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DECISION ON THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE MEMBER STATES TO THE 2011 BUDGET OF THE AFRICAN UNION
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The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the Contributions of Member States;

2. **COMMENDS** Member States that are up-to-date in the payment of their contributions to the 2011 budget and those that have paid in advance part of their contributions to the 2012 budget;

3. **URGES** those Member States that have not yet paid their assessed contributions to do so in full and on time, and those that are in arrears of contribution to pay up their arrears;

4. **DECIDES** to maintain the temporary lifting of sanctions on the Democratic Republic of Congo so long as it continues to honor its commitments in compliance with the agreed payment schedule;

5. **DECIDES** to lift the sanctions imposed on the Republic of Guinea Bissau pursuant to the payment of its arrears;

6. **DECIDES** that sanctions imposed on Central African Republic be maintained.
The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Permanent Representatives’ Committee (PRC) and its recommendation to defer consideration of the 2012 budget until after the Malabo Summit;

2. **RECOMMENDS** to the Assembly that the Commission in collaboration with the PRC make proposals for amendments to the Financial Rules and Regulations to ensure implementation of Decision EX.CL/Dec.578(XVII) adopted in Kampala, Uganda, in July 2010 for consideration by the Assembly through the Executive Council in January 2012;

3. **ALSO RECOMMENDS** to the Assembly that it delegates its power to adopt the 2012 budget to the Executive Council and authorize the latter to convene in an extraordinary session in September 2011 to consider and adopt same;

4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to submit to Member States supporting documents provided for in Article 36 of the Financial Rules and Regulations in a timely manner to facilitate consideration by the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters.
The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the recommendations of the Permanent Representatives’ Committee (PRC) on the structural reforms of the African Union;

2. **DECIDES** to create the Division of Strategic Partnerships in the Office of the Chairperson of the Commission, with the following structure:
   - One (1) Head of Division (P5)
   - Four (4) Senior Policy Officers (P3)
   - Five (5) Policy officers (P2)
   - One (1) Secretary (GSA4)
   - One (1) Mail Runner (GSB6)

3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to implement this Decision gradually by recruiting staff for the Structure over a period of three (3) years, starting January 2012;

4. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Structural Reforms to finalize its work on the other structures proposed by the Commission and other organs, and submit appropriate recommendations to the Assembly, through the Executive Council, in January 2012.
DECISION ON THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF INDUSTRY
Doc. EX.CL/660(XIX)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Nineteenth Ordinary Session of the African Union Conference of Ministers of Industry (CAMI 19), held in Algiers, Algeria, on 30th and 31 March 2011, on the theme “Enhancing the Competitiveness of African Industries through Increased and Improved Value Addition”;

2. **ENDORSES** the three (3) annexes to the Implementation Strategy for the Accelerated Industrial Development of Africa (AIDA), namely, the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework, the Resource Mobilization Strategy, and the Steering Committee Framework;

3. **ALSO ENDORSES** the Declaration on Enhancing the Competitiveness of African Industries through Increased and Improved Value Addition that was adopted in Algiers, Algeria, on 31 March 2011;

4. **FURTHER ENDORSES** the recommendations of the Conference, in particular on the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework; the Resource Mobilization Strategy; the Steering Committee Framework; and the sectoral themes - Adding value to commodities through agribusiness value chain development (3ADI); Mineral Resources Processing in Africa; and improving access to essential medicines by African pharmaceutical industries;

5. **ENDORSES** the vote adopted in Algiers, Algeria, on 31 March 2011, calling on the United Kingdom of Great Britain to re-consider its decision of withdrawing its membership to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO);

6. **CALLS ON** Member States, the Commission, the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), the private sector institutions, development partners and other stakeholders, to take necessary measures for the effective implementation of AIDA;

7. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with RECs, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and other African and international partners to mobilize resources through the framework of the resource mobilization strategy for Africa’s industrialization;

8. **WELCOMES** the offer by the Republic of Kenya to host the Twentieth Session of CAMI in 2013;
9. **REQUESTS** the Commission to follow-up on the implementation of the outcomes of the Conference and to report to the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in January 2012.
DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE EIGHTH ORDINARY SESSION OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION OF THE AFRICAN UNION
Doc.EX.CL/661(XIX)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report and the Declaration of the Eighth Ordinary Session of the Labour and Social Affairs Commission of the African Union (LSAC8), held in Yaoundé, Cameroon, from 11 to 15 April 2011, and of the recommendations contained therein, as well as the Yaoundé Declaration on Promoting Employment for Social Cohesion and Inclusive Growth;

2. **ENDORSES** the decisions of the LSAC8, in particular, with regard to the following:

   (i) Adoption of the Social Protection Plan for the Informal Economy and Rural Workers (SPIREWORK) towards the provision of social protection coverage for the informal economy, and rural workers and members of their families;

   (ii) To reduce Youth and Women unemployment by at least two percent (2%) annually over the next five (5) years; in this regard, Member States and RECs should maintain, extend and harmonize Labour Market Information systems in support of employment policy formulation, implementation and evaluation;

   (iii) The organization of a special session of LSAC on the progress of implementation of the Ouagadougou 2004 Declaration and Plan of Action;

   (iv) Collaboration between the Commission and international partners in developing the youth employment initiative in support to post-conflict countries within the framework of the stabilization, reconstruction and development processes;

3. **WELCOMES** the offer by the Republic of Congo to host the Ninth Session of LSAC in 2013;

4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to follow-up on the implementation of the outcomes of the LSAC8 and report regularly to the Executive Council.
DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE FIFTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF HEALTH
Doc. EX.CL/662(XIX)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Fifth Session of the African Union Conference of Ministers of Health (CAMH5), held in Windhoek, Namibia, from 17 to 21 April 2011, and of the recommendations contained therein, as well as the Windhoek Declaration on Impact of Climate Change on Health and Development in Africa and Africa’s Common Position to the High-Level Meeting of the UN General Assembly Special Session on AIDS;

2. **ENDORSES** the recommendations of the Fifth Session of CAMH, in particular, the following:

   (i) Member States should develop Emergency Preparedness Plans as a proactive measure and invest in interventions such as environmental impact assessments and early warning systems;

   (ii) The need for Ministries of Health to strengthen their role in decision making on matters of national development – especially climate change;

   (iii) The Continent should explore the adoption of available technologies to address some of its pressing challenges, including the use of dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (DDT) to eradicate Malaria in Africa;

   (iv) The need for WHO to update and share the Regional Disaster and Response Strategy, taking into account best practices of African countries that experienced disasters;

   (v) The leadership of the Commission and Heads of State and Government was fundamental;

   (vi) The Continent should explore the development of a central and well coordinated funding mechanism that is capable of responding to multiple challenges in an integrated manner;

   (vii) Member States agreed to have a CARMMA week in November 2011;

   (viii) Newborn death audits to be prioritized in addition to maternal death audits being done by Member States in order to strengthen operational research and input into program planning;

   (ix) Promote the World Health Assembly decision on breastfeeding;
(x) Scale up on the provision of Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission on HIV (PMTCT) services as strategic services to improve maternal and child health status;

(xi) Explore and implement strategies to promote male involvement in CARMMA campaign and programmes to enhance maternal, newborn and child health status.

3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to facilitate implementation of the recommendations of CAMH5;

4. **ACKNOWLEDGES** that the Bureau of CAMH5 and the Chairperson of the Commission duly transmitted Africa’s Common Position to the Co-Chairs and the Africa Group in New York during the recently concluded United Nations General Assembly High Level Meeting on HIV and AIDS; which effectively contributed to the adoption of the political Declaration on HIV and AIDS as well as the UN Resolution 1893 (2011) by the 6547th Security Council meeting of 7 June 2011;

5. **WELCOMES** the offer by the Republic of Algeria to host the Sixth Session of the CAMH in 2013;

6. **REQUESTS** the Commission to follow-up on the implementation of the outcomes of the Conference and report regularly to the Executive Council.
DECISION ON THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE THIRD JOINT RETREAT BETWEEN
THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE AND
THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION,
Doc. EX.CL/663(XIX)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Conclusions of the Third Joint Retreat between the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) and the African Union Commission held in Nazareth, Ethiopia, from 31 March to 2 April 2011;

2. **ADOPTS** the Guidelines on the preparation, adoption and reporting on the implementation of Decisions;

3. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in close collaboration with the PRC, prepares guidelines/criteria on minimum requirements for the Hosting of Summits (Standard Host Agreement), holding of side events during Summits, and submission of items proposed by Member States;

4. **CALLS UPON** the Commission and the PRC to strengthen their working relations aimed at attaining an effectively and efficiently run organization in accordance with all the Regulations and Rules of the African Union;

5. **URGES** all Member States and the Commission to adopt concrete measures to operationalize without delay, decisions so far taken on the issue of alternative sources of funding the activities of the Union;

6. **DECIDES** in particular that the following be observed:

   - **On themes, their structure and periodicity:**
     
     • One Theme per year should be retained at the January Session and would be the same also for Africa Day (25 May);
   
   - **On Summit Venues and Host Agreement:**
     
     • The PRC should be part of the evaluation mission in the preparation of Summits through its Representative;

   - **On items proposed by Member States:**
     
     (i) Adherence to criteria for proposing such items as spelt out in the Guidelines on the preparation and adoption of Decisions. The Commission and the PRC should act as the clearing house for these items;
(ii) Harmonization should be ensured and duplication with existing Decisions and Programmes avoided. Member States and Line Departments should work in close collaboration in this respect;

(iii) The Legal, financial and structural implications of proposed Decisions should be established prior to their adoption in accordance with the Rules of Procedure;

(iv) The procedure and timing for reintroducing items for which Decisions have been taken should be worked out.

- On invitation of Guests of Honor List of Speakers at Executive Council and Assembly Opening and Closing Sessions:

  - Addressing the Assembly or the Executive Council by Guests and Observers should be done in strict observance of Rule 10 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and Rule 11 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council.

7. **REQUESTS** the Commission in collaboration with the PRC that in the ongoing preparatory process for the celebration of the OAU/AU, should consider the possibility of publishing a “Jubilee Book” which would encompass the achievements of the Organization in political, economic and social fields, the challenges encountered and future prospects; in implementation of the January 2011 Summit Decision on the celebrations of the 50th Anniversary of the OAU/AU;

8. **EMPHASIZES** the need to respect time for starting meetings, to keep to the time allocated and to observe decorum in interventions during PRC and its Sub-Committees’ meetings in line with the established rules;

9. **TAKES NOTE** of the progress made on service delivery and **URGES** the Commission to continue its efforts to enhance fairness, transparency and accountability in the Management of the Commission and coordination of other Organs;

10. **AGREES** on the establishment of synergies between Commission and PRC with regard to contributions by AU Partners, who should support the AU-owned plans and Programmes;

11. **REQUESTS** the Commission to propose practical modalities for the rationalization of Sectoral Ministerial Conferences in view of the fourteen (14) Specialized Technical Committees (STCs) created by Assembly Decision/AU/Dec.227 (XII) of January 2009;

12. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission in consultation with the PRC to identify issues to be discussed during the January/February and June/July Summits
respectively and to make appropriate recommendations to the Executive Council at its 20th Ordinary Session in January 2012;

13. **REQUESTS** the Commission to initiate a review of the class of travel and payment of per diem to members of the PRC and representatives of Member States on official mission of the AU so as to ensure harmony with conditions offered to AUC officials;

14. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with the PRC, to report on the implementation of the various recommendations of the PRC-AUC Retreat held in Nazareth from 31 March to 2 April 2011, including the preparation of the various above-mentioned guidelines/criteria, at the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in January 2012.
DECISION ON THE STATUS OF SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION OF OAU/AU TREATIES
DOC. EX.CL/664(XIX)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the Status of signature and ratification of OAU/AU Treaties;

2. **WELCOMES** the efforts made by the Commission and Member States towards signature, ratification/accession of OAU/AU Treaties during the period February to June 2011;

3. **REITERATES** its appeal to Member States to prioritize and accelerate the signing and ratification/accession to OAU/AU Treaties;

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. **INVITES** all States parties to the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Establishment of an African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights that have not yet so to make a declaration accepting the competence of the Court to receive cases under article 5 (3) of this Protocol;

6. **TAKES NOTE** of the efforts made by the other AU organs as well as the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), International and Regional Organisations, and Civil Society towards advocacy and sensitisation of Member States to expedite the process of ratification of/accession to OAU/AU Treaties and requests them to persist in these efforts;

7. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to expedite the implementation of previous decisions on the review of OAU/AU Treaties;

8. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to follow up on this matter and report regularly to the Executive Council on the implementation of this Decision.
DECISION ON THE SITUATION IN PALESTINE AND THE MIDDLE EAST
Doc. EX.CL/667(XIX)

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 OAU/AU on the Situation in Palestine and the Middle East;

2. **COMMENDS** the Egyptian authorities for opening the Rafah border cross thus easing a four-year blockade on the Gaza Strip;

3. **WELCOMES** the signing of the agreement that sealed the reconciliation between Hamas and Fatah, in Cairo, Egypt on 4 May 2011, and **COMMENDS** Egypt in facilitating this Agreement;

4. **REGRETS** the lack of progress in the peace process and the stalling in of talks between Palestinians and Israelis, under the auspices of the United States;

5. **REITERATES** its unflinching solidarity with the Palestinian people and **CONDEMNS** the Israeli policy of occupation and aggression;

6. **URGES** the Israeli Government to cease settlements activities in the entire Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, including Al-Quds Al-Sharif (Jerusalem); **DENOUNCES** Israeli inhuman practices against Palestinian prisoners and detainees; and **EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN** about the worsening humanitarian situation and economic deterioration in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, due to Israel illegal activities;

7. **REQUESTS** the resumption of peace talks between the Palestinians and Israelis and **REAFFIRMS** its support for a peaceful solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict on the basis of the principles of the international law and all relevant United Nations (UN) resolution, with an emphasis on the establishment of an independent Palestinian state existing on the borders of 4 June 1967, with Al-Quds Al-Sharif (Jerusalem) as its capital;

8. **CALLS UPON** all Members States, especially those Members of the United Nations Security Council, to support the Palestinian efforts during the next session of the UN General Assembly to obtain full membership to the UN for the State of Palestine based on the 1967 lines with East Jerusalem as its capital, and **URGES** all Member States which have not yet done so to recognize the State of Palestine to do so as soon as possible;

9. **CALLS UPON** the UN Security Council to convene an emergency session to address the status of the Palestinian State.
The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Humanitarian Situation in Africa;

2. **EXPRESSES CONCERN** about the recent difficult humanitarian situation unfolding on the continent causing mass movements of people within the Continent and beyond, thus overwhelming humanitarian workers with the magnitude of the problem;

3. **WELCOMES** the support and assistance demonstrated by Member States in the spirit of burden sharing towards the victims of forced displacement arising out of conflicts, disasters, insecurity, and violations of human rights in spite of the severe constraints they face;

4. **EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE** to Member States, donor countries and to the international community at large for their positive responses to the appeals made in view of the urgency, magnitude and complexity of the humanitarian crisis to the millions of people who have fallen victims to the prevailing situation in North Africa;

5. **CALLS UPON** relevant development oriented organizations and agencies to review and enhance their capacities to respond promptly and adequately to the demands of the ever changing humanitarian situations for the forced displacement of populations;

6. **REQUESTS** the Commission to explore the possibility of directly arranging the procurement of relief materials and in collaboration with partners arrange direct emergency response;

7. **URGES** Member States and the Commission to examine various lasting solutions and make appropriate recommendations to Council in accordance with the Implementation of the Action Plan of the African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala Convention);

8. **COMMENDS** the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC) through its Sub-Committee on Refugees for its work in furthering the protection of forced displacement populations in accordance with its Programme of Activities and **STRESSES** the need to continue addressing the problem in practical terms and to present the true picture of humanitarian issues in the Continent;
9. **FURTHER COMMENDS** the five (5) Member States that have so far ratified the Kampala Convention and **APPEALS** once again to Member States that have not yet done so to consider signing and or ratifying the Convention as soon as possible, and adhere to all its provisions;

10. **NOTES** the progress made by the Commission in carrying out its programmes and activities in the area of forced displacement and **REQUESTS** the Commission to exert further efforts in accordance with the various decisions of the Executive Council;

11. **CALLS UPON** the Commission to explore new avenues for raising extra-budgetary resources to supplement Member States efforts in the implementation of the Plan of Action on the Outcomes of the 2009 Kampala AU Special Summit on Refugees, Returnees and IDPs and report back on the developments to the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in January 2012.
The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the submission for the first time of the Report of the Commission on the African Union (AU)-United Nations (UN) Ten (10) Year Capacity Building Programme (TYCBP);

2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the recommendations of the Eleventh Session of the RCM and in particular, requests the UN system to buttress the implementation of the TYCBP through the provision of adequate, regular and sustained funding;

3. **RECOGNIZES** the important contribution that the TYBCP can make to the enhancement of the capacity of the Commission to effectively deliver on its mandate to assist in the development of the continent;

4. **WELCOMES** the renewed efforts by the Commission, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, the rest of the UN system and other members of the RCM to enhance the implementation of the TYCBP, including the ongoing AU-UN joint process to elaborate a capacity building programme of work for the Commission and the New Partnership for Africa's Development Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA), based on the Strategic Plan and priorities of the Commission;

5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report regularly to the Executive Council on the programme and that such reports focus more on results and concrete deliverables beyond the institutional and organizational issues.
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. **COMMENDS** Members of ACERWC for the various actions undertaken on the promotion and protection of children’s rights in Africa;

3. **CALLS UPON** Member States that have not yet submitted their Reports in compliance with the provisions of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child to do so and **URGES** those that have not yet ratified the Charter to accelerate the process;

4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to implement Decision EX.CL/Dec.441(XIII) adopted by the Thirteenth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council held in Sharm El Sheikh from 24 to 28 June 2008 to allocate a separate budget to ACERWC starting from 2012 financial year;

5. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to involve ACERWC in negotiations and field missions in conflict areas which might have impact on children rights;


7. **REQUESTS** ACERWC to submit a report on its activities in June/July 2012.
DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL COUNCIL OF THE UNION (ECOSOCC)
Doc. EX.CL/677(XIX)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Economic, Social and Cultural Council of the Union (ECOSOCC);

2. **WELCOMES** the efforts of the Standing Committee of ECOSOCC to implement the decision of Council on the operationalization of Sectoral and cluster Committees as key operational mechanisms of ECOSOCC and the results achieved so far;

3. **REQUESTS** the Standing Committee as the coordinating unit of ECOSOCC to accelerate and consolidate these efforts and submit a framework report to the Ordinary Session of Council in June/July 2012;

4. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Standing Committee to take appropriate steps to facilitate the mid-term elections of the Bureau and Standing Committee as well as subsequent elections into the General Assembly in 2012 in accordance with the Statutes of ECOSOCC;

5. **ENCOURAGES** ECOSOCC delegates in Member States of the Union to liaise with and take advantage of ECOSOCC National Chapters, where they exist, as outreach facilities to disseminate information about the activities of ECOSOCC and the African Union;

6. **CALLS UPON** Member States of the Union and the Commission to support ECOSOCC in achieving these objectives.
DECISION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE AFRICAN UNION
ADVISORY BOARD ON CORRUPTION
Doc. EX.CL/680(XIX)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the Activities of the Advisory Board on Corruption;

2. **WELCOMES** the progress made in the implementation of Decision EX.CL/Dec.603 (XVII) on the Activities of the African Union Board on Corruption adopted by the Seventeenth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in Kampala, Uganda, requesting the Commission to fully operationalize the Secretariat for the Advisory Board on Corruption;

3. **CALLS ON** all stakeholders, including Member States, the Commission and other relevant AU policy organs to strengthen the financial and human resources of the Secretariat to enable the Board to fulfill its mandate in an efficient manner;

4. **URGES** Member States that have not yet signed and ratified the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption to do so, and inform the Commission of their designated National Anti-Corruption Authority;

5. **ALSO URGES** States Parties to the Convention to set up and empower National Anti-Corruption Bodies as required under Article 20 of the Convention;

6. **REQUESTS** the Board to report on progress made to the ordinary session of the Executive Council in June/July 2012.
The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the African Union Commission on International Law (AUCIL) for June 2010 to June 2011;

2. **WELCOMES** the progress made by AUCIL and **ENCOURAGES** the latter to pursue its work in carrying out its mandate;

3. **REQUESTS** AUCIL to submit its proposals on its work programme and its 2010-2013 Strategic Plan to the Permanent Representatives’ Committee (PRC) through its Sub-Committee on Programmes and Conferences;

4. **ALSO REQUESTS** AUCIL to submit a report on its activities to the Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in June/July 2012.
DECISION ON THE ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE AFRICAN COURT ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES’ RIGHTS
Doc. EX.CL/649(XIX)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights (AfCHPR) for the period January to May 2011 and the recommendations contained therein, as well as the activities undertaken by the Court during the period under consideration;

2. **REQUESTS** the immediate implementation of the 2011 budget of AfCHPR with regards to the status of Judges;

3. **REQUESTS** the Permanent Representatives’ Committee (PRC) through its Sub-Committee on Structural Reforms to consider the Court’s proposal on the new structure of its Registry and submit appropriate recommendations for consideration by the Executive Council at its next session in January 2012;

4. **REITERATES** its appeal to Member States which have not yet done so to sign and ratify the Protocol on the Establishment of the African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights;

5. **INVITES** States Parties to the Protocol, which have not yet done so, to make the declaration accepting the jurisdiction of the Court to receive applications from individuals and non-governmental organizations, and allow them access to the Court, after they have exhausted national remedies;

6. **ENCOURAGES** AfCHPR and the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights (ACHPR) to work in close collaboration in their respective mandates to promote and protect human rights on the continent;

7. **REQUESTS** the Commission in collaboration with AfCHPR to finalize the process of examining the implications of AfCHPR being empowered to try international crimes and report thereon to the Assembly, through the Executive Council in January 2012.
DECISION ON MULTILATERAL COOPERATION
Doc. EX.CL/655(XIX)iii

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the recommendations of the Permanent Representatives Committee on Multilateral Cooperation and **ENDORSES** the Declaration and the Africa-India Framework for enhanced cooperation of the Second Africa-India Forum Summit;

2. **WELCOMES** the successful holding of the Second Africa-India Forum Summit under the theme: Enhancing Partnership: Shared Vision;

3. **ALSO EXPRESSES** appreciation and gratitude to the Prime Minister and the Government of India for the various institutions, training Centers and Human Settlement Housing Scheme being provided to Africa and new initiatives announced at the Summit to boost the partnership;

4. **REQUESTS** the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation and the Commission to work with the Government of India to revise the existing Joint Plan of Action within six months to fully reflect the Enhanced Framework for Cooperation, with a follow-up mechanism;

5. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission in collaboration with the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation to make concrete proposals for inclusion in the revised Joint Plan of Action;

6. **ENDORSES** the proposal to hold the Third Africa-India Forum Summit in India in 2014;

7. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the PRC, in collaboration with the Commission, to complete the Global Studies on Africa’s Strategic Partnership and on the Representative Offices and submit a report thereon to the Executive Council in January 2012;

8. **URGES** the PRC, through its Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation, and the Commission to deploy concerted efforts, in consultation with all stakeholders, to prepare for the Third Africa-South America (ASA) Summit in the last quarter of 2011.
DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL PANEL FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION
Doc. EX.CL/674(XIX)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Ministerial Panel for the Election of Members of the Commission and the Draft Modalities for the Election of Members of the Commission as finalized by the Ministerial Panel;

2. **ADOPTS** the Modalities for the Election of Members of the Commission;

3. **URGES** all Member States to adhere to the timeframe for the elections process set out in the Modalities for the Election of Members of the Commission;

4. **AUTHORIZES** the necessary expenditure for the work of the Ministerial Panel and the related activities to be funded from virement or arrears of contributions.
DECISION ON THE ELECTION OF ONE (1) MEMBER OF THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL LAW (AUCIL)
Doc. EX.CL/682(XIX)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on Election of a Member of the African Union Commission on International Law;

2. **ELECTS** the following member of the African Union Commission on International Law for a **one (1)-year term**:

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3. **RECOMMENDS** the elected member of the African Union Commission on International Law to the Seventeenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly for appointment.
DECISION ON THE ELECTION OF FIVE MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES’ RIGHTS (ACHPR)
Doc. EX.CL/683(XIX)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the election of five (5) members of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights;

2. **ELECTS** the following members of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights:

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<td>5.</td>
<td>Mr. Pacifique MANIRAKIZA</td>
<td>Burundi</td>
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3. **RECOMMENDS** the elected members of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights to the Seventeenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly for appointment.
DECISION ON AFRICAN CANDIDATURES FOR POSTS
WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM
Doc. EX.CL/673(XIX)

The Executive Council,

1. **APPROVES** the following candidatures:

   i) Ms. Fatou Bomm Bensouda of The Gambia as the sole African candidate for election to the post of Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court (ICC); in conformity with African Union procedures for consideration and determination of African candidatures within the international system. The elections are due to take place at the 10th Session of the Assembly of States Parties at the United Nations Headquarters, New York, USA, from 12 to 25 December 2011;

   ii) Judge Vinod Boolell of Mauritius for the post of Judge at the International Criminal Court (ICC) during the election due to take place in New York, USA, in December 2011;

   iii) Professor Maurice Kamto of Cameroon for re-election to membership of the International Law Commission of the United Nations during the elections scheduled to take place at the 66th Session of General Assembly in New York, USA, in September 2011.

2. **ALSO APPROVES** the following candidature:

   i) Republic of Togo for election to one of the non-permanent seats on the United Nations Security Council for the period 2012-2013 during elections scheduled to take place at the 66th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, USA, in September 2011.

3. **DECIDES TO FURTHER APPROVE** the following candidatures:

   i) Republic of Senegal for election to membership of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee (WHC) for the period 2011 – 2014 during elections due to take place in Paris, France, in October 2011;

   ii) Ms. Rachida Zadam of Algeria for election to membership of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee (WHC) for the period 2011 – 2012 during elections due to take place in Paris, France, in October 2011;

   iii) Ambassador Bishar Abdirahman Hussein of Kenya for election to the post of Director General of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) during election due to take place in Doha, Qatar, from 24 September to 15 October 2012;

   iv) Mr. Ludovic Utouh of Tanzania for election to membership of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the period 2012 – 2018 during elections due to take place at the 66th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, USA, in September 2011;
v) Mr. Jean Christian Obame of Gabon for election to membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the period 2012 – 2014 during elections scheduled to take place 66th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, USA, in November 2011;

vi) Tunisia for election to membership of UNESCO Executive Board for the period 2011-2015 during elections due to take place at the 36th Session of UNESCO General Conference in Paris, France, in October 2011;

vii) Dr. Yohannes Kassahun of Ethiopia for election to the post of Director General of International Development Law Organization during elections scheduled to take place in Rome, Italy, in November 2011.

4. TAKES NOTE of the conclusions of the consultations carried out by the African Group in New York on representation in the organs of the United Nations System:

i) The candidatures of Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Libya, Lesotho and Nigeria for membership of the United Nations Economic and Social Council during elections due to take place at the 66th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, USA;


iii) The candidature of Zambia for membership of the Governing Council of the World Food Programme (WFP) during elections due to take place in New York, USA, in July 2011.

5. TAKES NOTE ALSO of the results of the elections conducted at the 8th Session of the Labour and Social Affairs Commission held in Yaoundé, Cameroon, in April 2011 on Africa’s representation within the organs of the International Labour Organization (ILO) and endorsed by the 100th Session of the International Labour Conference:


6. REAFFIRMS its previous Decision EX.CL/638(XVIII) on the following candidatures:

i) Ms. Monica N. Mbanefo of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for the post of Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)
during elections scheduled to take place in London, Great Britain, in June 2011;

ii) Arab Republic of Egypt for membership of Governing Body of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) for the period 2011 – 2013 during elections due to take place in Rome, Italy, in July 2011;

iii) Professor Ahmed Laraba of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria; Dr. Muaz Ahmed M. A. Tungo of the Republic of The Sudan; Dr. Hussein Hassouna of the Arab Republic of Egypt; Mr. Amos Wako of the Republic of Kenya; Dr. Abdelrazeg El-Murtadi Suleiman Gouider of the Great Socialist People’s Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; Professor Tiyanjana Maluwa of the Republic of Malawi; Dr. Dire Tladi of the Republic of South Africa and Professor Chris Peter of the United Republic of Tanzania, for membership of the International Law Commission (ILC) of the United Nations. The elections are due to take place at the 66th Session of the ILC General Assembly in New York, USA, in October/November 2011;

iv) Mr. Chile Eboe-Osuji of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for the post of Judge of the International Criminal Court (ICC) during elections due to take place in the Hague, The Netherlands, in December 2011;

v) Judge Dr. Julia Sebutinde of the Republic of Uganda for the post of Judge of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) during elections due to take place in New York, USA, in September 2011;

vi) Mauritania for non-permanent membership of the United Nations Security Council for the period 2012 – 2013 during elections due to take place in New York, USA, in September 2011;

vii) Great Socialist People’s Libyan Arab Jamahiriya for membership of UNESCO Executive Board for the period 2011 – 2015 during elections scheduled to take place at the 36th Session of UNESCO General Conference due to be held in Paris, France, from 25 October to 11 November 2011.

7. **ALSO APPROVES** the candidature of the Great Socialist People’s Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and that of Tanzania for membership of the Governing Board of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for the period 2011 – 2013, taking into account the fact that the two seats allocated to Africa are supposed to be distributed on the basis of the principles of geographical representation and rotation and of having a mission in Vienna. The elections will take place in Vienna, Austria, in September 2011.

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1 Reservations expressed by the Arab Republic of Egypt
DECISION ON THE CANDIDATURE OF ALGERIA TO THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE 77 AND CHINA GROUP

The Executive Council,

Mindful of the important deadlines on the international development agenda;

Stressing the need for Africa to be actively involved in the international negotiations on issues of vital interest to the Continent;

Considering that the chairmanship of the Group of the 77 and China will be the responsibility of Africa for the year 2012;

1. WELCOMES the candidature of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria to the Chairmanship of the Group of 77 and China in 2012 on behalf of the Africa region;

2. REQUESTS the African Group in New York to take the necessary steps to notify the present decision to the Chairman of the Group of the 77 and China well ahead of the thirty-fifth annual ministerial meeting of the Group.
DECISION ON THE ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLE’S RIGHTS
Doc. PRC/Rpt(XXII)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Permanent Representatives Committee on the Activity Report of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights (ACHPR);

2. **DECIDES** to defer consideration of the Activity Report of the ACHPR to its next Ordinary Session scheduled to hold in January 2012.
DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE PAN-AFRICAN PARLIAMENT
Doc. EX.CL/676(XIX)

The Executive Council,

1. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Pan-African Parliament (PAP) and recommendations therein as well as the activities undertaken during the period under review;

2. ALSO TAKES NOTE of the proposals from the PAP to review the African Union Financial Rules and Regulations application to them but STRESS the need to observe the existing Rules and Regulations of the Union;

3. STRESSES the need to speed up the process of the revision of the PAP Protocol to enable this Organ to play its mandate in an effective manner;

4. RECALLS its previous Decisions relating to structural and financial matters and REQUESTS the Permanent Representatives’ Committee through its Sub-Committee on Structural Reforms and its Advisory Sub-Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters to study the PAP proposals and submit appropriate recommendations to the next ordinary session of the Executive Council in January 2012;

5. REQUESTS PAP to report on its activities to the Executive Council in June/July 2012.