donors on voluntary resource mobilization towards AUSSOM's 2025 budget and forward-looking plans for 2026 and subsequent phases; and (c) updates on the implementation of UNSOS's logistical support to AUSSOM;
4. **RECOGNISES** the strategic importance of AUSSOM in consolidating the security, governance, and stabilization gains achieved in Somalia under ATMIS, and its essential role in preventing the reversal of progress towards peace, stability, and state-building;
5. **CONCERNED** about the persistent funding shortfall that continues to impede the effective implementation of AUSSOM's mandate, including the provision of allowances, equipment, and mission support capabilities;
6. **ENDORSES** the recommendations and outcomes of the African Union Peace and Security Council Communiqué PSC/PR/COMM.(MCCCXVII) adopted on 15 December 2025, on the situation in Somalia and the operations of the African Union Support and Stabilization Mission in Somalia (AUSSOM); and **REAFFIRMS** the AU's commitment to supporting the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) in its efforts to stabilize the country and advance towards a Somali-led and Somali-owned security transition;
7. **REAFFIRMS** the urgent need to secure predictable, sustainable, and flexible funding for AUSSOM, and in this regard, directs the Commission to: (i) **Intensify**

engagement with the United Nations, European Union, United Kingdom, the Federal Government of Somalia, and other bilateral and multilateral partners; (ii) **Convene** a High-Level Resource Mobilization Conference in early 2026 to support AUSSOM's operational and financial requirements; and (iii) **Pursue** mechanisms to align international funding streams, including the European Peace Facility (EPF) and UN Funding modalities, to ensure sustained mission financing;

8. **APPEALS** to International Partners and AU Member States to contribute voluntarily and generously towards the funding of AUSSOM, and to support ongoing efforts aimed at ensuring predictable and long-term financing for the Mission;
9. **APPROVES** an increase in the 2025 AUSSOM budget allocation by **US\$130,901,358.97**, from **US\$23,822,749** to a total allocation of **US\$154,724,107.97**, in support of AUSSOM's mandate implementation, including operational, logistical, and personnel requirements;
10. **REQUESTS** the Commission to continue its engagements with the UN SC on the application of UNSC 2719 on AUSSOM;
11. **REQUESTS** the Commission to provide regular updates to the Executive Council and Peace and Security Council on the implementation of this decision, including the status of funds mobilized and expenditures incurred.

DECISION ON THE ELECTION OF TEN (10) MEMBERS OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL (PSC) OF THE AFRICAN UNION

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Election of Ten (10) Members of the PSC of the AU;
2. **ELECTS** the following members of the PSC of the AU for a term of **two (2) years**:

NO.	COUNTRY	REGION
1.	D.R. Congo	Central
2.	Gabon	Central
3.	Somalia	Eastern
4.	Uganda	Eastern
5.	Morocco	Northern
6.	Lesotho	Southern
7.	South Africa	Southern
8.	Benin	Western
9.	Côte d'Ivoire	Western
10	Sierra Leone	Western

3. **RECOMMENDS** the elected members of the PSC of the AU to the Thirty-Ninth (39th) Ordinary Session of the Assembly, for appointment.

**DECISION ON THE ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF
THREE (3) MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN
AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS (ACHPR)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Election and Appointment of Three (3) Members of the ACHPR;
2. **ELECTS AND APPOINTS** the following members of the ACHPR for a term of **six (6) years**:

NO.	NAME	GENDER	COUNTRY	REGION
1	Marie-Louise ABOMO	Female	Cameroon	Central
2	Mudford Zachariah MWANDENGA	Male	Zambia	Southern
3	Litha Musyimi OGANA	Female	Kenya	Eastern

**DECISION ON THE ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF SEVEN (7) MEMBERS OF
THE AFRICAN COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF
THE CHILD (ACERWC)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the Commission on the Election and Appointment of Seven (7) Members of the ACERWC;
2. **ELECTS AND APPOINTS** the following members of the ACERWC for a term of five (5) years:

NO.	NAME	GENDER	COUNTRY	REGION
1	Albab Tesfaye AYALEW	Female	Ethiopia	Eastern
2	Robert Doya NANIMA	Male	Uganda	Eastern
3	Wael Mohamed AbdelRazek Mohamed AWAD	Male	Egypt	Northern
4	Anne MUSIWA	Female	Zimbabwe	Southern
5	Wilson de Almeida ADAO	Male	Angola	Southern
6	Satang NABANEH	Female	The Gambia	Western
7	Joseph Sunday SINNAH	Male	Sierra Leone	Western

DECISION ON THE SKILLS AUDIT AND COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT (SACA)
Doc. EX.CL/1687(XLVIII)

The Executive Council,

1. **RECALLS** Decision EX.CL/Dec.1321(XLVII), adopted by the 47th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council, held in July 2025 in Malabo, Republic of Equatorial Guinea.
2. **COMMENDS** the Commission for the significant progress achieved in the implementation of the Executive Council Decision on Skills Audit and Competency Assessment (SACA) particularly the placement of a total of 513 Regular, Non-Regular and General Service staff into the Commission's new structure, in line with the Malabo Decision EX.CL/Dec.1321(XLVII).
3. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** of the report of the Commission EX.CL/1687(XLVIII) on the implementation of SACA placements and the recommendations contained therein addressing matters relating to the SACA implementation process.
4. **FURTHER TAKES NOTE** of the cost-savings measures taken by the Commission in the use of the ring-fenced budget allocated to SACA, while ensuring that the rights of staff are fully preserved.
5. **REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Commission to:
 - (i) **Place the six (6) "Fit" professional staff assessed as fit** that can be accommodated in their updated country quotas, through the Promotions and Mobility Committee under the Staff Regulations and Rules (SRR), while respecting the principle of merit.
 - (ii) **Retain the remaining six (6) Professional staff assessed as "Fit" but** cannot be placed due to quota limitations, under their employment contractual agreements, in line with the Staff Regulations and Rules, and place them in the event that country quota opens.
 - (iii) **Offer the four (4) General Service Staff that are assessed and recommended for placement in higher-grade (professional)** position but could not be placed due to quota restriction, the option to remain at the General Service grade following placement by the Promotions and Mobility Committee under the SRR.
 - (iv) **Retain the twenty eight (28) General Service Staff** who could not be placed due to the absence of matching positions, in their current contractual

arrangements, and identify alternative positions within the approved structure for these twenty eight (28) General Service Staff, and place them accordingly in line with Decision Ex.CL/Dec.1321(XLVII), through the Promotions and Mobility Committee under the SRR.

- (v) **Conduct a review** of the SACA assessment outcomes for the twenty-one (21) Professional Staff declared as “Unfit” through the Promotions and Mobility Committee under the SRR to address process-related shortcomings in the assessment exercise. **Approve and implement the outcome** of the Promotions and Mobility Committee review process, no later than 30th April 2026.
6. Pursuant to the decision EX.CL/Dec.1321(XLVII) **DIRECTS** the Commission to submit a report to the PRC to enable continued deliberations on all other pending issues pertaining to the SACA process, including:
- i. Prioritized recruitment to fill vacant positions in the new structure
 - ii. Situation of staff funded by partners
 - iii. P5 and P6 Staff promoted under SACA but maintained at their initial grades.
 - iv. Staff whose degrees could not be authenticated
 - v. Any other issues that are outstanding on SACA
7. **DIRECTS** the Commission to implement the decision with immediate effect, to give sufficient time for the Promotions and Mobility Committee to finalize its work and submit its recommendations to the Chairperson of the Commission for his action.
8. **REQUESTS** the Commission to take stock of the lessons learned from the SACA exercise, including the modalities for mobilizing and integrating external expertise into decision-making processes.

**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)
Doc. EX.CL/1688(XLVIII)**

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 6th of February 2026.
 - 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 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\$167,902,992.67**, equivalent to **84%** of the **US\$200,000,000** assessed contribution for the 2025 Regular Budget.
 4. **ALSO COMMENDS** Member States for contributing since 2017, **US\$349,310,029.63**, towards the AU Peace Fund, demonstrating a high level of commitment by the Union to fully operationalize the Fund and **URGES** Member States that have not yet finalized their payments to do so in fulfilment of their financial obligations to the Union.
 5. **FURTHER COMMENDS** Member States that made full contributions on their 2025 assessments and **REQUESTS** Member States to pay their 2026 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. **Intermediate sanctions:** South Sudan and São Tomé and Príncipe.
 - b. **Comprehensive sanctions:** Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger.
 - B. **On Member States experiencing force majeure circumstances making them temporarily unable to pay their assessed contributions:**

7. **RECALLS** decision EX.CL/Dec.1071(XXXV) of July 2019 which considered the security and political situation of Somalia and withheld the imposition of sanctions for non-payment of contributions, and which requested the Commission to consult with the country to agree on a payment plan to clear the arrears within four (4) years from the adoption of the Decision.
8. **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.
9. **RECALLS** decision Assembly/AU/Dec.802(XXXIV) of February 2021 which endorsed the payment plan for the Federal Republic of Somalia to clear its arrears.
10. **FURTHER RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.938(XXXVIII) of February 2025 which took note that 2024 was the last year of the implementation of the payment plan agreed in 2021 with the Federal Republic of Somalia and approved the country's proposed restructured payment plan to pay its arrears amounting to US\$1,722,316.95 recorded as of the 1st of January 2025, over a period of five years alongside its annual assessed contributions from 2025 to 2029.
11. **NOTES** that the Federal Republic of Somalia did not comply with the restructured payment plan and **ENCOURAGES** the Member State to fulfil its commitments to pay its arrears.

C. On the formulation of the new scale of assessment

12. **RECALLS** decision Assembly/AU/Dec.635(XXVIII) of February 2017 which stipulated that the Scale of contributions should be revised based on the principles of ability to pay, solidarity, and equitable burden-sharing, to avoid risk concentration.
13. **FURTHER RECALLS** decision Assembly/AU/Dec.938(XXXVIII) of February 2025 which took note that 2026 marks the final year of the implementation of the current scale of assessment for Member States' contributions (2024-2026) and directed the Commission to begin the process of formulating the new scale of assessment for consideration and adoption by the Assembly in February 2026, following due process.
14. **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the Joint Sitting of the Ministerial Committee on Scale of Assessment and Contributions and Committee of Fifteen Ministers of Finance held on the 6th February 2026 and the two options proposed for the AU successor Scale of Assessment for the period 2027-2029.

15. **FURTHER TAKES NOTE** of option 4, which emerged as a preferred option among some Member States and Regions, and the request for additional time to undertake further consultations among some Member States and Regions.
16. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the request by the Republic of Angola to retain its tier 1 status reaffirming the Country's continued commitment to the financial sustainability and effective functioning of the AU, **NOTING** that this decision will contribute to easing the overall financial burden on the broader membership of the Union.
17. **APPROVES** the request by Member States for additional time to conduct further consultations with relevant experts at their respective Capitals, recognizing the persistent social and economic challenges that continue to constrain Member States capacity to meet their financial obligations and **REQUESTS** the Commission and F15 Experts to harmonize options 3 and 4, incorporating the Republic of Angola's request, and undertake regional consultations **not later than April 2026**.
18. **DECIDES** that the harmonized option be presented to the 49th Ordinary session of the Executive Council, in June 2026, for endorsement and adoption.
19. **RECOMMENDS** to the Assembly to delegate to the Executive Council its powers to adopt the new scale of assessment for the 2027 to 2029 period in June 2026.

DECISION ON AFRICAN CANDIDATURES WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM
Doc. EX.CL/1689(XLVIII)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System;
2. **CONGRATULATES** the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Republic of Liberia for being elected as Non-Permanent Members of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the period 2026-2027;
3. **ALSO CONGRATULATES** the Republic of Angola, Arab Republic of Egypt, Republic of Mauritius and the Republic of South Africa for being elected as Members of the Human Rights Council for the period 2026-2028;
4. **FURTHER CONGRATULATES** the Arab Republic of Egypt on the election of **Dr. Khaled El-Anany** to the Post of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for the period 2026-2031;
5. **RECALLS** its decision EX.CL/1516(XLIV) of February 2024 endorsing the candidature of the Republic of Zimbabwe for a Non-Permanent Seat in the United Nations Security Council for the period 2027-2028, at elections to be held in June 2026, in New York, USA, and **REITERATES** its full support for the candidature;
6. **REQUESTS** all Member States to continue supporting this important Committee to fulfil its mandate based on the principles of Pan-Africanism and African solidarity;
7. **ALSO REQUESTS** the African Groups in New York and Geneva to continue working closely with the Secretariat of the Committee, hosted by the Department of Political Affairs, Peace and Security (DPAPS) and urgently harmonize their internal working guidelines with the adopted Rules of Procedure;
8. **ENDORSES CANDIDATURES OF GOVERNMENTS SUBMITTED BY MEMBER STATES:**
 - A. For the Post of **Member of the Commission for Social Development (CSOED) for the period 2027-2030**, for the election to be held in April 2026 in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
 - **Republic of Ghana** (Western Africa Region)
 - **Democratic Republic of Congo** (Central Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Tunisia** (Northern Africa Region)

- **Republic of Malawi** (Southern Africa Region)
- B.** For the Post of **Vice Presidents of the United Nations General Assembly during the 81st Session of the United Nations General Assembly**, for the election to be held in June 2026, in New York, the candidatures of:
- **Republic of Gabon** (Central Africa Region)
 - **Arab Republic of Egypt** (Northern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Zimbabwe** (Southern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Cabo Verde** (Western Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Mauritius** (Eastern Africa Region)
- C.** For the Post of Member **of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS Coordinating Board (UNAIDS) for the period 2027-2029**, for the election to be held in April 2026, in New York, USA, the candidature of:
- **Republic of Burundi** (Central Africa Region)
- D.** For the Post of Member **of the Statistical Commission for the period 2027-2030**, for the election to be held in April 2026 in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
- **Republic of Equatorial Guinea** (Central Africa Region)
 - **People's Democratic Republic of Algeria** (Northern Region)
 - **Republic of Cote d'Ivoire** (Western Africa Region)
- E.** for the Post of Member **of the Commission on Population and Development for the period 2028-2031**, for the election to be held in April 2026 in New York, the candidatures of:
- **Republic of The Gambia** (Western Africa Region)
 - **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region)
- F.** For the Post of Member **of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) for the period 2027-2030**, for the election to be held in April 2026 in New York, the candidatures of:
- **Republic of Cameroon** (Central Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Namibia** (Southern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Benin** (Western Africa Region)
- G.** For the Post of Member **of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) for the period 2027-2029**, for the election to be held in April 2026 in New York, the candidatures of:

- **Republic of Senegal** (Western Africa Region)
 - **Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia** (Eastern Africa Region)
- H. For the Post of Member **of the Executive Board of the UNDP, UNFPA, and UNOPS for the period 2027-2029**, for the election to be held in April 2026 in New York, the candidatures of:
- **Islamic Republic of Mauritania** (Northern Africa Region)
 - **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region)
- I. For the Post of Member **of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme (WFP) for the period 2027-2029**, for the election to be held in April 2026 in New York, the candidature of:
- **Republic of Zimbabwe** (Southern Africa Region)
- J. For the Post of Member **of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations for the period 2027-2030**, for the election to be held in April 2026 in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
- **Republic of Cameroon** (Central Africa Region)
 - **Republic of South Africa** (Southern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Côte d'Ivoire** (Western Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Tunisia** (Northern Africa Region)
- K. For the Post of Member **of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development for the period 2027-2030**, for the election to be held in April 2026 in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
- **Republic of Djibouti** (Eastern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Uganda** (Eastern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Kenya** (Eastern Africa Region)
 - **State of Libya** (Northern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Malawi** (Southern Africa Region)
 - **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region)
- L. For the Post of Member **of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) for the period 2027-2029**, for the election to be held in April 2026 in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
- **Republic of Cameroon** (Central Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Gabon** (Central Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Kenya** (Eastern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Rwanda** (Eastern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of South Africa** (Southern Africa Region)

M. For the Post of Member **of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on the International Standards Accounting and Reporting (ISAR) for the period 2027-2029**, for the election to be held in April 2026 in New York, USA, the candidatures of:

- **Kingdom of Morocco** (Northern Africa Region)
- **Republic of The Gambia** (Western Africa Region)
- **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region)

N. For the Post of Member **of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for the period 2027-2029**, for the election to be held in June 2026 in New York, the candidatures of:

- **Kingdom of Morocco** (Northern Africa Region)
- **Republic of Guinea** (Western Africa Region)
- **Republic of Senegal** (Western Africa Region)
- **Republic of Angola** (Southern Africa Region)

O. For the Post of Member **of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage for the period 2026-2029**, for the election to be held in June 2026 in Paris, France, the candidatures of:

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

9. TAKES NOTE OF CANDIDATURES OF GOVERNMENT SUBMITTED BY MEMBER STATES:

A. For the Post of **Member of the Council of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) for the period 2027-2030**, for the election to be held in June 2026 in Doha, Qatar, the candidatures of:

- **Republic of Kenya** (Eastern Africa Region)
- **Republic of Mauritius** (Eastern Africa Region)
- **United Republic of Tanzania** (Eastern Africa Region)
- **Republic of Cote d'Ivoire** (Western Africa Region)
- **Republic of Ghana** (Western Africa Region)
- **State of Libya** (Northern Africa Region)
- **Arab Republic of Egypt** (Northern Africa Region)
- **People's Democratic Republic of Algeria** (Northern Africa Region)
- **Kingdom of Morocco** (Northern Africa Region)
- **Republic of Senegal** (Western Africa Region)
- **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region)
- **Republic of South Africa** (Southern Africa Region)

B. For the Post of **Member of the *Peacebuilding Commission (PBC)*** under the **UN ECOSOC for the period 2027-2028**, for the election to be held in December 2026, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:

- **People's Democratic Republic of Algeria** (Northern Africa Region)
- **Republic of Uganda** (Eastern Africa Region)

C. For Hosting of the **Headquarters of the Advisory Centre on International Investment Dispute Resolution**, for the election to be held in September 2026 in New York, USA, the candidatures of:

- **Kingdom of Morocco** (Northern Africa Region)
- **Republic of Ghana** (Western Africa Region)
- **Democratic Republic of Congo** (Central Africa Region)

D. For the Post of 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 candidatures of:

- **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western Africa Region)
- **Republic of Ghana** (Western Africa Region) *Re-election*
- **Republic of Zambia** (Southern Africa Region)
- **Republic of Burundi** (Central Africa Region) *Re-election*

E. For the Post of **Member of the Human Rights Council for the period 2028-2030**, for the election to be held in October 2027 in New York, USA, the candidatures of:

- **Republic of Rwanda** (Eastern Africa Region)
- **Republic of Kenya** (Eastern Africa Region)

F. For the Post of **Member of the Human Rights Council for the period 2029-2031**, for the election to be held in October 2028 in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **State of Libya** (Northern Africa Region)

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

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

H. For the Post of **Member of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee for the period 2029-2033**, for the election to be held in November 2028 in Paris, France, the candidature of:

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

I. For the Post of **Member of the Council of the International Seabed Authority (ISA) period 2027-2030**, for the election to be held in November 2026 in Kingston, Jamaica, the candidature of:

- **Republic of Ghana** (Western Africa Region) **Re-election**

J. For the Post of **Member of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for the period 2027-2029**, for the election to be held in November 2026 in New York, USA, the candidatures of:

- **Republic of Cameroon** (Central Africa Region)
- **Republic of Djibouti** (Eastern Africa Region)
- **Republic of South Africa** (Southern Africa Region)
- **Republic of Guinea** (Western Africa Region)

K. For the Post of **Member of the Committee on Conferences for the period 2027-2029**, for the election to be held in November 2026 in New York, USA, the candidatures of:

- **Republic of Senegal** (Western Africa Region)
- **Kingdom of Eswatini** (Southern Africa Region)

L. For the Post of **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)
- **Kingdom of Morocco** (Northern Africa Region)
- **State of Libya** (Northern Africa Region)

NB: The Northern Africa Region is advised to consult and agree on ONE candidate for this post. The African Group in New York is requested to address this matter and report back to the Ministerial Committee.

M. For the Post of **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:

- **United Republic of Tanzania** (Eastern Africa Region)
- N.** For the Post of **Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the period 2030-2031**, for the election to be held in June 2029, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
- **Federal Republic of Nigeria** (Western African Region)
 - **Republic of Burundi** (Central Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Chad** (Central Africa Region)
- O.** For the Post of **Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the period 2031-2032**, for the election to be held in June 2030, in New York, USA, the candidature of:
- **Republic of South Africa** (Southern Africa Region)
- P.** For the Post of **Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the period 2032-2033**, for the election to be held in June 2031, in New York, USA, the candidature of:
- **Islamic Republic of Mauritania** (Northern Africa Region)
- Q.** For the Post of **Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the period 2033-2034**, for the election to be held in June 2032, in New York, USA, the candidature of:
- **Republic of Uganda** (Eastern Africa Region)
- R.** For the Post of **President of the 84th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (PGA84) for the period 2029-2030**, for the election to be held in June 2029 in New York, the candidature of:
- **Republic of South Africa** (Southern Africa Region)
- S.** For the Post of **President of the 89th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (PGA89) for the period 2034-2035**, for the election to be held in June 2034, in New York, USA, the candidature of:
- **Arab Republic of Egypt** (Northern Africa Region)
 - **Republic of Burundi** (Central Africa Region)

10. **ENDORSES CANDIDATURES OF INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTED BY MEMBER STATES:**

- For the Post of **Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) for the period 2027-2032**, for the election to be held in April 2026 in Baghdad, Iraq, the candidature of:
 - **H.E. Mr. Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed** of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania (Northern Africa Region)
- For the Post of **Member of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) for the period 2027-2032**, for the election to be held in April 2026 in New York, USA, the candidature of:
 - **Professor Mr. ZEBICHE Younes** of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria (Northern Africa Region)
- For the Post of **Member of the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) for the period 2027-2030**, for the election to be held in June 2026 in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
 - **Dr. Brenda Akia** of the Republic of Uganda (Eastern Africa Region) *Re-election*
 - **Advocate ON Sepanya Mogale** of the Republic of South Africa (Southern Africa Region)
 - **Mrs. Esther Eghobamien Mshelia** of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Western Africa Region) *Re-election*
 - **Amb. Nada Deraz** of the Arab Republic of Egypt (Northern Africa Region) *Re-election*
- For the Post of **Member of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee for the period 2027-2030**, during the election to be held in June 2026, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
 - **Hon. Mr. DELBE Zirignon Constant** of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire (Western Africa Region)
 - **Madam TCHAMDJA Kobuyah Epouse Kpatcha** of the Republic of Togo (Western Africa Region)
- For the Post of **Judge of the International Tribunal of the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) for the period 2026-2035**, scheduled for June 2026 in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
 - **Dr. Sylvia Adusu** of the Republic of Ghana (Western Africa Region)
 - **Prof. Slim Laghmani** of the Republic of Tunisia (Northern Africa Region)

- For the Post of **Member of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Person with Disabilities (CRPD) for the period 2027-2030**, for the election to be held in June 2026, in New York, USA, the candidature of:
 - **Mrs. Rigbe Gebrehawaria Hagos** of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (Eastern Africa Region)
 - **Mr. Abdel Rahman Ourou Bare** of the Republic of Benin (Western Africa Region)
 - **Mr. Robert Ssewagudde Mukasa** of the Republic of Uganda (Eastern Africa Region)

- For the Post of **Member of the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) for the period 2027-2030**, for the election to be held in June 2026, in New York, USA, the candidature of:
 - **Dr. Abdi Jibril Ali** of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (Eastern Africa Region)

- For the Post of **Vice Chair of the Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian & Cultural Issues) of the 81st Session of the United Nations General Assembly**, for the election to be held in June 2026, in New York, USA, the Candidature of:
 - **Ms. Flavia Umulia** of the Republic of Rwanda (Eastern Africa Region)

- For the Post of **Chair of the Fourth Committee (Special Political and Decolonization) of the 81st Session of the United Nations General Assembly**, for the election to be held in June 2026, in New York, USA, the Candidature of:
 - **H. E. Amb. Coly Seck** of the Republic of Senegal (Western Africa Region)

- For the Post of **Chair of the Fifth Committee (Administrative & Budgetary) of the 81st Session of the United Nations General Assembly**, for the election to be held in June 2026, in New York, USA, the candidature of:
 - **Mr. Syndoph P. Endoni** of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Western Africa Region)

- For the Post of **Vice Chair of the Sixth Committee (Legal) of the 81st Session of the United Nations General Assembly**, for the election to be held in June 2026, in New York, USA, the Candidature of:
 - **Ms. Mantsho Annastacia Motsepe** of the Republic of South Africa (Southern Africa Region).

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

A. For the Post of the **Executive Director of the International Sugar Organization (ISO) for the period 2027-2030**, for the election to be held in December 2026, in London, UK, the candidature of:

- **Mr. Devesh Dukhira** of the Republic of Mauritius (Eastern Africa Region)

B. For the Post of **Member and Chairperson of the United Nations International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) for the period 2027-2030**, for the election to be held in November 2026, 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)
- **Amb. Zéphyrin Maniratanga** of the Republic of Burundi (Central Africa Region)
- **Amb. Sidi Mohamed Laghdaf** of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania (Northern Africa Region)
- **Ms. Henrietta Maria de Beer** of the Republic of Zimbabwe (Southern Africa Region)

NB: Two seats are allocated for Africa and no geographical distribution for this post.

C. For the Post of **Member of the UN Independent Audit Advisory Committee (AAC) for the period 2026-2029**, for the election to be held in November 2026 in New York, USA, the candidatures of:

- **Dr. Oduro Osae** of the Republic of Ghana (Western Africa Region)

D. For the Post of **Member of the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) for the period 2028-2032**, for the election to be held in November 2026 in New York, USA, the candidatures of:

- **Mr. Gaeimelwe Goitsewang** of the Republic of Botswana (Southern Africa Region) *Re-election*
- **H.E. Amb. Amr Ramadan** of the Arab Republic of Egypt (Northern Africa Region)

E. For the Post of **Secretary General of the African Telecommunication Union (ATU) for the period 2026-2029**, for the election scheduled in July 2026, in Abuja, Nigeria, the candidature of:

- **Mr. Kezias Mwale** of the Republic of Zambia (Southern Africa Region)

- **Ms. Cynthia Lesufi of the Republic of South Africa** (Southern Africa Region)
- F. For the Post of **Director of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Development Bureau (DB) for the period 2027-2030**, for the election scheduled in November 2026, in Doha, Qatar, the candidature of:
- **Mr. Dr. Cosmas L. Zavazava** of the Republic of Zimbabwe (Southern Africa Region)
- G. For the Post of **Member of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Radio Regulations Board (RRB) for the period 2027-2030**, for the election scheduled in November 2026, in Doha, Qatar, the candidatures of:
- **Rev. Eng. Edmund Yirenkyi Fianko** of the Republic of Ghana (Western Africa Region) *Re-election*
 - **Ms. Sana Zairi** of the Kingdom of Morocco (Northern Africa Region)
- H. For the Post of **Judge of the International Criminal Court (ICC) for the period 2027-2036**, for the election held in December 2026, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
- **Ms. Evelyn Ama Ankumah** of the Republic of Ghana (Western Africa Region)
 - **Ms. Rosette Muzigo Morrison** of the Republic of Uganda (Eastern Africa Region)
 - **Hon. Judge Dr. Deo John Nangela** of the United Republic of Tanzania (Eastern Africa Region)
- I. For the Post of **Judge of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) for the period 2028-2036**, for the election to be held in November 2026, in New York, USA, the candidatures of:
- **Prof. Phoebe Okowa** of the Republic of Kenya (Eastern Africa Region)
 - **Prof. Paul Kuruk** of the Republic of Ghana (Western Africa Region)
 - **Dr. Taoheed Olufemi Elias** of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Western Africa Region)
 - **Prof. Charles Chernor Jalloh** of the Republic of Sierra Leone (Western Africa Region)
- J. For the Post of **Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) for the period 2027-2029**, for the election to be held in November 2026 in New York, USA, the candidature of:
- **Mr. Felix Eboa** of the Republic of Cameroon (Central Africa Region)

NB.: The Executive Council previously endorsed the candidatures of Amb. Osama Abdelkhalek of the Arab Republic of Egypt (Northern Africa Region), Mr. Adou Mohamed Ali of the Republic of Djibouti (Eastern Africa Region).

K. For the Post of **Member of the International Law Commission (ILC) for the period 2028-2032**, for the election to be held in November 2027 in New York, USA, the candidature of:

- **Prof. Dr. Mohamed S. Helal** of the Arab Republic of Egypt (Northern Africa Region)

L. For the Post of **Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) for the period 2027-2031**, for the election to be held in July 2027 in Rome, Italy, the candidature of:

- **H.E. Amb. Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko** of the Republic of Angola (Southern Africa Region)

12. ON OTHER ISSUES

The Council,

- A. COMMENDS** the work of the Secretariat of the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System led by the Republic of Botswana, and its Secretariat under the leadership of the Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security.
- B. CALLS** on all Member States to continue providing the necessary political support to the Committee based on African solidarity and with the overall objective of ensuring a strong African presence within the International System.
- C. DIRECTS** the PRC to make adequate budgetary allocation and human resources to support the activities of the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System.
- D. REQUESTS** the African Groups in Geneva and New York to align the composition of the Candidatures' Committee with the Structure of the Ministerial Committee.
- E. FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to swiftly operationalize the E-Portal and to develop a training manual for the use of Member States.

**DECISION ON THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF AGENDA 2063 AND THE
FIRST BIENNIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT ON THE SECOND TEN-YEAR
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (STYIP)
Doc.EX.CL/1690(XLVIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the Ministerial Follow-up Committee on the implementation of Agenda 2063.
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the preliminary findings of the first Biennial Performance Report (2024-2025) on the Implementation of the Second Ten-Year Implementation Plan (STYIP) of Agenda 2063 and the Technical Working Group (TWG) report for the year 2025 which includes, the Status of Implementation of the Decisions on Agenda 2063 Special Project.
3. **COMMENDS** the Ministerial Follow-up Committee on the implementation of Agenda 2063, the Ambassadorial Committee and the representatives of the Agenda 2063 Champion for their leadership and guidance on Agenda 2063.
4. **ALSO COMMENDS** the Chairperson of the African Union and the leadership of all partners and institutions who continue to commit their financial and technical resources to the work of the Technical Working Group on Agenda 2063.
5. **FURTHER COMMENDS** Member States, Regional Economic Communities (RECs), AU Organs, partners and TWG on Agenda 2063 for their participation in preparation of the first biennial report, with submissions from forty-one (41) Member States, AU Organs and RECs, thereby strengthening evidence-based continental reporting.
6. **TAKES NOTE WITH CONCERN** that, despite progress across several Moonshots, overall performance of STYIP during the 2024-2025 period remains below the pace required to attain the aspirations of Agenda 2063, due to macroeconomic vulnerabilities, climate shocks, insecurity, constrained financing and low institutional capacity.
7. **RECALLS** decision EX.CL/Dec. 1260 (XLIV) that approved the extension of the “Special Project” to deliver the STYIP of Agenda 2063 and **REQUESTS** the Commission to present a comprehensive yearly budget for the implementation of the “Special Project”.
8. **ALSO RECALLS** decision EX.CL/Dec. 1307 (XLVI), that adopted key Frameworks and tools for Agenda 2063 STYIP, namely Monitoring and Evaluation Frameworks, Indicators Handbook, Communication Branding and Advocacy Strategy, Domestication Guidelines and subsequently Domestic Resource Mobilization

(DRM) Strategy, approved through decision EX.CL/Dec1315(XLVII) and **DECIDES** that a special fund be established to implement the approved tools for the STYIP at a cost of 5 million USD, funds should be made available to start in 2026 through available source of funding that includes voluntary contributions by Member States and African financial Institutions to recover the lost time as the tools were due for implementation starting 2024.

9. **URGES** Member States and RECs to accelerate the domestication of the STYIP within National and Regional Development Plans, budgets and monitoring and evaluation systems, strengthen national data ecosystems, ensure timely and quality reporting using adopted continental tools and instruments, and operationalize the DRM Strategy to reduce reliance on external financing.
10. **FURTHER RECALLS** its Decision EX.CL/Dec.1307(XLVI) that urged the Commission and AUDA-NEPAD to finalize the feasibility study of the Agenda 2063 Development Fund and thereby calls upon the Commission and AUDA-NEPAD to accelerate finalization of the feasibility study with relevant stakeholders for adoption at the upcoming Session of the Executive Council in June 2026. Further **DIRECTS** the Commission and AUDA-NEPAD to accelerate efforts in mobilizing and deploying technical and financial resources towards the implementation of Agenda 2063 STYIP flagship projects and programmes.
11. **ALSO DECIDES** that the reporting timelines be extended to Member States and RECs that have not reported and **REQUESTS** the Commission to provide support to these Member States.
12. **COMMENDS** the Technical Working Group on Agenda 2063, for advancing concrete actions in support of joint implementation of Agenda 2063 and SDGs and **REQUESTS** the Commission to further institutionalize mechanisms to support coherent delivery of Agenda 2063 and the SDGs.
13. **NOTES** the slow implementation of the Agenda 2063 Flagship Projects which is as a several factors including; slow ratifications, low funding for capital intensive projects and inadequate skills and capacities and **CALLS UPON** Members States to fast-track ratifications and provide adequate funding for the Projects.
14. **RECALLS** its decision EX.CL/Dec.1315 (XLVII) of July 2025 which directed that new proposals of flagship projects of Agenda 2063 should follow due process. In this regard, **DIRECTS** all AU structures, AU Commissioners and other departments/directorates, working closely with the OSPD as the Secretariat of the Ministerial Follow-up on Agenda 2063, to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Decision.
15. **DIRECTS** all AU Commissioners and Organs to actively engage in providing strategic leadership in respective portfolios for the implementation of the Second Ten-Year Implementation Plan (STYIP) of Agenda 2063, and to strengthen

alignment and collaboration with the Agenda 2063 Technical Working Group (TWG) under the leadership of the Office of Strategic Planning and Delivery (OSPD).

16. **ADOPTS** the proposed flagship projects; the reparations for transatlantic-enslavement, colonialism and apartheid and Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program (CAADP) as Flagship projects of Agenda 2063 and **DIRECTS** the Commission to ensure the alignment of these two flagship projects with the time line of the STYIP and **CALLS UPON** the Commission to submit the final list and provide update on all Flagship projects to the next Mid-Year Coordination meeting in July 2026.
17. **RECOGNIZES** the central role of the RECs as key actors in coordination, technical support, and regional harmonization in the implementation of the Second Ten-Year Implementation Plan of Agenda 2063, and **URGES** the Commission and partners, in collaboration with the RECs, to strengthen regional mechanisms for monitoring, peer learning, and support to national ownership, in line with continental priorities.
18. **EMPHASIZES** that the effective implementation of Agenda 2063 and its Second Ten-Year Plan requires adequate, predictable, and sustainable financial and human resources, and **REQUESTS** the Commission, in consultation with Member States and the RECs, to identify innovative financing mechanisms, including regional instruments and strategic partnerships, to support operationalization tools, platforms, and field missions.