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***THEME:      DEVELOPING SMART INFRASTRUCTURE TO BOOST AFRICA'S  
CONTINENTAL TRANSFORMATION AND INTEGRATION***

**DRAFT DECLARATION OF CAIRO**

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**DECLARATION OF THE SECOND SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON**  
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**WE**, the Ministers in charge of Transport, Transcontinental and Interregional Infrastructure, Energy and Tourism, meeting in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, on 16 and 17 April 2019, in the **Second Session of the Specialized Technical Committee on Transport, Transcontinental and Interregional Infrastructure, Energy and Tourism**, organized by the African Union Commission (AUC) in collaboration with the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt to consider strategies for developing smart infrastructure to boost Africa's continental transformation and integration.

**CONSIDERING:**

1. The Treaty establishing the African Economic Community adopted in Abuja, Nigeria, in June 1991;
2. The Constitutive Act of the African Union adopted in Lomé on 11 July 2000, especially its Articles 14 to 16, which stipulate that the African Union Commission should in particular coordinate policies in the fields of Energy, Transport, Communication and Tourism sectors;
3. The Declaration: Assembly/AU/Decl.2 (XVIII) adopted by the Eighteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in January 2012 which adopted the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) as the single policy and strategic framework for the development of infrastructure in Africa;
4. The Decision: Assembly/AU/Dec.227 (XII) reconfiguring the existing STCs and created one on Transport, Transcontinental and Interregional Infrastructure, Energy and Tourism;
5. The Decision: EX.CL/Dec.970(XXXI) on the First Ordinary Session of the Specialized Technical Committee on Transport, Transcontinental and Interregional Infrastructure, Energy and Tourism (STC-TTIIET);
6. The reports submitted to the second ordinary session of the STC-TTIIET.

**We**, the Ministers, reiterating our commitment to develop Transport, Transcontinental and Interregional Infrastructure, Energy and Tourism sectors and our strong will to implement the outcomes of this meeting as we have agreed:

***In the Transport Sector***

1. Urge all remaining Member States to join the Single African Air Transport Market (SAATM), ratify the African Road Safety Charter; the Revised Maritime Transport Charter and the AFCAC Constitution;
2. Request AUC to take the appropriate measures to accelerate the development of the Africa Integrated High Speed Railway Network (AIHSRN) flagship project, revitalisation of the Union of African Railways (UAR) and speed up operationalisation of the SAATM.
3. Call upon the African Development Bank (AfDB) to continue providing support and mobilize more financial resources for priority intercontinental transport sector

programmes such as SAATM and implementation of African Plan of Action for Road Safety.

### ***In the Transcontinental and Interregional Infrastructure***

1. Request the African Union Commission (AUC) and the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) jointly with the African Development Bank to strive to fast track the development of second Priority Action Plan of the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA PAP 2), integrating gender and youth dimensions, which should be submitted to the AU policy organs for consideration and adoption by January 2021;
2. Call upon the AUC and AUDA to mobilize financial resources for PIDA PAP 2 with the support of the African Development Bank and other development partners.
3. Welcoming the launch of the African Network for Women in Infrastructure (ANWIn), urge the AUC and the AUDA-NEPAD to prioritise the launch of ANWIn.

### ***In the Energy Sector***

1. Request the AUC in collaboration with all relevant Pan African Continental and Regional Institutions to operationalise the Electricity Market in Africa;
2. Request the AUC to mobilise resources to implement the following programmes: (i) Small hydropower development; (ii) Solar energy development; and (ii) Renewable Energy in African Island States (REAIS);
3. Request the AUDA-NEPAD in collaboration with the AUC, AfDB, UNECA and other regional organisations to develop a continental transmission master plan and mini-grid development plan;
4. Request the AFREC/AUC, the AfDB and other regional and continental organizations to mobilize the necessary financial and technical resources to implement the project on “African Energy Information System, Energy Efficiency Indicator Database and AFREC new Strategy”;
5. Call upon Member States to collaborate with the AfDB in the implementation of the New Deal on Energy for Africa and related initiatives of the AfDB;
6. Urge Member States to collaborate with AREI in the implementation of Renewable Energy projects.

### ***In the Tourism Sector***

1. Request the AUC in collaboration with the AfDB to undertake the feasibility study for the establishment of African Tourism body to speed up the tourism development in the continent;
2. Encourage the AUC to strengthen the Tourism Institutional arrangement with adequate human and financial resources in order to provide effective policy support and legal reforms.
3. Encourage the AUC to support the strengthening of Tourism infrastructure with adequate resources and to effectively link the sector with energy and transport infrastructure.

### ***In conclusion***

#### **APPEAL TO:**

1. Member States and Regional Economic Communities to strengthen inter-African and continental cooperation in the infrastructure sectors;

2. Member States to:
  - a. mainstream climate change into infrastructure planning and implementation;
  - b. formulate harmonized policies and regulations for infrastructure development promoting the use of local content and industrial integration to create local jobs particularly for the youth and women;
  - c. speed up signing and/or ratification of pending legal instruments related to infrastructure, notably Maritime Charter, YD, SAATM, AFREC Convention and Road Safety Charter;
  - d. address the challenges (safety; infrastructures; regulations) of the maritime and inland water transport;
  - e. support the operationalisation of the African electricity market;
  - f. develop national and regional tourism strategies to speed up the establishment of “Brand Africa”.
3. All stakeholders to continue supporting the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA).

**OBSERVED A MINUTE OF SILENCE:**

1. To all the victims and colleagues who lost their lives in the recent Ethiopian Airlines plane crash; and
2. For Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe following loss of lives and property as a result of flooding caused by adverse weather.

**REQUEST:**

The African Union Commission to submit this Declaration to the African Union Policy Organs for consideration and adoption.

**Done in Cairo, Egypt, on 17 April 2019**