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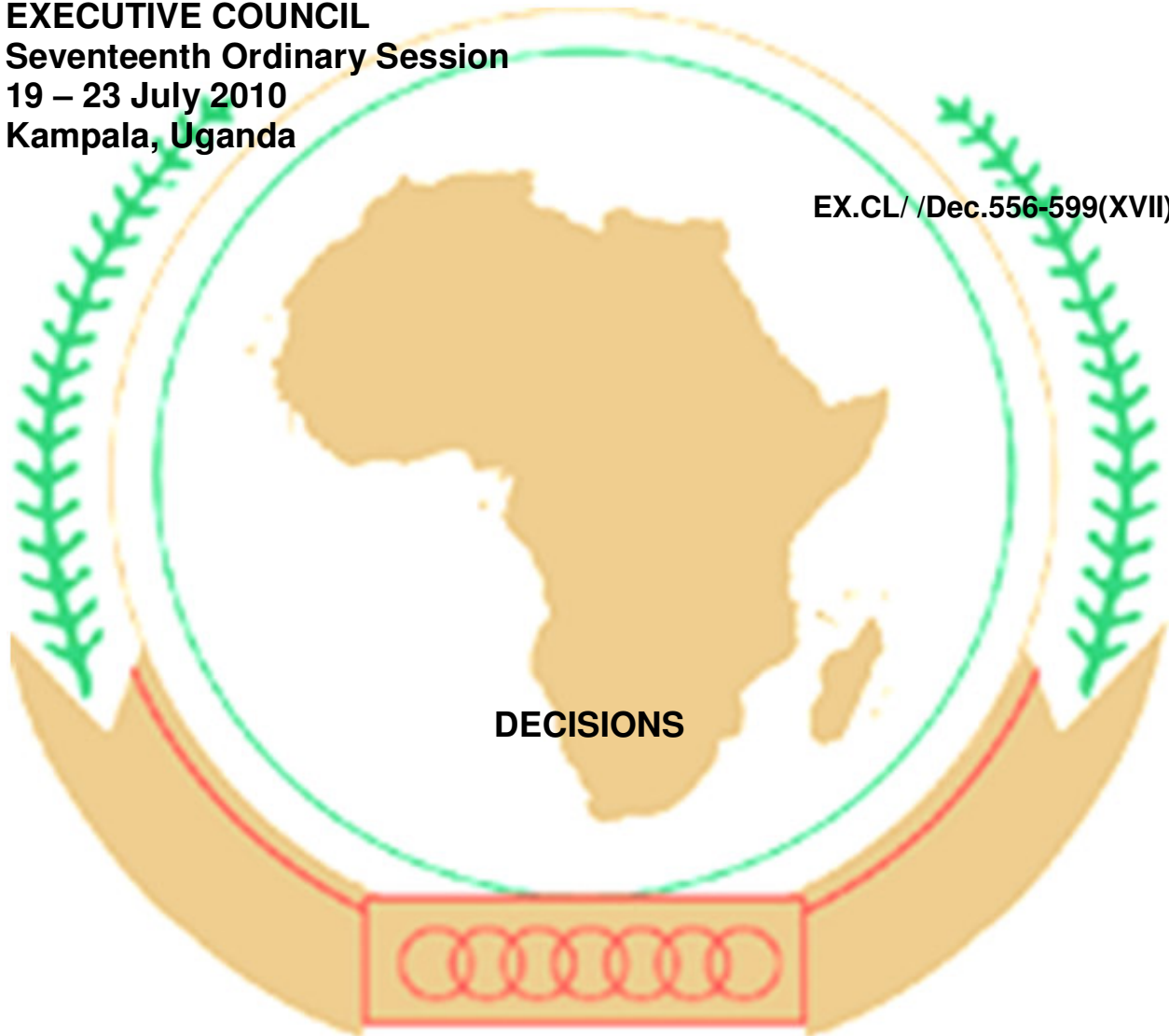
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**DECISION ON THE ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVES' COMMITTEE SUB-COMMITTEE ON MULTILATERAL
COOPERATION
Doc. PRC/Rpt (XX)**

The Executive Council,

1. **ENDORSES** the recommendations of the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC) on the Report of the PRC Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation on its Activities Relating to Africa's Strategic Partnerships;

ON THE AFRICA-INDIA FORUM SUMMIT:

2. **WELCOMES** the launch of the Plan of Action and the steps being taken by both parties to implement it;
3. **TAKES NOTE** of the report on the Pan-African e-Network Project and **COMMENDS** the contribution of the different stakeholders in the implementation of the Network;
4. **REQUESTS** the regions that have not yet done so, to expedite consultations on the locations of the Institutions and Vocational Training Centers (VTC) in Africa, taking into account the criteria indicated by the Indian side, and inform the Commission of their decisions thereon;
5. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to undertake consultations with Member States with a view to determining the venue of the 2011 Africa-India Forum Summit scheduled to be hosted in Africa;
6. **INVITES** Member States that have not yet done so, to sign the Pan-African e-Network Project Agreement and to participate in and extend the network to more Learning Centers and Patient End Hospitals.

ON THE AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA (ASA) SUMMIT:

7. **TAKES NOTE** of the challenges encountered by the African side with respect to the coordination of the ASA Partnership;
8. **EMPHASISES** the imperative need for the programming of events to be centralized through the Coordination Mechanism;

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9. **REAFFIRMS** the coordinating roles of the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation and the Commission, in the Strategic Partnerships;
10. **PROPOSES** that ASA Senior Officials agree on the Implementation Plan so that ASA Foreign Ministers could endorse it on the margins of the Sixty-Fifth Session of the United Nations General Assembly scheduled for New York, United States of America, in September 2010;
11. **REQUESTS** the Commission to commence preparations for the Third ASA Summit in the Great Jamahiriya in 2011, and **URGES** the host country, the African Coordinator (the Federal Republic of Nigeria), the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation and the Commission to take the initiative to submit proposals for consideration by the Executive Council at its next Ordinary Session scheduled in January 2011.

ON THE AFRICA-TURKEY PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT:

12. **REQUESTS** the Commission and the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation, to engage with Turkey with a view to finalizing the Plan of Action and ensure its implementation.

ON THE AFRICA – EUROPEAN UNION (EU) DIALOGUE:

13. **DECIDES** that the Follow-up Mechanism of the African-EU Dialogue should prepare and report to the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation, with a view to enhancing better coordination of this Dialogue;
14. **REQUESTS** the Commission to take the appropriate actions to follow-up and to report on the implementation of all projects under this Dialogue on a regular basis;
15. **FINALLY REQUESTS** the Commission to report regularly on the implementation of this Decision to the Executive Council.

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**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON COOPERATION WITH
SOME COUNTRIES AND SOME INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
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The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the recommendations of the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC) on the Cooperation between the Commission and some Countries and some International Organizations ;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the important developments contained in the Report, which have the potential of strengthening the relations between the Commission and countries such as the United States of America and Australia, as well as International Organizations such as the Commonwealth Secretariat, the Organization of American States and the Organization of Islamic Conference;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to continue its cooperation activities and to report regularly thereon, to the Executive Council through the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC) and its Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation;
4. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to inform the Executive Council through the PRC and its Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation before it enters into new relations with other countries and International Organizations.

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**DECISION ON THE SITUATION OF REFUGEES, RETURNEES
AND INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS IN AFRICA
Doc. PRC/Rpt(XX)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the Situation of Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons in Africa and the Report on the Activities of the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC) Sub-Committee on Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons;
2. **NOTES WITH CONCERN** that despite the efforts deployed towards addressing and managing the root causes of forced population displacement in Africa, the numbers of refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) caught in protracted situations of displacement as well as mixed migratory movements continue to be elevated;
3. **ALSO NOTES WITH CONCERN** the destabilizing effect of some renegade armed groups, in particular, the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) and Al Shabaab on the Eastern and Central Africa regions, which present a major cause for displacement of population in these areas;
4. **WELCOMES** the progress made in implementing the outcomes of the African Union (AU) Special Summit on Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons held in Kampala, Uganda in October 2009, particularly on the elaboration of the Plan of Action for the Outcomes of the Special Summit on Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons in Africa, and its adoption by the AU Ministers in charge of Forced Displacement Matters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in June 2010;
5. **CALLS ON** all stakeholders, including Member States, the Commission and other relevant AU Organs, Regional Economic Communities and partners to implement the Plan of Action;
6. **REQUESTS** the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Refugees, Returnees and IDPs and the Commission to work in close collaboration to ensure that the

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recommendations of the field assessment missions of the PRC Sub-Committee on Refugees are thoroughly implemented by the various stakeholders;

7. **ALSO REQUESTS** the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Refugees as part of its annual Program of Work, to engage in resource mobilization activities to raise funds for the Refugees and IDPs Fund towards assisting Member States affected by the problem of forced displacement;
8. **REQUESTS** Member States and partners to continue to provide up to date information to the Commission on the state of forced displacement in the countries affected by this phenomenon;
9. **REQUESTS** the Commission, after due consultations with the relevant Organs to convene a conference of countries of regions affected by the destabilizing effect of armed groups such as the LRA and Al Shabaab with a view to addressing the threat of such groups on Member States in general and civilian populations in particular;
10. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to submit a report on the situation of refugees, returnees and IDPs in Africa to the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council scheduled for January 2011.



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DECISION ON THE AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCES AND PROGRAMMES
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The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the recommendations of the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC) on the Report of the PRC Sub-Committee on Conferences and Programmes, and **ENDORSES** the recommendations thereon;
2. **WELCOMES** the efforts of the Commission, particularly the Conference Services Directorate (CSD) to ensure that the African Union meetings do not overlap and **REQUESTS** it to continue to redouble its efforts in this direction;
3. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to improve coordination relating to communications to Member States by forwarding all such communications, including invitation letters through the Permanent Missions of Member States in Addis Ababa;
4. **DECIDES** the following:
 - i) The reports of meetings which were not approved by the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Programmes and Conferences should not be submitted to the Executive Council for consideration. However, on an exception basis, the Executive Council will consider the five (5) reports of the meetings held without approval, during its next Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2011;
 - ii) In the event of a change of date for an approved meeting, the Commission in consultation with the PRC through the Bureau of its Sub-Committee on Programmes and Conferences should identify a new suitable date;
 - iii) Changes in venue or cancellation of a meeting should be communicated at least fifteen (15) days in advance to Member States through their Permanent Missions in Addis Ababa; and the Commission to regularly update the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Programmes and Conferences on monies allocated for meetings that were either not held or cancelled;
 - iv) The Commission should ensure that meetings on the same subject matter and with the same participants are held at the same time or back to back and preferably at the same venues and in this connection, to coordinate with all relevant partners and in particular the United Nations Economic

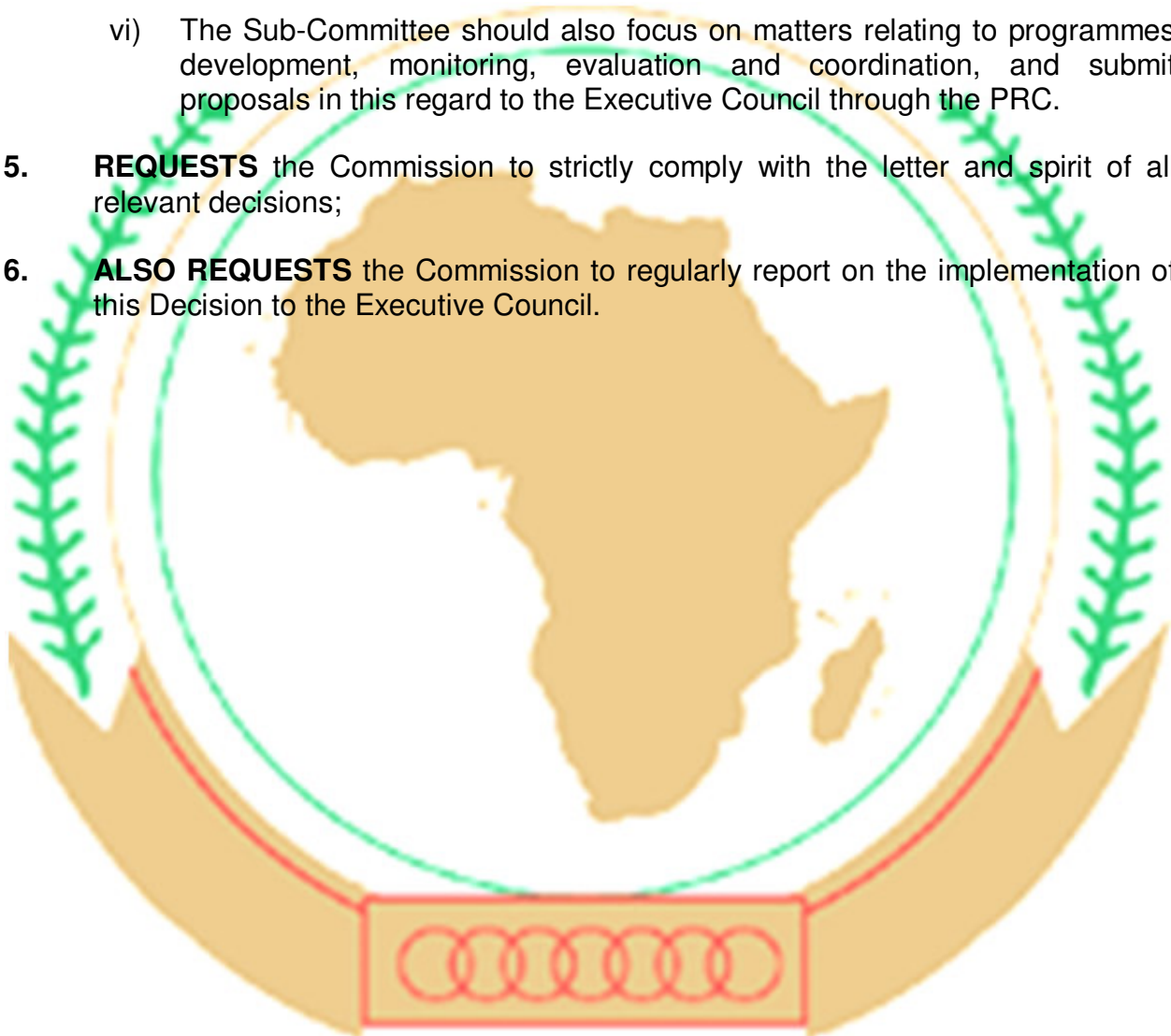
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Commission for African in relation to its respective meetings of similar nature;

- v) Meetings jointly organized with other development partners and agencies should be reflected in the AU Calendar of Meetings to avoid being unaccounted for, both in the budget and other processes;
- vi) The Sub-Committee should also focus on matters relating to programmes development, monitoring, evaluation and coordination, and submit proposals in this regard to the Executive Council through the PRC.

5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to strictly comply with the letter and spirit of all relevant decisions;

6. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to regularly report on the implementation of this Decision to the Executive Council.

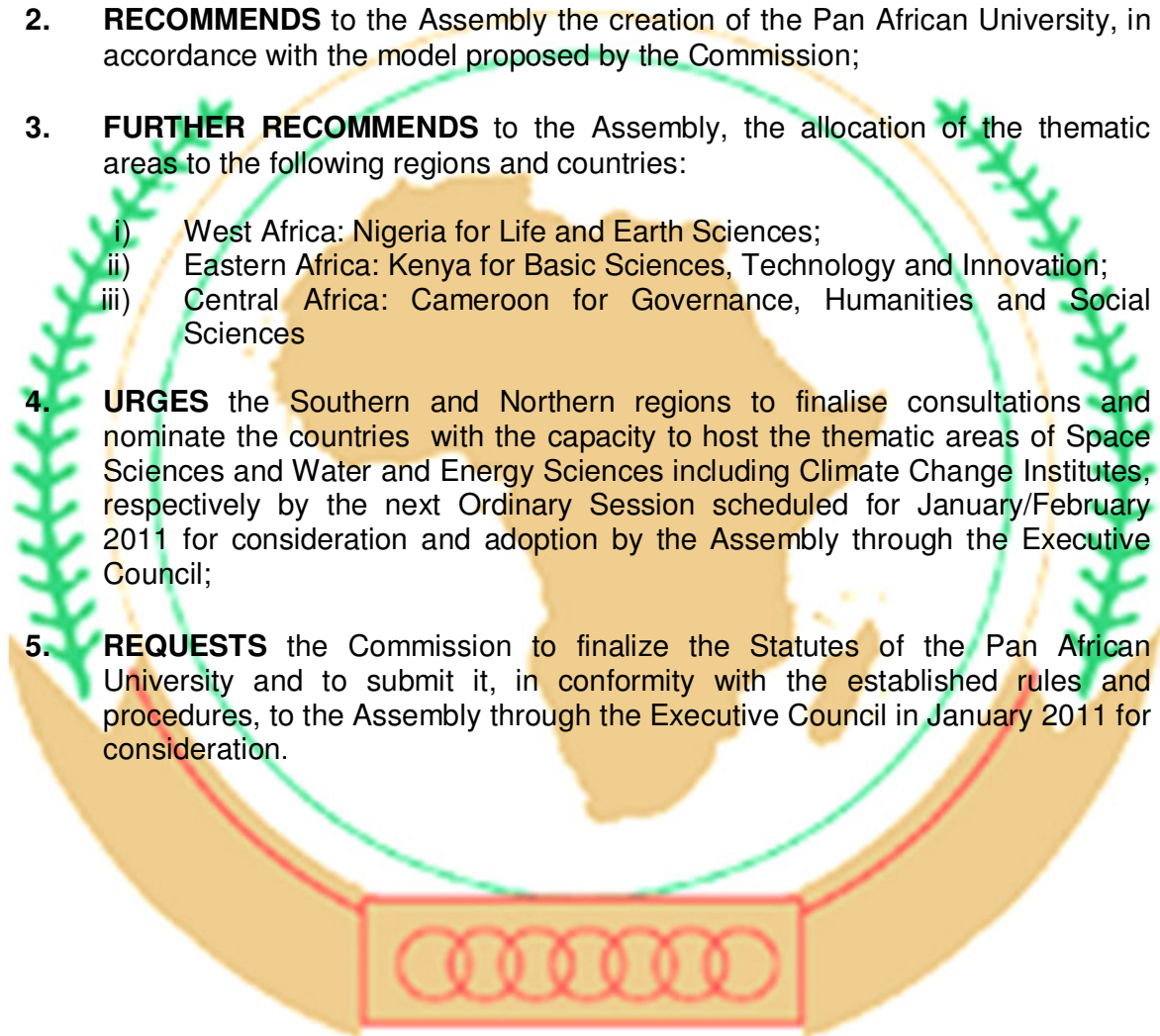


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DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PAN AFRICAN UNIVERSITY
Doc. EX.CL/579(XVII)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the progress achieved towards the establishment of the Pan African University;
2. **RECOMMENDS** to the Assembly the creation of the Pan African University, in accordance with the model proposed by the Commission;
3. **FURTHER RECOMMENDS** to the Assembly, the allocation of the thematic areas to the following regions and countries:
 - i) West Africa: Nigeria for Life and Earth Sciences;
 - ii) Eastern Africa: Kenya for Basic Sciences, Technology and Innovation;
 - iii) Central Africa: Cameroon for Governance, Humanities and Social Sciences
4. **URGES** the Southern and Northern regions to finalise consultations and nominate the countries with the capacity to host the thematic areas of Space Sciences and Water and Energy Sciences including Climate Change Institutes, respectively by the next Ordinary Session scheduled for January/February 2011 for consideration and adoption by the Assembly through the Executive Council;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to finalize the Statutes of the Pan African University and to submit it, in conformity with the established rules and procedures, to the Assembly through the Executive Council in January 2011 for consideration.



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DECISION ON THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN AFRICA
DOC.EX.CL/579(XVII)

The Executive Council,

1. **WELCOMES** the efforts deployed by the Conference of African Ministers of Public Service to promote and implement African Union Vision on Public Service in the Continent;
2. **COMMENDS** the Republic of South Africa and the Republic of Kenya, as Current Chairpersons of the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Ordinary Sessions of the Conference of Public Service Ministers, as well as the States “champions”, for their commitment and continued involvement in the implementation of a continent-wide programme on the public service;
3. **APPEALS** to Member States to be more committed in the implementation of this programme that will drive the long-term strategy of African Ministers of Public Service in Africa for sustainable development;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to play a much stronger, dynamic and institutional role in complementing, strengthening and coordinating national efforts that have hitherto shaped the continental governance programme of Africa, and in this regard, **REFERS** the matter relating to the establishment of the Secretariat of the Conference within the Commission to the Permanent Representatives’ Committee through its relevant Sub-Committees;
5. **REQUESTS ALSO** the Commission to submit a report on the implementation of this decision to the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in January 2011.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE FOURTH AFRICAN MINISTERIAL
CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (AMCOST IV)
Doc. EX.CL/584(XVII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Fourth African Ministerial Conference on Science and Technology (AMCOST IV) held in Cairo, Egypt, from 8 to 11 March 2010;
2. **WELCOMES AND SUPPORTS** the launching of the African Union (AU) Science and Technology Decade (2011-2020) to harness science and technology for Africa's socio-economic development, and to achieve a knowledge based society, and **RECOMMENDS** that the Assembly launches the AU Science and Technology Decade;
3. **ALSO WELCOMES** the establishment of the African Cluster for Science and Technology as a platform to coordinate the efforts on the implementation of the Consolidated Plan of Action and **CALLS ON** the United Nations Agencies and Members of the Cluster to strengthen the Cluster in order to enable it discharge its mandate;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to develop a programme to enhance science and technology infrastructure in Member States;
5. **CALLS ON** development partners to effectively support the programme to enhance science and technology infrastructure in Member States in order to attain world class scientific research capability that responds to the African community needs;
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report regularly to the Executive Council on the implementation of this Decision.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION
ON THE SECOND CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN MINISTERS
IN CHARGE OF BORDER ISSUES
Doc. EX.CL/585(XVII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Second Conference of African Ministers in charge of Border Issues and of the preparatory meetings of Experts held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 25 March and from 22 to 23 March 2010, respectively;
2. **ENDORSES** the Declaration on the African Union Border Programme (AUBP) and the modalities for the pursuit and acceleration of its implementation as adopted by the Second Conference of African Ministers in charge of Border Issues;
3. **WELCOMES** the contribution of the international partners, in particular the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and GTZ which are providing financial and technical support towards the implementation of the AUBP, and **ENCOURAGES** them to continue to provide and step up their support;
4. **URGES** Member States to take appropriate measures to implement the Declaration, especially the components relating to delimitation/demarcation, cross-border cooperation and capacity building;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with the Regional Economic Communities to fully play their respective roles in the implementation and monitoring of the AUBP;
6. **ENDORSES** the recommendation by the Second Conference of African Ministers in charge of Border Issues to institute an “African Day for Borders” so as to further highlight the importance of the AUBP and encourage additional efforts towards its implementation;

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7. **RECOMMENDS** to the Assembly that the “African Day for Borders” be celebrated every year on 7 June, in reference to the date of the First Conference of African Ministers in charge of Border Issues;



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8. **REQUESTS** the Commission and Member States to take advantage of the activities programmed within the framework of “2010: The Year of Peace and Security in Africa” to underscore the importance of the AUBP and the contribution expected from its implementation towards enhancing the structural prevention of conflicts;
9. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to report regularly to the Executive Council on the implementation of this Decision.



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**DECISION ON THE AFRICAN COMMON POSITION
AND THE 2010 MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS REPORT
Doc. EX.CL/586(XVII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the recommendations of the Third Joint Annual Meeting of the African Union (AU) Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development held on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in Lilongwe, Malawi, from 25 to 30 March 2010;
2. **WELCOMES** the efforts by the Commission in collaboration with UNECA, the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the United Nations Development Programme to produce the 2010 Progress Report on MDGs;
3. **ENDORSES** the African Common Position on the MDGs as well as the 2010 Assessed Progress Report in Africa towards the achievement of the MDGs;
4. **CALLS ON** Member States to take the necessary steps to implement the recommendations contained in the proposed African Common Position;
5. **URGES** Member States to strengthen their statistical systems and institutions in order to produce reliable, quality and timely statistics for the monitoring of MDGs in Africa;
6. **ALSO URGES** Member States to explore innovative ways of mobilizing funds to support MDGs-related programmes and activities;
7. **CALLS ON** development partners to fulfil their official development assistance commitments including allocating 0.7% of their GDPs to assist Africa meet the MDGs by the target date;
8. **REQUESTS** the Commission in consultation with Member States to submit the African Common Position to the High Level Summit in September 2010 in New York, United States of America and **INVITES** the African Group at the United Nations (UN) Headquarters in New York to support and promote the Position during the High-Level Plenary Meeting and its preparatory process;

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9. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with UNECA and AfDB, to commence reflections on the MDGs for the period beyond 2015;
10. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to report regularly on the progress made in implementing the MDGs in Africa.



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**DECISION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
AFRICAN CHARTER ON STATISTICS
Doc. EX.CL/586(XVII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the recommendations of the Third Joint Annual Meeting of the African Union (AU) Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development on the implementation of the African Charter on Statistics held in Lilongwe, Malawi, from 25 to 30 March 2010;
2. **WELCOMES** the efforts by the Commission in collaboration with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the African Development Bank (AfDB), the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and Member States to develop a draft strategy for the harmonization of statistics in Africa (SHaSA);
3. **CALLS ON** Member States that have not yet signed and ratified the African Charter on Statistics to do so expeditiously ;
4. **ADOPTS** the draft SHaSA including its pillar on the African Strategy for the Implementation of the 2008 System of National Accounts (SNA);
5. **CALLS ON** Member States, the Commission, the RECs, UNECA and AfDB as well as other partners to support and implement these initiatives and develop the other pillars of the SHaSA;
6. **REQUESTS** the Permanent Representatives' Committee, through its Sub-Committee on Structures and its Advisory Sub-Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters to consider the possibility of transforming the Statistics Unit into a Division and make appropriate recommendations, including on the financial implications to the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in January/February 2011;
7. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to coordinate with UNECA, AfDB and other relevant stakeholders on the implementation of the African Charter on Statistics as well as the SHaSA, and report regularly to the Executive Council on the progress made.

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**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE THIRD CONFERENCE
OF THE AFRICAN MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF YOUTH
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The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report and Declaration of the Third Conference of the African Ministers in charge of Youth (COMY III), held in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, from 12 to 16 April 2010 and **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained therein;
2. **WELCOMES** the entry into force of the African Youth Charter on 8 August 2009 and **CALLS ON** Member States that have not yet signed and ratified or acceded to the Charter to do so expeditiously;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to continue to support the other Member States in their efforts to popularize, ratify and implement the African Youth Charter;
4. **REQUESTS** Member States to implement the Plan of Action for the Decade for Youth development and empowerment (2009-2018) and the African Youth Volunteer Corps in order to achieve the objectives set for the African youth;
5. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission and the Permanent Representatives' Committee to review proposals for the themes for the Summits and work out a criteria for determining such themes;
6. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to report on the implementation of this Decision to the Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in January 2012.

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**DECISION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE
OUTCOMES OF THE SPECIAL SUMMIT ON REFUGEES, RETURNEES
AND INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS IN AFRICA
DOC. EX.CL/591(XVII)**

The Executive Council:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Third Conference of African Union (AU) Ministers in charge of Forced Displacement Matters held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 4 June 2010;
2. **WELCOMES** the progress made in the implementation of the outcomes of the AU Special Summit on Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Africa held in Kampala, Uganda in October 2009, in particular, the elaboration of a Plan of Action, and **ENDORSES** the Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Outcomes of the AU Special Summit on Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons in Africa;
3. **CALLS ON** Member States, the Commission and other relevant AU Organs, the Regional Economic Communities and partners to work closely on the implementation of the Plan of Action, particularly in mobilizing the required resources for the various activities contained therein;
4. **URGES** Member States to accelerate the process of signature, ratification/accession to the African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala Convention), with a view to its entry into force by December 2010;
5. **DECIDES** to increase the Member States' contribution to the Refugees and IDPs Fund from two percent (2%) to four percent (4%) of the Operational Budget of the Commission gradually, with effect from January 2011, and **REQUESTS** the Permanent Representatives' Committee, through its Advisory Sub-Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters, to work out the modalities of implementation;
6. **ALSO REQUESTS** Member States to submit periodic reports to the Commission on the progress made in the implementation of the Plan of Action;
7. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to provide a consolidated progress report to the Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in June/July 2011.

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**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE AFRICAN UNION
CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF HEALTH (CAMH4) ON MATERNAL,
INFANT AND CHILD HEALTH IN AFRICA
Doc. EX.CL/592(XVII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Special Session of the African Union Conference of Ministers of Health (CAMH4), held on the eve of 63rd World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland on 15 May 2010 and the recommendations contained therein;
2. **ENDORSES** the recommendations of the Special Session of CAMH4, in particular, the following:
 - i) The Maputo Plan of Action (MPoA) should be extended for the period 2010 to 2015 in order to accelerate the implementation of the MPoA and to address critical gaps and replicate good practices from the review and to align it with the target of the MDGs;
 - ii) The indicators should be reviewed to align them with health-related MDG targets and indicators and directs the African Union Commission to conduct the review and alignment and submit to the Fifth Session of the African Union Conference of Ministers of Health (CAMH5) in 2011;
 - iii) Implementation during the extension should be comprehensive and integrated with other relevant policies including: Africa Health Strategy; Repositioning Family Planning, Declaration and PoA on Africa Fit for Children; Africa Regional Nutrition Strategy; and the Abuja Call for Accelerated Action towards Universal Access to HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria Services; all within the Social Policy Framework for Africa;
 - iv) Increase domestic resources (from national authority) to meet the Abuja target of 15% of budget allocation for the health sector and earmark an amount for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health; as well as mobilize resources through public-private partnerships and other innovative health-financing and ensuring effective of health resources;
 - v) Strengthen the health system to provide comprehensive, integrated, maternal newborn and child health care services, in particular through revitalization of primary health care, repositioning of family planning including reproductive health commodity security, infrastructure

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development in rural areas and skilled human resources for integrated maternal and child survival, HIV/AIDS, Malaria, Tuberculosis with other infectious diseases and nutrition programmes;

- vi) Accelerate reduction of maternal and child mortality in Africa using CARMMA as an advocacy for the promotion of maternal, newborn and child health and involve all key stakeholders including men, women and young people, parliamentarians, community and religious leaders, the media, and the private sector;
- vii) Provide support and resources for scaling up of identified good practices that have high impact and are cost effective in reducing maternal, newborn and child deaths such as maternal death reviews, child deaths audits, family planning, emergency obstetric and neonatal care, skilled birth attendance and community based approach to health;
- viii) Institute effective monitoring and evaluation (M&E) system at country level to provide accurate, reliable and timely maternal, newborn and child health data for informed decisions and timely actions including making maternal and neonatal deaths notifiable;
- ix) Member States should submit results-based annual progress reports on implementation and undertake the final evaluation in 2014.

3. DECIDES that the Commission should:

- i. Submit the recommendations on the Progress Report on the Maputo PoA to the Seventeenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly held in Kampala, Uganda in July 2010 for endorsement;
- ii. Submit annual reports to the Ordinary Sessions of the AU Conference of Ministers of Health, the African Committee of Experts on Rights and Welfare of the Child and other relevant fora;
- iii. Conduct a final evaluation and submit a report thereon to the Executive Council in 2014, in preparation for the 2015 review of the MDGs.

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**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE AFRICAN COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF THE CHILD
DOC. EX.CL/602(XVII)**

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. **URGES** Member States that have not yet submitted their reports to comply with the provisions of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child and expedite the submission of their reports;
3. **ALSO URGES** Member States that have not yet ratified/acceded to the Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child to accelerate the process;
4. **ADOPTS** the theme of the Day of the African Child for 2011 as follows: *“All Together For Urgent Actions in Favour of Street Children;”*
5. **REQUESTS** ACERWC in collaboration with the Commission to report on the implementation of this Decision to the Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in June/July 2011.



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**DECISION ON THE
AFRICAN UNION ADVISORY BOARD ON CORRUPTION
DOC. EX.CL/603(XVII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the African Union Advisory Board on Corruption for the period January to June 2010;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the election of the new Chairperson and Deputy-Chairperson of the Advisory Board on Corruption;
3. **WELCOMES** the progress made regarding the operationalization of the Advisory Board on Corruption;
4. **ENDORSES** the decision of the Advisory Board on Corruption to prepare a Strategic Plan for its activities for the period 2011-2015;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to fully operationalize the Secretariat for the Advisory Board on Corruption as soon as possible;
6. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Advisory Board on Corruption in collaboration with the Commission to submit a report on the implementation of this Decision to the Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in June/July 2011.

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**DECISION ON THE STATUS OF SIGNATURE AND
RATIFICATION OF OAU/AU TREATIES
DOC. EX.CL/605(XVII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the Status of Signature and Ratification of OAU/AU Treaties;;
2. **WELCOMES** efforts made by the Commission and Member States towards signature, ratification/accession of OAU/AU Treaties during the period February to June 2010;
3. **REITERATES** its appeal to Member States to prioritize and accelerate the signing and ratification/accession to OAU/AU Treaties and appeals in particular to the Member States which are not yet states parties to the following treaties to give them:
 - i) The Treaty establishing the African Economic Community (1991);
 - ii) The Protocol relating to the establishment of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union (2002);
 - iii) The African Convention on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (revised version) (2003);
 - iv) The African Youth Charter (2006);
 - v) The Charter for African Cultural Renaissance (2006);
 - vi) The African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (2007);
 - vii) The Protocol on the Statute of the African Court of Justice and Human Rights (2008);
 - viii) The African Charter on Statistics (2009);
 - ix) The Protocol on the African Investment Bank (2009);
 - x) The African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala Convention) (2009);

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- xi) The Revised Constitution of the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFAC) (2009).
4. **ALSO REITERATES** its appeal to Member States to ensure that they comply with the decisions of the policy organs and initiate the process of ratification of new treaties within a period of one (1) year after its adoption in accordance with Executive Council Decision EX.CL/Dec.459 (XVI) on the Status of Signature and Ratification of OAU/AU/ Treaties and the Harmonization of Ratification Procedures adopted by the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2009;
 5. **REQUESTS** all AU organs and in particular the Pan-African Parliament, the African Union Commission on International Law, the Economic, Social and Cultural Council, the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child as well as the Regional Economic Communities, International and Regional Organisations, and Civil Society to assist with advocacy and sensitisation of Member States to expedite the process of ratification of/accession to OAU/AU Treaties;
 6. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to expedite the implementation of previous decisions on the review of OAU/AU Treaties;
 7. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to regularly report to the Executive Council on the implementation of this Decision.

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DECISION ON THE SITUATION IN PALESTINE AND THE MIDDLE EAST
Doc. EX.CL/609(XVII)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the Situation in the Middle East and Palestine; and **RECALLS** all resolutions and decisions adopted by the Organization of African Unity/African Union (OAU/AU) on the Situation in Palestine and the Middle East;
2. **REITERATES** its full support to the Palestinian people for their legitimate struggle against Israeli Occupation under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), their sole and legitimate representative, to obtain their inalienable national rights, including their right to self-determination, return to their homeland and to restore their property, and to live in peace and stability in an Independent Palestinian State with Al-Quds (Jerusalem) as its capital, in accordance with the principles of international law, all pertinent United Nations (UN) Resolutions, particularly UN Security Council (UNSC) Resolution 194, which calls for the return of all Palestinian Refugees to their homeland and properties, and the relevant resolutions and decisions of the OAU/AU;
3. **REAFFIRMS** its support for a peaceful solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict on the basis of the principles of international law and all relevant UN resolutions with an emphasis on the establishment of an Independent Palestinian State based on the borders of the 4th of June 1967 Agreement, with Al-Quds (Jerusalem) as its capital;
4. **STRESSES** the need for UNSC to assume its responsibilities under the UN Charter, and **CALLS ON** it to exercise its role in maintaining international peace and security in order to pave the way for the achievement of a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East;
5. **ACKNOWLEDGES** that the Palestinian-Israeli negotiations require immediate and complete cessation of Israeli settlements activities in the Palestinian Territory occupied since 1967, including occupied Jerusalem;
6. **AFFIRMS ITS FULL SUPPORT** to the Palestinian plan of building Palestinian institutions with a view to ending the Israeli occupation, establishing an independent Palestinian State, and providing political, diplomatic, legal and international protection for its success;
7. **EXPRESSES** its deep concern over the position of the Israeli Occupying Authorities and its refusal to accept international efforts aimed at reaching a just and comprehensive solution; and **CALLS ON** the Israeli Occupying Authorities to

fulfil their obligations and move forward in the peace process on the basis of the resolutions of international legitimacy, signed agreements and the principle of land for peace; and **ALSO CALLS ON** Israel to end its occupation of the Palestinian and Arab territories;

8. **STRONGLY CONDEMNNS** the latest criminal attack committed by the Israeli occupation forces in the territorial waters of Palestine against the "Freedom Flotilla" and humanitarian activists who came to stand by the besieged Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip, and **CALLS ON** the international community, the Security Council and the Quartet to urge Israel to immediately lift the blockade imposed on the Gaza Strip; and **SUPPORTS** the demand by the Secretary General of the United Nations to form an independent and fair international commission of inquiry that is compatible with international standards, with a view to ensuring that those responsible are brought to justice;
9. **STRONGLY CONDEMNNS** the continuous and illegal violations of Israel in the Holy City of AL-Quds (Jerusalem) and the West bank; and **DEMANDS** Israeli Occupying Authorities to stop these serious and dangerous violations immediately, including the settlement activities and Judaization Policy of the Holy City that will impact upon the landmarks of Islamic and Christian shrines; and **CALLS ON** the international community to exert pressure on Israeli Occupying Authorities to abide by International and Humanitarian Laws;
10. **FURTHER STRONGLY CONDEMNNS** the recent Israeli decision that calls for the expulsion and deportation of Palestinians from their land, which is considered a flagrant violation of human rights, and **CALLS ON** Israel to retract this decision;
11. **CALLS UPON** the UN Human Rights Council, UN General Assembly and all States Parties to the Geneva Conventions to reject the illegal Israeli practices in Al-Quds and the West Bank, and **REQUESTS** the UN Secretary General to take all necessary actions to implement it;
12. **EXPRESSES** its full support to the tireless efforts by President Mahmoud Abbas and the Palestinian leadership as a whole to strengthen the Palestinian national unity, in order to resolve the current Palestinian impasse, so as to ensure the geographical and political unity of the Palestinian territories; **REITERATES** its support for the Palestinian leadership and the Palestinian National Authority (PNA); and **WELCOMES** the President's endeavors to achieve on a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East, and his commitment to the Palestinian National's principles that proposed an immediate and complete halt to the Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, including Al-Quds Al-Sharif (Jerusalem);
13. **EXPRESSES ITS CONCERN** over the settlements policy in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, especially in the city of occupied Jerusalem, and **CALLS ON** the U.S. Administration, as a sponsor of the peace process, to continue to

exert pressure on Israel to halt immediately all forms of settlement activities in the occupied East Jerusalem and West Bank;

14. **FOLLOWS WITH DEEP CONCERN** the worsening humanitarian situation and increasing sanitary and economic deterioration in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, due to the constant siege imposed on the Gaza Strip, ongoing daily Israeli invasions, restrictions on the movement of persons and constant closures and blockades of the Palestinian commercial crossing points with neighboring countries; **CALLS ON** the Israeli Occupying Authorities to immediately remove these blockades, and **URGES** the United States of America and the International Community to take necessary steps and actions to lift the inhuman and oppressive siege imposed on the Palestinian People;
15. **EXPRESSES GRAVE CONCERN** over the deterioration of the living and health conditions of Palestinian prisoners and detainees in Israeli jails; **DENOUNCES AND CONDEMNS** all Israeli inhuman practices against prisoners and detainees; and **URGES** the Israeli Government to release all prisoners and captives from the jails of the Israeli Occupying Authorities;
16. **REITERATES** that just and comprehensive peace can be achieved only through complete Israeli withdrawal from Occupied Palestinian and Arab States territories up to the borders of the 4th June 1967 Agreement, including the Occupied Syrian Golan and the lands still occupied in southern Lebanon, and through the Two States Solution with a sovereign, Independent Palestinian State with Al-Quds (Jerusalem) as its capital, in accordance with the Arab Peace Initiative;
17. **CALLS ON** the AU Committee of Ten (10) Member States on Palestine to continue to cooperate and work with other AU Member States in order to develop an action plan in collaboration with other international bodies and organizations in the effort to implement its resolutions on Palestine and the Middle East;

**DECISION ON THE AFRICA INSTITUTIONAL ARCHITECTURE
FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
Doc. EX.CL/610(XVII)**

The Executive Council,

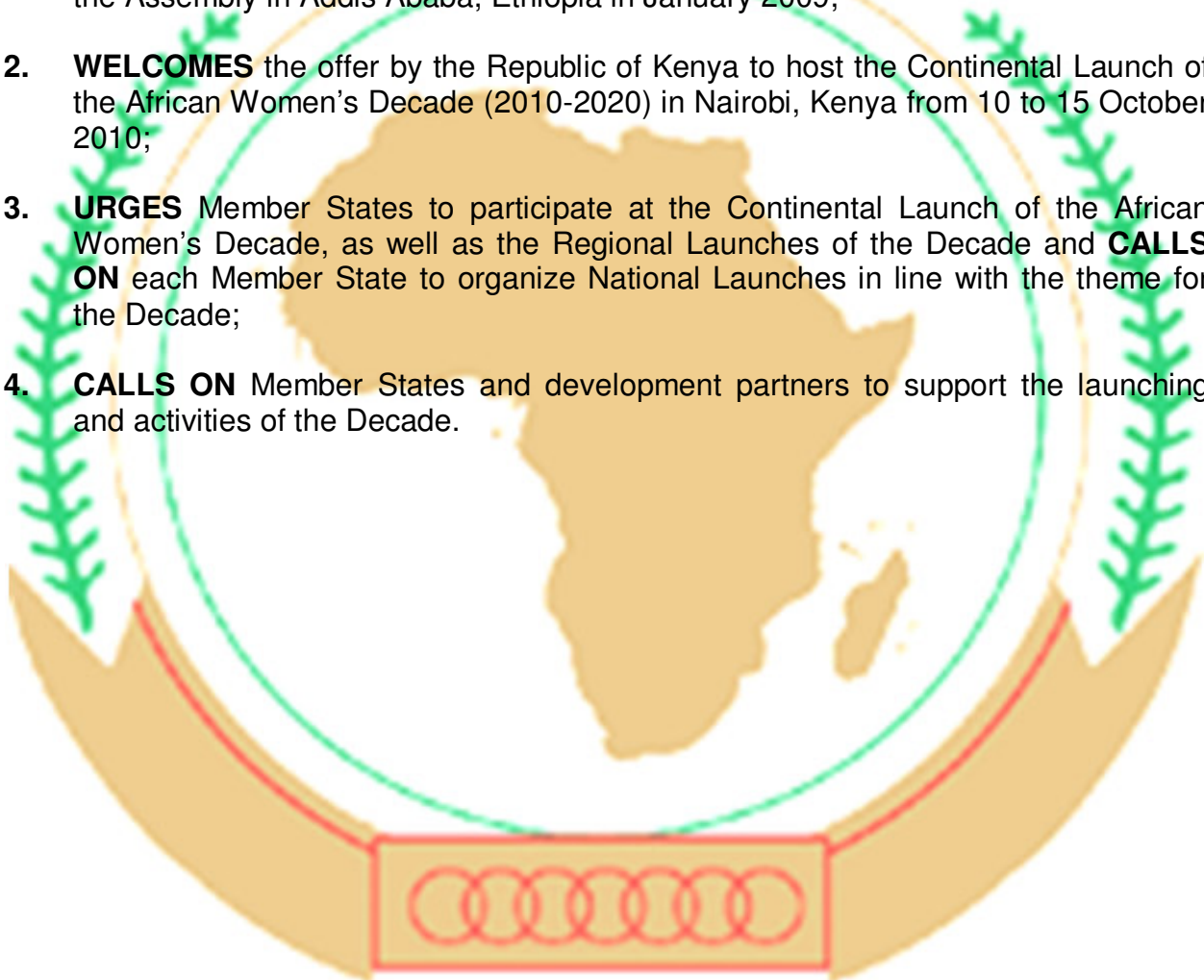
1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the proposal to establish an Africa Institutional Architecture for Infrastructure (AIAI) as an essential element for efficient and timely implementation of the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa;
2. **REQUESTS** the Commission, the New Partnership for Africa's Development NEPAD Planning and Coordination Agency (NPCA), all relevant African Union organs and institutions in collaboration with the African Development Bank to conduct the study on the AIAI;
3. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to submit the Study and appropriate recommendations to the Executive Council through the Permanent Representatives Committee for consideration in June/July 2011.



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE CONTINENTAL
LAUNCH OF THE AFRICAN WOMEN'S DECADE (2010-2020)
DOC. EX.CL/613 (XVII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Status of the Implementation of Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.229(XII) on the Launch of the African Women's Decade (2010-2020) adopted by the Twelfth Ordinary Session of the Assembly in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2009;
2. **WELCOMES** the offer by the Republic of Kenya to host the Continental Launch of the African Women's Decade (2010-2020) in Nairobi, Kenya from 10 to 15 October 2010;
3. **URGES** Member States to participate at the Continental Launch of the African Women's Decade, as well as the Regional Launches of the Decade and **CALLS ON** each Member State to organize National Launches in line with the theme for the Decade;
4. **CALLS ON** Member States and development partners to support the launching and activities of the Decade.



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE AFRICAN UNION SOLEMN DECLARATION
ON GENDER EQUALITY IN AFRICA
DOC. EX.CL/614 (XVII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Implementation of the African Union (AU) Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa (SDGEA);
2. **COMMENDS** the efforts of the thirty-one (31) Member States that have so far submitted their baseline reports and in particular those who have reported more than once, namely: Algeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Congo Brazzaville, Cote D'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Mali, Mauritius, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Chad, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda and Zimbabwe;
3. **ENCOURAGES** Member States that are yet to submit their baseline reports to do so urgently;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to take necessary steps to continue to assist Member States in the process of reporting on SDGEA;
5. **APPEALS AGAIN** to Member States that have not yet signed and or ratified the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa to do so, and for those who have ratified the Protocol to implement it.

**DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AFRICAN INTEGRATION FACILITY
DOC.EX.CL/579(XVII)**

The Executive Council,

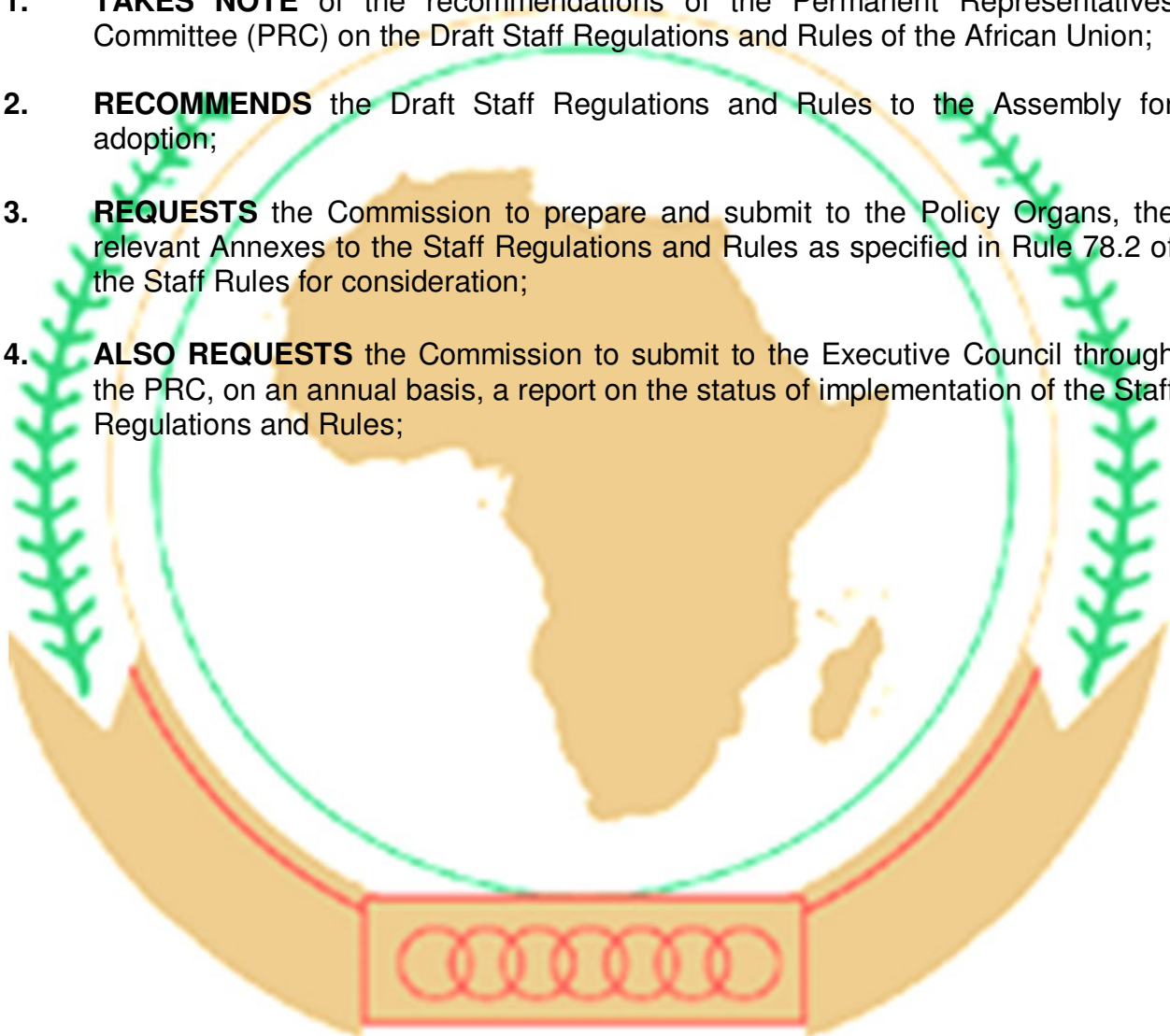
1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Chairperson on the Activities of the Commission (covering the period from January to June 2010) and the proposal to establish an African Integration Facility within the framework of accelerating the integration process in Africa;
2. **REQUESTS** the Commission to engage with the European Union, with a view to establishing an “African Integration Facility” modelled on the African Peace Facility with a view to finding a solution to sustainable funding requirements.



**DECISION ON THE STAFF REGULATIONS AND RULES
OF THE AFRICAN UNION
DOC. EX.CL/580(XVII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the recommendations of the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) on the Draft Staff Regulations and Rules of the African Union;
2. **RECOMMENDS** the Draft Staff Regulations and Rules to the Assembly for adoption;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to prepare and submit to the Policy Organs, the relevant Annexes to the Staff Regulations and Rules as specified in Rule 78.2 of the Staff Rules for consideration;
4. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to submit to the Executive Council through the PRC, on an annual basis, a report on the status of implementation of the Staff Regulations and Rules;



**DECISION ON THE FIRST QUATERLY REPORT OF
THE COMMISSION ON THE 2010 BUDGET EXECUTION**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the First Quarterly Report of the Commission on the 2010 Budget execution;
2. **REQUESTS** the Commission to submit the Quarterly Report together with a revenue and expenditure statement in a tabular form;
3. **RECOMMENDS** to the Assembly that the Budget for the 2012 Financial year and onwards be considered and approved at the July sessions to facilitate the timely release of funds and implementation of programmes;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to fully comply with Article 39 of the Financial Rules and Regulations until the adoption of the 2011 Budget;
5. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to ensure that all organs submit their quarterly reports and that the Commission prepares executive summary reports of all the submissions;
6. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission in collaboration with the Permanent Representatives' Committee to improve and monitor the flow of partner funds to the African Union;
7. **DECIDES** that the budget consideration process be done in two phases first for the Commission followed by separate sessions for the other Organs during budget hearings, with a view to minimizing the cost incurred;
8. **ALSO DECIDES** that the Annual policy Statement be entitled the "Annual Budget Framework Strategy".

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE AFRICAN UNION
COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL LAW
DOC. EX.CL/604(XVII)**

The Executive Council,

- 1 **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the African Union Commission on International Law (AUCIL) for January to June 2010;
- 2 **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and the General Rapporteur of AUCIL;
- 3 **EXPRESSES ITS SATISFACTION** at the progress made regarding the operationalization of AUCIL;
- 4 **WELCOMES AND ENDORSES** the decision of AUCIL to elaborate a Strategic Plan for its activities for the period 2011-2015 and **REQUESTS** AUCIL to include in its work, research and appropriate studies on the Juridical basis for reparations for slavery and other related matters inflicted on the African Continent;
- 5 **DECIDES** that the Members of AUCIL be authorized to effectively complete their mandate as from the date they commenced their work;
- 6 **REFERS** the proposals on the allowances for the Members of AUCIL and other financial matters as well as matters of an administrative nature, in particular the staffing situation at the Secretariat, to the Permanent Representatives' Committee through its relevant Sub-Committees;
- 7 **REQUESTS** AUCIL to submit a report to the Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in June/July 2011 on the implementation of this Decision.

DECISION ON THE CONTRIBUTION OF MEMBERS STATES
Doc. PRC/Rpt(XX)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC) and its recommendations on the Report of its Sub-Committee on Contributions;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the efforts by the Republic of Seychelles to pay up its arrears of contributions;
3. **COMMENDS** Member States that are up-to-date in the payment of their contributions to the regular budget and **ENCOURAGES** other members states to settle entirely and on time their assessed contributions;
4. **COMMENDS** Burundi and Sierra Leone for their commitment to continue to honor their respective payment schedules;
5. **DECIDES** to maintain sanctions against Seychelles.



**DECISION ON ECONOMIC
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL COUNCIL (ECOSOCC)
Doc. EX.CL.599/(XVII)**

The Executive Council,

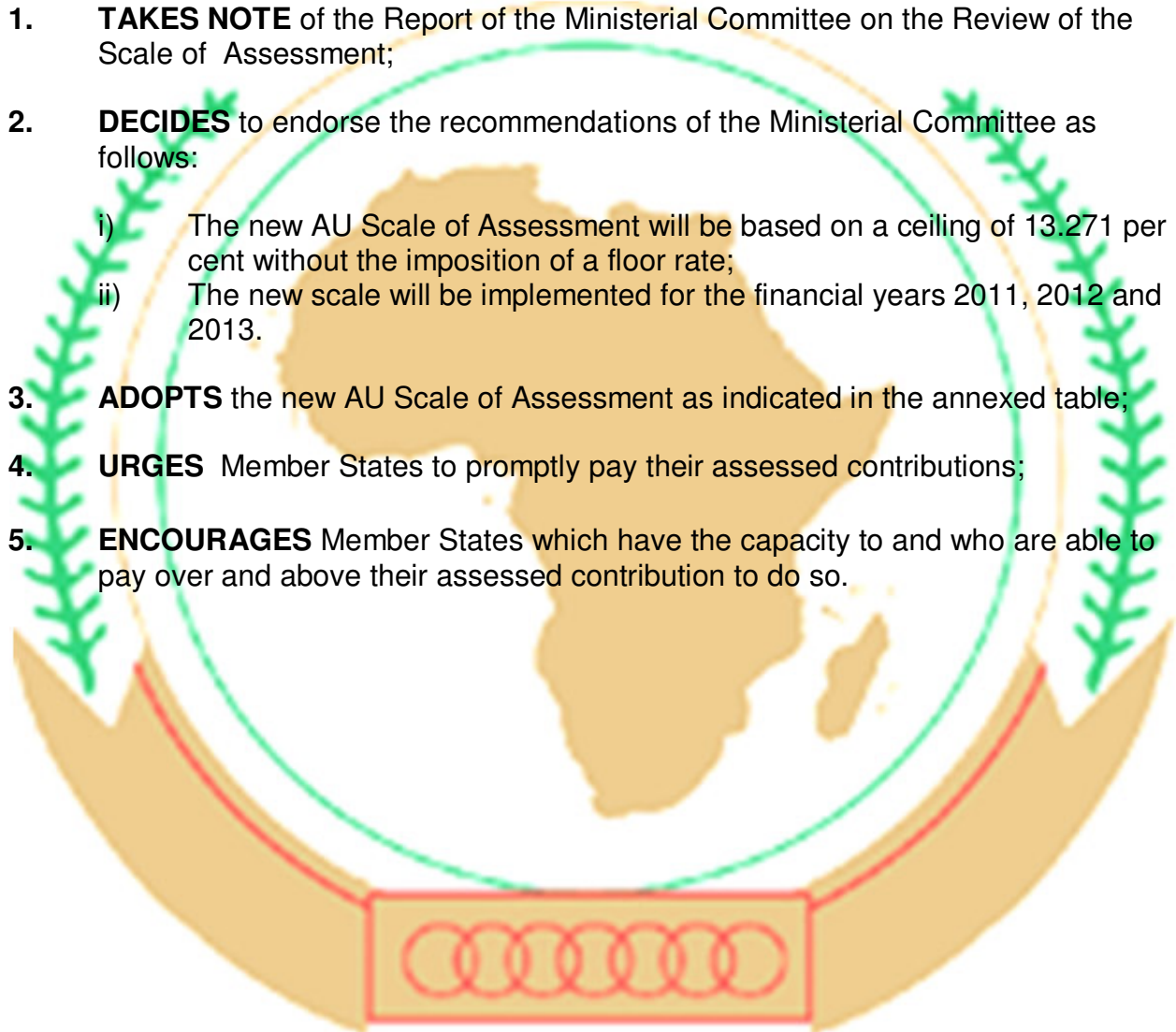
1. **WELCOMES** the progress made by the Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC) in the implementation of its mandate;
2. **REQUESTS** ECOSOCC and the Commission to take further steps, as stipulated in the ECOSOCC Report to consolidate these efforts;
3. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Standing Committee of ECOSOCC to accelerate the operationalization of its clusters and to convene appropriate statutory meetings to develop this process;
4. **FURTHER REQUESTS** ECOSOCC to submit a report on the implementation of this Decision to the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in June/July 2011.



DECISION ON THE SCALE OF ASSESSMENT
Doc. EX.CL/595(XVII)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Ministerial Committee on the Review of the Scale of Assessment;
2. **DECIDES** to endorse the recommendations of the Ministerial Committee as follows:
 - i) The new AU Scale of Assessment will be based on a ceiling of 13.271 per cent without the imposition of a floor rate;
 - ii) The new scale will be implemented for the financial years 2011, 2012 and 2013.
3. **ADOPTS** the new AU Scale of Assessment as indicated in the annexed table;
4. **URGES** Member States to promptly pay their assessed contributions;
5. **ENCOURAGES** Member States which have the capacity to and who are able to pay over and above their assessed contribution to do so.



MACHINE SCALES BASED ON VARIANT SCENARIOS							
(Addendum 2/Corrigendum 1)							
	African Union Member States	Scale based on Pure Capacity to Pay (CTP) no ceiling, no floor	Scale based on CTP ceiling =15% floor = 0.10%, 0.30% and 0.50%	Scale based on CTP ceiling = 13.271% for the Top Paying M/S: floor r=0.10%,0.30%, 0.50%	Scale based on CTP with 13.271% ceiling; no floor	Scale based on a collective ceiling=15% Top Paying M/S (col. 9 of Table 4)	Scale based on CTP with floor = 0.10%, 0.30% and 0.50%
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	Algérie	10.893	12.170	13.271	13.271	15.000	12.621
2	Angola	3.829	4.278	3.524	3.829	2.840	3.849
3	Bénin	0.400	0.500	0.500	0.400	0.300	0.500
4	Botswana	1.018	1.138	0.937	1.018	0.760	1.023
5	Burkina Faso	0.487	0.544	0.500	0.487	0.360	0.490
6	Burundi	0.063	0.100	0.100	0.063	0.050	0.100
7	Cameroun	1.862	2.080	1.714	1.862	1.380	1.872
8	Cap Vert	0.119	0.300	0.300	0.119	0.090	0.300
9	Rép. Centrafricaine	0.117	0.300	0.300	0.117	0.090	0.300
10	Tchad	0.286	0.500	0.300	0.286	0.210	0.500
11	Comores	0.034	0.100	0.100	0.034	0.020	0.100
12	Congo	0.577	0.645	0.531	0.577	0.430	0.580
13	Côte d'Ivoire	1.718	1.919	1.581	1.718	1.280	1.726
14	Rép. Dém. du Congo	0.564	0.630	0.519	0.564	0.420	0.567
15	Djibouti	0.075	0.100	0.100	0.075	0.060	0.100
16	Egypte	11.201	12.514	13.271	13.271	15.000	12.621
17	Guinée Equatoriale	1.017	1.136	0.936	1.017	0.760	1.022
18	Erythrée	0.106	0.300	0.300	0.106	0.080	0.300
19	Ethiopie	1.147	1.282	1.056	1.147	0.850	1.153

Reservations entered by the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire

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20	Gabon	0.812	0.907	0.748	0.812	0.600	0.816
21	Gambie	0.037	0.100	0.100	0.037	0.030	0.100
22	Ghana	1.055	1.179	0.971	1.055	0.780	1.061
23	Guinée	0.275	0.500	0.300	0.275	0.200	0.500
24	Guinée Bissau	0.019	0.100	0.100	0.019	0.010	0.100
25	Kenya	1.994	2.227	1.835	1.994	1.480	2.004
26	Lesotho	0.170	0.300	0.300	0.170	0.130	0.300
27	Liberia	0.037	0.100	0.100	0.037	0.030	0.100
28	Libye	5.374	6.004	13.271	13.271	15.000	12.621
29	Madagascar	0.452	0.506	0.500	0.453	0.340	0.500
30	Malawi	0.162	0.300	0.300	0.162	0.120	0.300
31	Mali	0.519	0.580	0.478	0.519	0.390	0.521
32	Mauritanie	0.225	0.300	0.300	0.225	0.170	0.300
33	Maurice	0.687	0.768	0.633	0.687	0.510	0.691
34	Mozambique	0.508	0.567	0.467	0.508	0.380	0.510
35	Namibie	0.710	0.793	0.654	0.710	0.530	0.714
36	Niger	0.274	0.500	0.300	0.274	0.200	0.500
37	Nigeria	12.621	14.100	13.271	13.271	15.000	12.621
38	Rwanda	0.223	0.300	0.300	0.223	0.170	0.300
39	RASD	0.016	0.100	0.100	0.016	0.010	0.100
40	Sao Tomé et Príncipe	0.010	0.100	0.100	0.010	0.010	0.100
41	Sénégal	0.859	0.959	0.790	0.859	0.640	0.863
42	Seychelles	0.067	0.100	0.100	0.067	0.050	0.100
43	Sierra Leone	0.125	0.300	0.300	0.125	0.090	0.300
44	Somalie	0.182	0.300	0.300	0.182	0.130	0.300
45	Afrique du Sud	26.267	15.000	13.271	13.271	15.000	12.621

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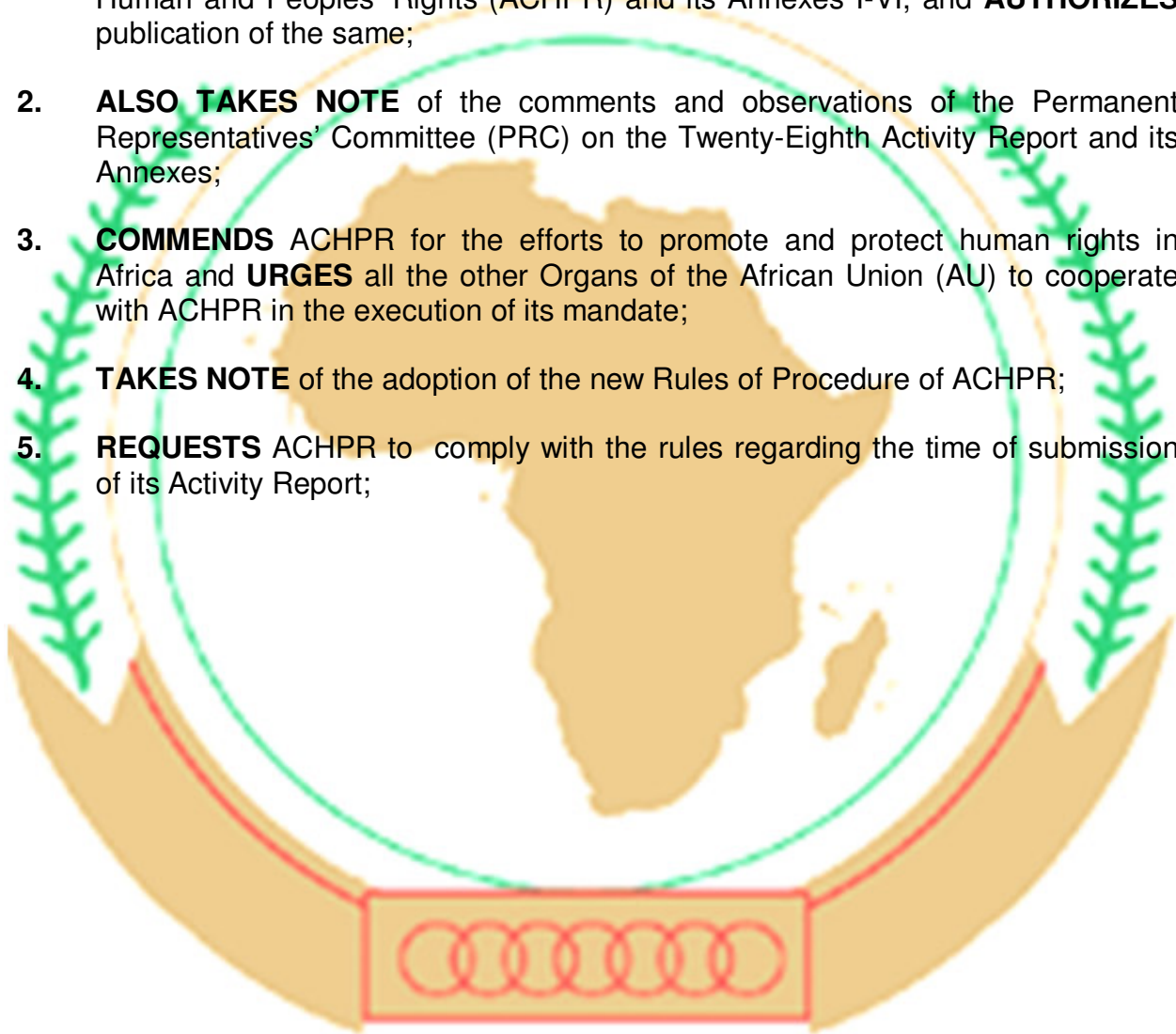
46	Soudan	4.521	5.050	4.161	4.521	3.360	4.544
47	Swaziland	0.296	0.500	0.300	0.296	0.220	0.500
48	Togo	0.177	0.300	0.300	0.177	0.130	0.300
49	Tunisie	3.007	3.360	2.768	3.007	2.230	3.023
50	Ouganda	0.806	0.900	0.742	0.806	0.600	0.810
51	Rép. Unie de la Tanzanie	1.045	1.168	0.962	1.045	0.780	1.051
52	Zambie	0.801	0.895	0.737	0.801	0.590	0.805
53	Zimbabwe	0.154	0.300	0.300	0.154	0.110	0.300
	Total	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000
	As per agreement of the group of experts, (Col.3 and Col.6) should not be considered in the new Scale of Assessment.						
	Only Columns 1, 2 and 4 are the new options for the consideration of the Ministerial Committee.						
	Column 5 is the currently used Scale of Assessment						

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**DECISION ON THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE AFRICAN
COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS
Doc.EX.CL/600(XVII)**

The Executive Council:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Twenty-Eighth Activity Report of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR) and its Annexes I-VI, and **AUTHORIZES** publication of the same;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the comments and observations of the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC) on the Twenty-Eighth Activity Report and its Annexes;
3. **COMMENDS** ACHPR for the efforts to promote and protect human rights in Africa and **URGES** all the other Organs of the African Union (AU) to cooperate with ACHPR in the execution of its mandate;
4. **TAKES NOTE** of the adoption of the new Rules of Procedure of ACHPR;
5. **REQUESTS** ACHPR to comply with the rules regarding the time of submission of its Activity Report;



**DECISION ON THE ITEM PROPOSED BY THE REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL
“A PARTNERSHIP FOR THE ELIMINATION OF MOTHER-CHILD
TRANSMISSION OF HIV IN AFRICA”
Doc. EX.CL/615(XVII)Add. 1**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the proposal of the Republic of Senegal;
2. **APPEALS** to all Member States to intensify the fight against mother-child transmission of HIV in Africa.
3. **RECOMMENDS** the proposal by the Republic of Senegal to the Assembly for consideration.



**DECISION ON THE ITEM PROPOSED BY THE REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL ON
“ACCESSION OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS
CONVENTION ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON
THE USE OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH
MAY BE DEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVELY INJURIOUS
OR TO HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS (CCW)”
Doc. EX.CL/615(XVII)Add. 2**

The Executive Council,

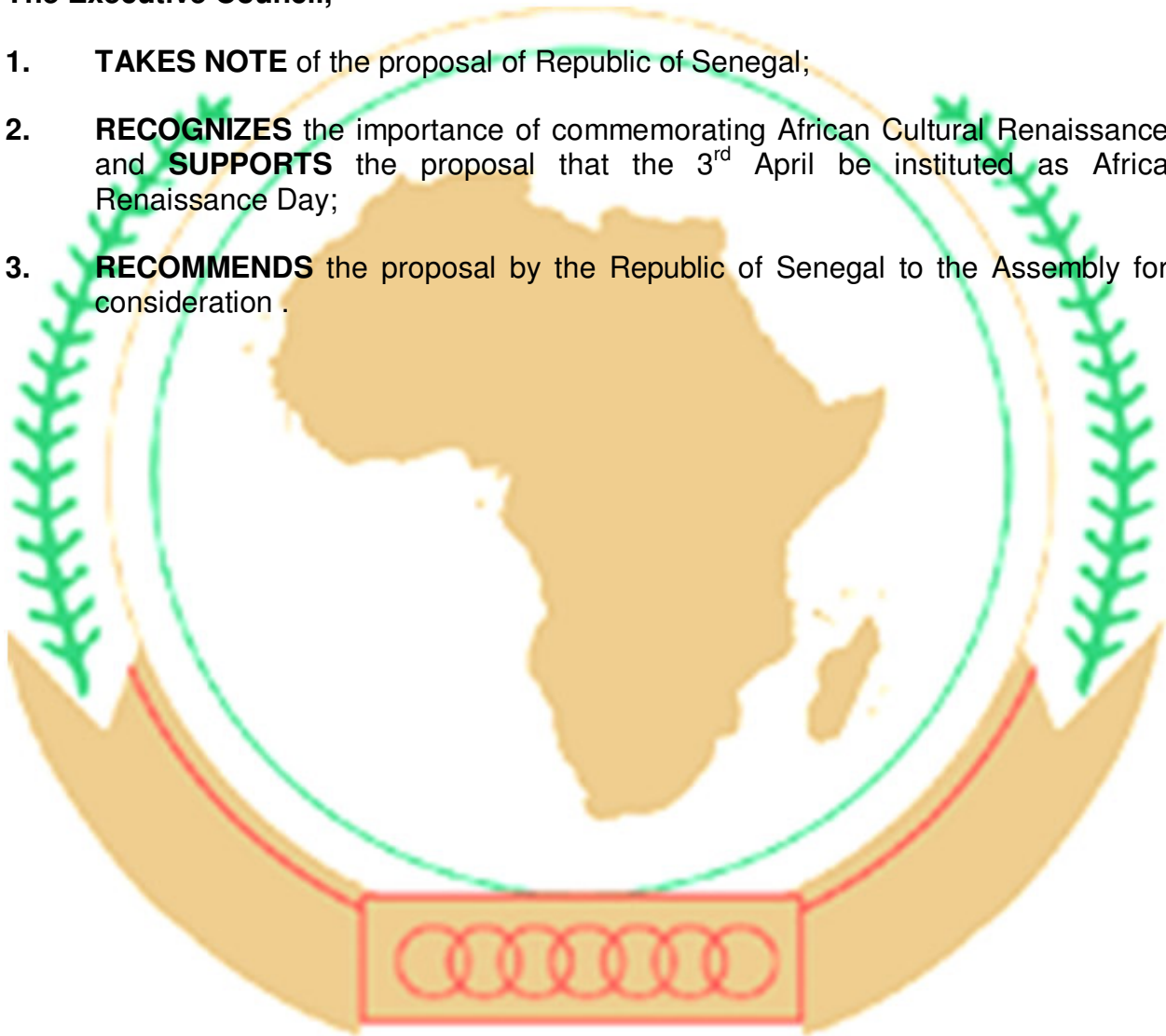
1. **TAKES NOTE** of the proposal of Republic of Senegal;
2. **RECOMMENDS** the proposal to the Assembly for consideration and guidance, especially on the role Africa should play in the accession to the Convention.



**DECISION ON THE ITEM PROPOSED BY THE REPUBLIC OF
SENEGAL ON “THE INSTITUTION OF 3RD APRIL AS
AFRICA RENAISSANCE DAY”
Doc. EX.CL/615 (XVII)Add. 3**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the proposal of Republic of Senegal;
2. **RECOGNIZES** the importance of commemorating African Cultural Renaissance and **SUPPORTS** the proposal that the 3rd April be instituted as Africa Renaissance Day;
3. **RECOMMENDS** the proposal by the Republic of Senegal to the Assembly for consideration .

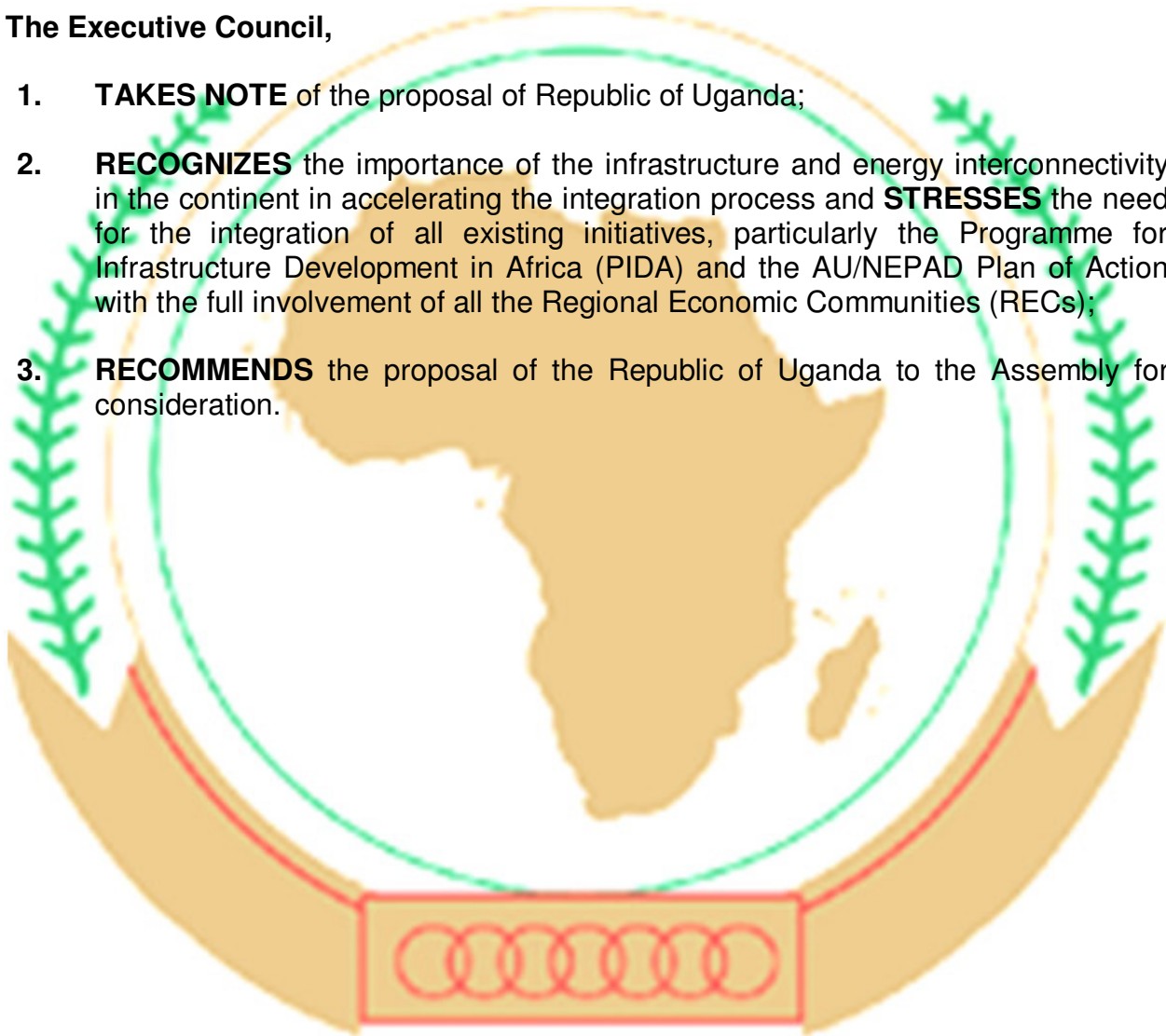


DECISION ON THE ITEM PROPOSED BY THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA ON “SOCIAL-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA: ENERGY, RAILWAY, ROAD AND ICT SECTORS”

Doc. EX.CL/615(XVII)Add. 4

The Executive Council,

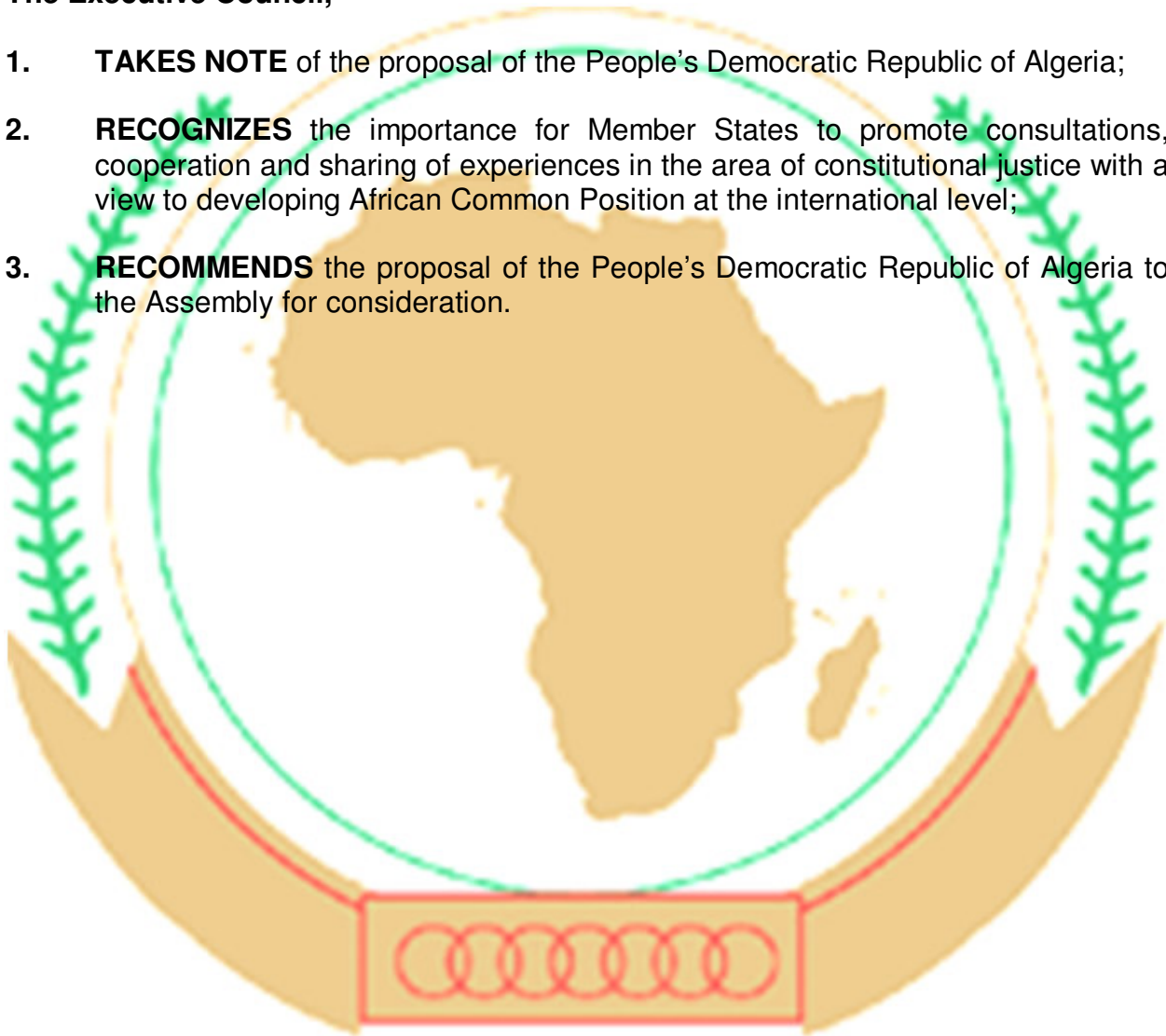
1. **TAKES NOTE** of the proposal of Republic of Uganda;
2. **RECOGNIZES** the importance of the infrastructure and energy interconnectivity in the continent in accelerating the integration process and **STRESSES** the need for the integration of all existing initiatives, particularly the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) and the AU/NEPAD Plan of Action with the full involvement of all the Regional Economic Communities (RECs);
3. **RECOMMENDS** the proposal of the Republic of Uganda to the Assembly for consideration.



**DECISION ON THE ITEM PROPOSED BY THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA ON THE "ESTABLISHMENT OF
AN AFRICAN FRAMEWORK FOR CONSTITUTIONAL JUSTICE"
Doc. EX.CL/615(XVII)Add. 5**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the proposal of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria;
2. **RECOGNIZES** the importance for Member States to promote consultations, cooperation and sharing of experiences in the area of constitutional justice with a view to developing African Common Position at the international level;
3. **RECOMMENDS** the proposal of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to the Assembly for consideration.

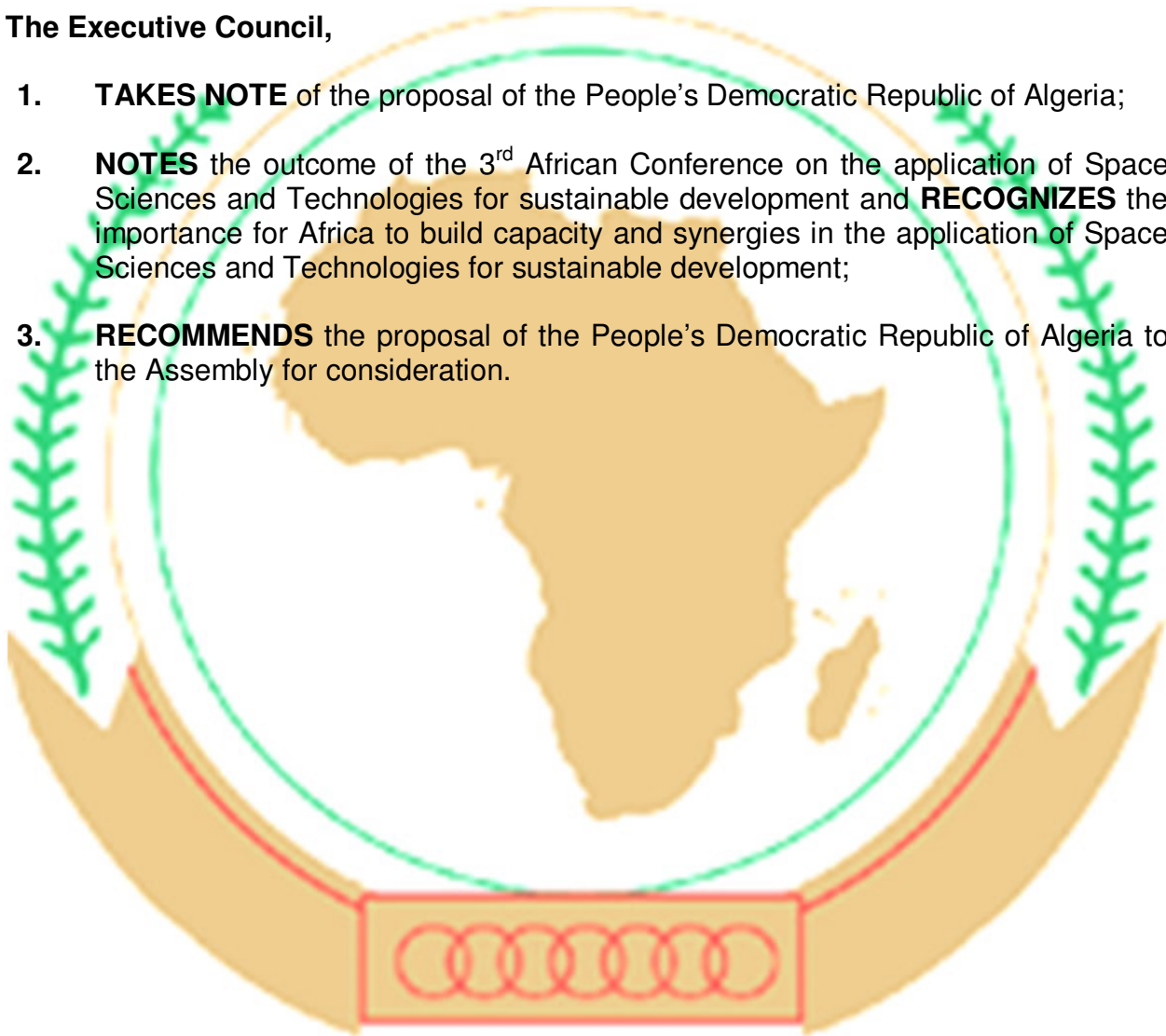


**DECISION ON THE ITEM PROPOSED BY THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA ON "THE THIRD AFRICAN CONFERENCE ON
THE APPLICATION OF SPACE SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGIES FOR
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT"**

Doc. EX.CL/615(XVII)Add. 6

The Executive Council,

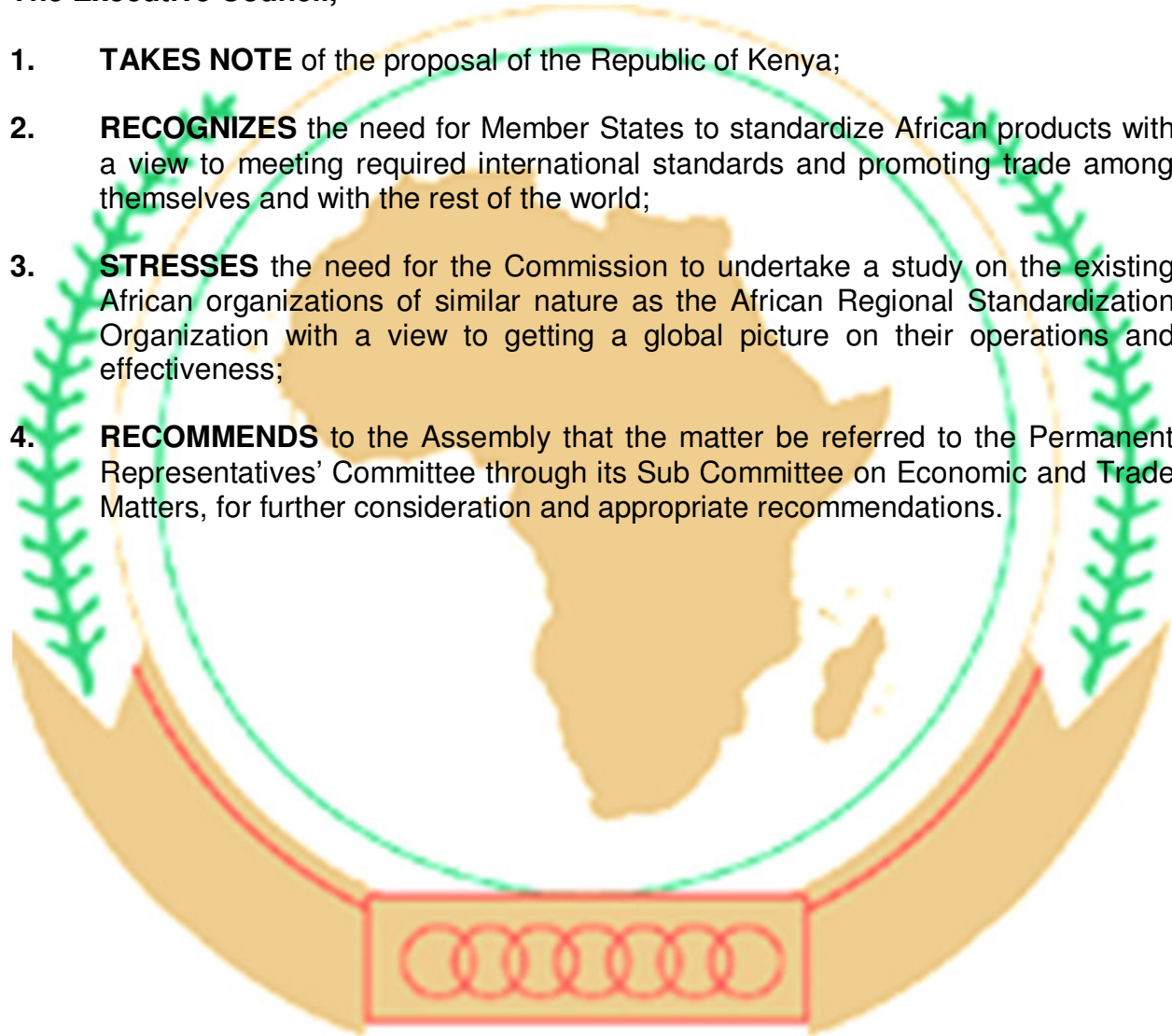
1. **TAKES NOTE** of the proposal of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria;
2. **NOTES** the outcome of the 3rd African Conference on the application of Space Sciences and Technologies for sustainable development and **RECOGNIZES** the importance for Africa to build capacity and synergies in the application of Space Sciences and Technologies for sustainable development;
3. **RECOMMENDS** the proposal of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to the Assembly for consideration.



**DECISION ON THE ITEM PROPOSED BY THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA
INTEGRATION OF THE AFRICAN REGIONAL STANDARDIZATION
ORGANIZATION INTO THE AFRICAN UNION STRUCTURES
Doc. EX.CL/615(XVII)Add. 7**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the proposal of the Republic of Kenya;
2. **RECOGNIZES** the need for Member States to standardize African products with a view to meeting required international standards and promoting trade among themselves and with the rest of the world;
3. **STRESSES** the need for the Commission to undertake a study on the existing African organizations of similar nature as the African Regional Standardization Organization with a view to getting a global picture on their operations and effectiveness;
4. **RECOMMENDS** to the Assembly that the matter be referred to the Permanent Representatives' Committee through its Sub Committee on Economic and Trade Matters, for further consideration and appropriate recommendations.

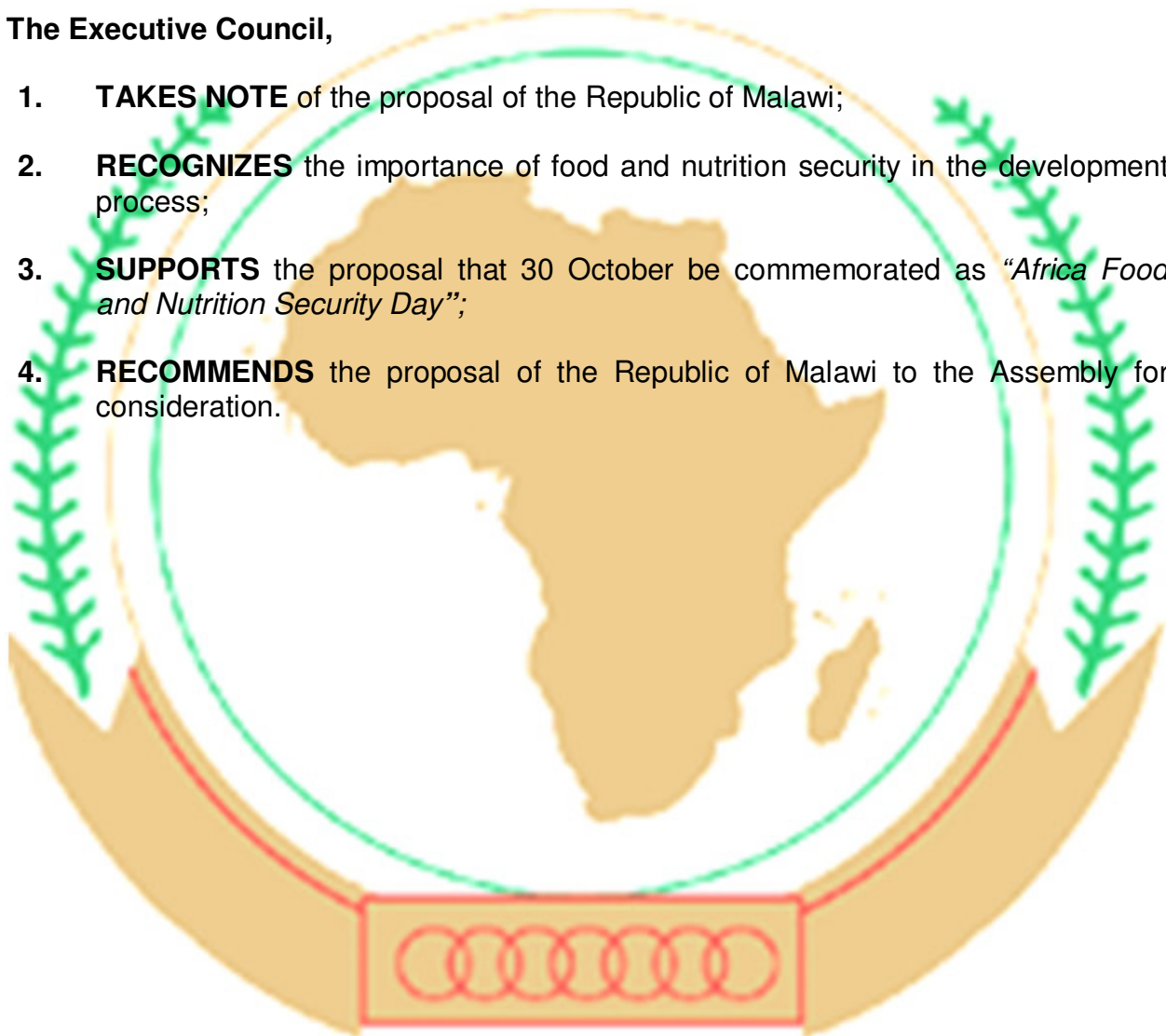


**DECISION ON THE ITEM PROPOSED BY THE REPUBLIC OF MALAWI ON
“A MEDIUM TERM POLICY FRAMEWORK AND STRATEGY FOR A FOOD
SECURE AFRICA AND COMMEMORATION OF “AFRICA
FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY DAY”**

Doc. EX.CL/615(XVII)Add. 8

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the proposal of the Republic of Malawi;
2. **RECOGNIZES** the importance of food and nutrition security in the development process;
3. **SUPPORTS** the proposal that 30 October be commemorated as “*Africa Food and Nutrition Security Day*”;
4. **RECOMMENDS** the proposal of the Republic of Malawi to the Assembly for consideration.



DECISION ON THE ITEM PROPOSED BY THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT ON “PROMOTION OF COOPERATION, DIALOGUE AND RESPECT FOR DIVERSITY IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS”
Doc. EX.CL/615(XVII)Add. 9

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the proposal of the Arab Republic of Egypt;
2. **RECOGNIZES** the importance of coordinating efforts in the implementation of human rights across the continent taking into account all the relevant legal instruments adopted by the African Union;
3. **RECOMMENDS** the proposal of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the Assembly for consideration.

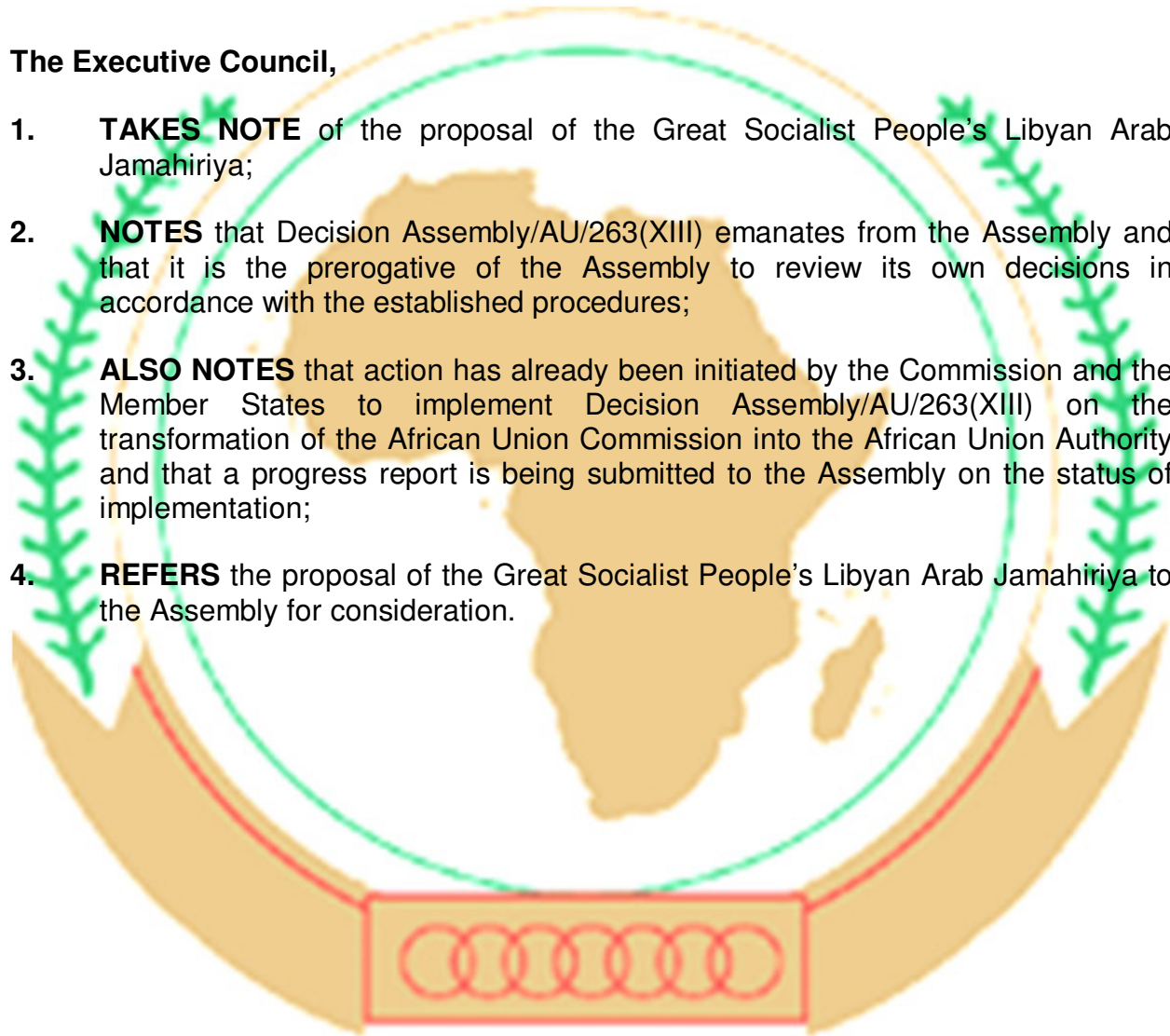


DECISION ON THE ITEM PROPOSED BY THE GREAT SOCIALIST PEOPLE'S LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA ON "RECONSIDERATION OF DECISION ASSEMBLY/AU/DEC.263(XIII) ON THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION INTO THE AFRICAN UNION AUTHORITY"

Doc. EX.CL/615(XVII)Add.10

The Executive Council,

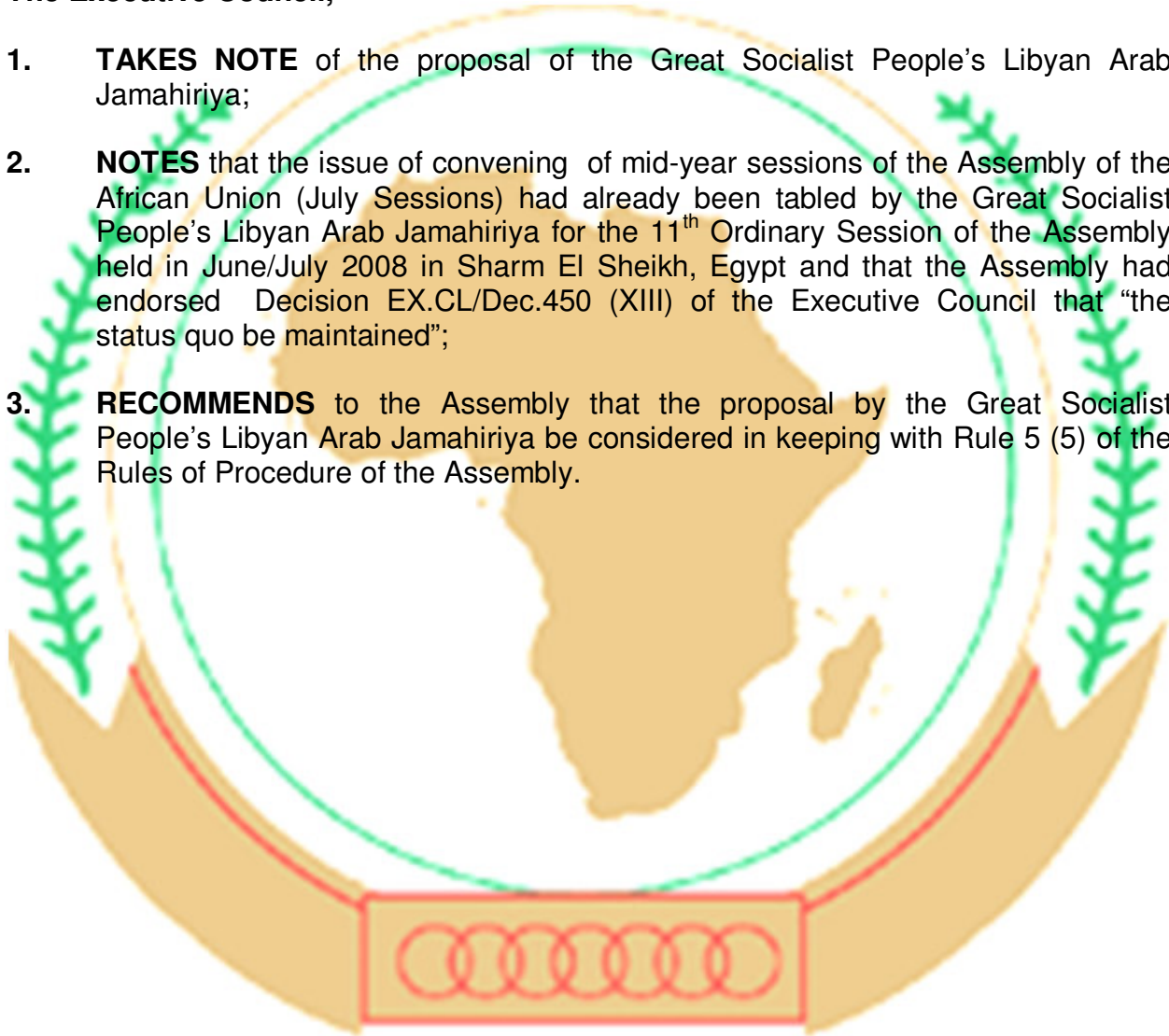
1. **TAKES NOTE** of the proposal of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya;
2. **NOTES** that Decision Assembly/AU/263(XIII) emanates from the Assembly and that it is the prerogative of the Assembly to review its own decisions in accordance with the established procedures;
3. **ALSO NOTES** that action has already been initiated by the Commission and the Member States to implement Decision Assembly/AU/263(XIII) on the transformation of the African Union Commission into the African Union Authority and that a progress report is being submitted to the Assembly on the status of implementation;
4. **REFERS** the proposal of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the Assembly for consideration.



**DECISION ON THE ITEM PROPOSED BY THE GREAT SOCIALIST PEOPLE'S
LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA "CONVENING OF MID-YEAR SESSIONS OF THE
ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION (JULY SESSIONS)"
Doc. 615(XVII)Add.11**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the proposal of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya;
2. **NOTES** that the issue of convening of mid-year sessions of the Assembly of the African Union (July Sessions) had already been tabled by the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya for the 11th Ordinary Session of the Assembly held in June/July 2008 in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt and that the Assembly had endorsed Decision EX.CL/Dec.450 (XIII) of the Executive Council that "the status quo be maintained";
3. **RECOMMENDS** to the Assembly that the proposal by the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya be considered in keeping with Rule 5 (5) of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.



**DECISION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NEPAD PLANNING AND
COORDINATING AGENCY
Doc. EX.CL/601(XVII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Activity Report presented by the Chief Executive Officer of the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA);
2. **WELCOMES** the progress made in the integration of NEPAD into the structures and processes of the African union, particularly NPCA transition, operating model and organizational design, following the Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.283(XIV). adopted by the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in February 2010 on the establishment of the NPCA as a key outcome of integration;
3. **TAKES NOTE** of the NPCA Strategic Direction based on the African Union Commission Strategic Plan 2009-2012;
4. **WELCOMES** the efforts of the Chairperson of the Commission and the NPCA Chief Executive Officer for the progress made in implementing the Assembly Decision on the integration of NEPAD into the AU Structures;
5. **NOTES** the ongoing close working relationship between the Commission and NPCA as well as with the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) resulting from the integration process of NEPAD;
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission to ensure that the Agency plays the required technical role in the continent's strategic partnerships;
7. **CALLS ON** Member States to continue to support the implementation of the NEPAD Programme including through popularizing NEPAD and the activities of the Agency.

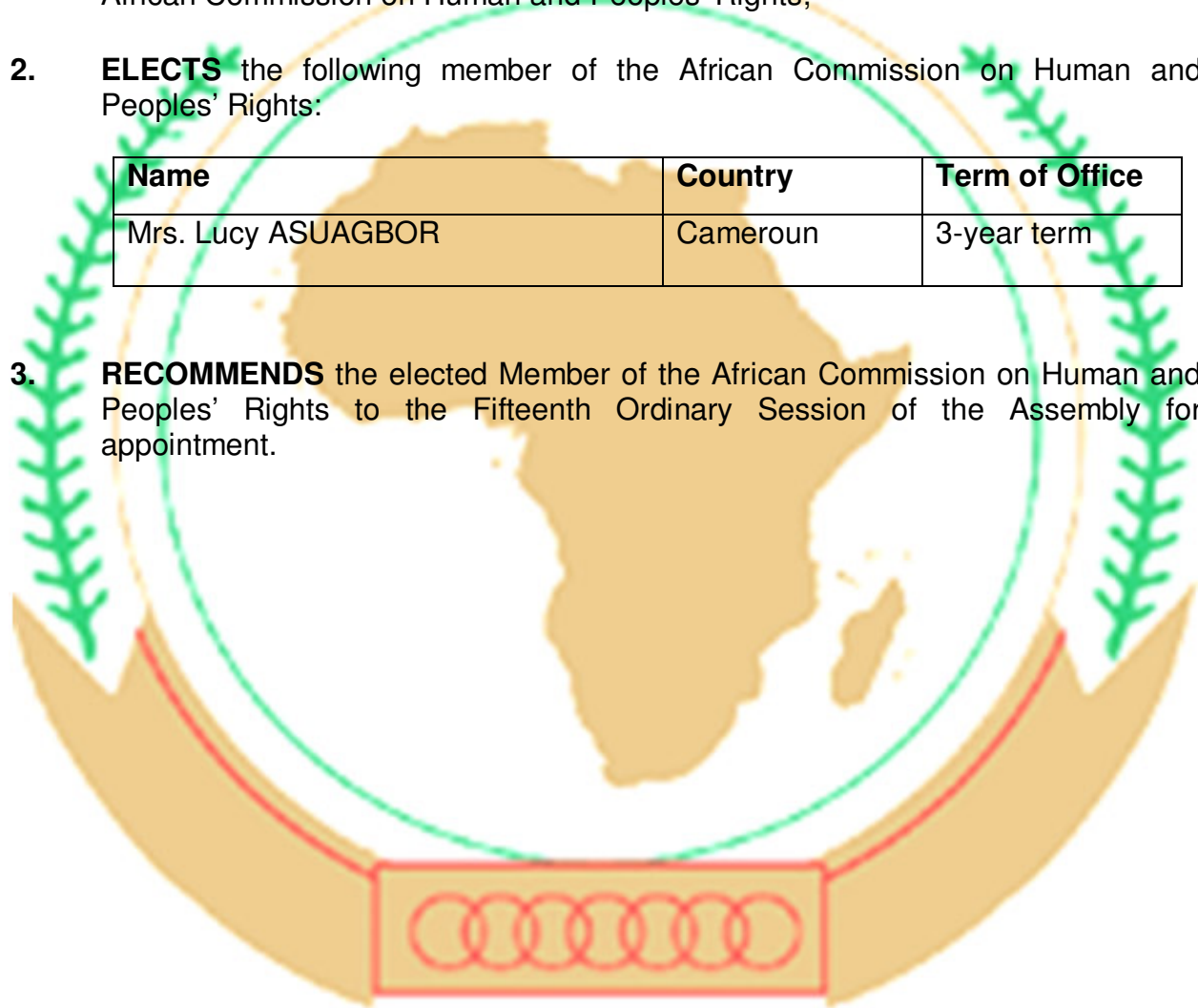
**DECISION ON ELECTION OF A MEMBER OF THE AFRICAN
COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS
DOC. EX.CL/616(XVII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on Election of a Member of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights;
2. **ELECTS** the following member of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights:

Name	Country	Term of Office
Mrs. Lucy ASUAGBOR	Cameroun	3-year term

3. **RECOMMENDS** the elected Member of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights to the Fifteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly for appointment.



**DECISION ON THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN COMMITTEE
OF EXPERTS ON THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF THE CHILD**

Doc. EX.CL/617(XVII)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Election of the Members of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child;
2. **ELECTS** the following members of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child:

No.	Name	Country	Term of Office
1.	Miss Amal Muhammad AL-HANQARI	Libya	5-year term
2.	Mr. Alfas M. CHITAKUNYE	Zimbabwe	5-year term
3.	Mr. Benyam DAWIT Mezmur	Ethiopia	5-year term
4.	Mrs. Fatima DELLADJ-SEBAA	Algeria	5-year term
5.	Mr. Clement Julius MASHAMBA	Tanzania	5-year term
6.	Ms. Félicité MUHIMPUNDU	Rwanda	5-year term

3. **RECOMMENDS** the elected members of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child to the Fifteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly for appointment.

**DECISION ON THE ELECTION OF JUDGES OF THE
AFRICAN COURT ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS**

Doc. EX.CL/618(XVII)

The Executive Council:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the election of Judges of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights:
2. **ELECTS** the following Judges of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights:

No.	Name	Country	Term of Office
1.	Mr. Fatsah OUGUERGOUZ	Algeria	6-year term
2.	Mr. Augustino S. L. RAMADHANI	Tanzania	6-year term
3.	Mr. Duncan TAMBALA	Malawi	6-year term
4.	Ms. Elsie Nwanwuri THOMPSON	Nigeria	6-year term
5.	Mr. Sylvain ORE	Côte d'Ivoire	4-year term

3. **RECOMMENDS** the elected Judges of the African Court on Human and People's Rights to the Fifteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly for appointment.

DECISION ON AFRICAN CANDIDATURES WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM
Doc. EX.CL/596(XVII)

The Executive Council,

1. ENDORSES the following candidatures:

- i) Candidature of Dr. Hamadou I. Touré of Mali for his re-election to the position of the Secretary General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) at the elections to be held during the 18th ITU Plenipotentiary Conference scheduled to take place in Guadalajara, Mexico, from 4 to 22 October 2010;
- ii) Candidature of Mr. Brahim Sanou of Burkina Faso for election to the position of Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) at the elections will be held during the 18th ITU Plenipotentiary Conference scheduled to be take place in Guadalajara. Mexico, from 4 to 22 October 2010;

2. ALSO ENDORSES the following candidatures:

- i) The Candidature of the Republic of Chad, the Republic of Mauritania, the Republic of Mauritius, the Republic of The Sudan and the Republic of Rwanda for election to the membership of the Council of ITU for the period 2010 to 2014, at the elections to be held during the 18th ITU Plenipotentiary Conference scheduled to take place in Guadalajara, Mexico, from 4 to 22 October 2010;
- ii) The Candidature of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Mali, the Republic of Senegal and the Republic of Tunisia for re-election to the membership of the Council of the ITU for the period 2010 to 2014, at the elections to be held during the 18th ITU Plenipotentiary Conference scheduled to take place in Guadalajara, Mexico, from 4 to 22 October 2010;
- iii) The Candidature of Mr. Koffi Simon of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, Mr. Haroun Mamahat Badaouy of the Republic of Chad and Mr. Stanley Kibe Kaige of the Republic of Kenya for election to the ITU Radio Regulation Board (RRB) at the elections to be held during the 18th ITU Plenipotentiary Conference scheduled to take place in Guadalajara, Mexico, from 4 to 22 October 2010;

- iv) The Candidature of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya for election to the membership of the Executive Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), 3rd Category, during the elections to be held at the 37th Session of the ICAO General Assembly in Montreal, Canada in September 2010;
- v) The Candidature of the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Republic of South Africa for re-election to the membership of the Executive Council of ICAO, during the elections to be held at the 37th Session of the ICAO General Assembly in Montreal, Canada in September 2010;
3. **TAKES NOTE** of the consultations made by the African Civil Aviation Commission on the regional representation of the African countries to the membership of the Executive Council of the ICAO and namely, Swaziland for the Southern Region, Cameroon for the Central Region, Uganda for the Eastern Region and Burkina Faso for the Western Region;
4. **ENDORSES** the following candidatures:
- i) Candidature of Dr. Smokin C. Wanjala of the Republic of Kenya for election to the membership of the United Nations Human Rights Committee for the period 2010 to 2014 at the elections to be held in New York, United States of America on 2 September 2010;
- ii) Candidature of Pr. Abdelfattah Amor of The Republic of Tunisia for re-election to the membership of the United Nations Human Rights Committee for the period 2010 to 2014 at the elections to be held in New York, United States of America on 2 September 2010;
- iii) Candidature of the Republic of The Sudan for election to the membership of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for the period 2010 to 2012 at the elections to be held in Vienna, Austria in September 2010;
- iv) Candidature of Mrs. Hadj Salah Fatiha of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria and Mr. Lotfi Ben Lallahom of the Republic of Tunisia for elections to the membership of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities for the 2010 to 2014 at the elections to be held during the 3rd Conference of the State Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in New York, United States of America in September 2010;

- v) Candidature of Mrs. Edah Wandechi Maina of the Republic of Kenya for re-election to the membership of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities for the 2010 to 2014 at the elections to be held during the 3rd Conference of State Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in New York, United States of America in September 2010.
5. **REITERATES** its support to the provisions of the previous Decision EX/CL/Dec.554(XVI) on the following Candidatures:
- i) Candidature of Dr. M. Z. Madjodina of the Republic of South Africa for re-election to the United Nations Human Rights Committee during the election to be held at the Conference of State Parties to the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights scheduled in New York, United States of America in September 2010
 - ii) Candidature of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Tunisia for election to the membership of the Board of Governors of IAEA during the elections to be held at the 54th Session of the General Assembly of IAEA in Vienna, Austria in September 2010;
 - iii) Candidature of Burkina Faso to the membership of the ITU Council at the elections to be held during the 18th ITU Plenipotentiary Conference scheduled to take place in Guadalajara, Mexico, from 4 to 22 October 2010.
 - iv) Candidature of the Republic of South Africa from non-permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council for the period 2011 to 2012 during the elections to be held in New York, United States of America in September 2010.
6. **REQUESTS** the Member States to strictly adhere to the Rules 3(3) of its Rules of Procedure;
7. **ALSO REQUESTS** the African Group in New York and the Commission to make the necessary consultations, based on the existing principle of rotation for the nomination by the United Nations Secretary General of an African Candidate to the position of Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund.



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