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**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
PAN AFRICAN UNIVERSITY**

ACT OF ESTABLISHMENT

April 2010

CONSTITUTIVE ACT OF THE PAN AFRICAN UNIVERSITY

We, the Heads of States and Governments of the African Union, during the meeting held on at.....

CONSIDERING the Assembly decision [Assembly/AU/Dec.92 (VI)] launching the Second Decade of Education for Africa (2006-2015) whose the framework designates higher education as the one of the seven priorities for Africa.

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the Executive Council decision [EX.CL/Dec.254 (VIII)] approving the Consolidated Plan of Action for African Science and Technology and calling for the coordination of its implementation;

CONSIDERING the Assembly declaration [Assembly /AU/ Decl.5 (VIII)] committing ourselves to the revitalization of the African universities and other African institutions of higher education as well as scientific research institutions and to promote and strengthen south-south and north-south cooperation in science and technology;

CONSIDERING ALSO The Council of Ministers meeting in its Twenty sixth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 23 February to 1 March 1976 adopting resolution [CM/Res.464 (XXVI)], which was subsequently endorsed by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government, stipulating that “there shall be five (5) regions of the OAU, namely, Northern, Western, Central, Eastern, and Southern”.
Decide the following:

Article 1

An African continental institution of higher education and research, which shall be known as the PAN-AFRICAN UNIVERSITY, (PAU) is hereby created;

Article 2

The PAU is a network of five Institutes representing the five (5) thematic areas allocated based on the five (5) geographic regions of the African Union, namely Central, Eastern, Northern, Southern and Western. Each Institute will be connected to a network of Centers distributed all over the continent and selected on the basis of agreed criteria and merit.

Article3

The PAU mission and strategic vision are to:

1. Develop continental-wide and world-class graduate and postgraduate programs in science, technology, innovation, human and social sciences;
2. Stimulate collaborative, internationally competitive, cutting leading-edge fundamental and development oriented research, in areas having a direct bearing on the technical, economical and social development of Africa ;

3. Enhance the mobility of students, lecturers, researchers and administrative staff between African universities to improve on teaching, leadership, and collaborative research;
4. Contribute to the capacity building of present and future African Union stakeholders ;
5. Improve on the attractiveness of African higher education and research institutions to retain young talent professionals;
6. Invigorate partnership with public and private sectors as well as international organizations and African Diaspora.

Article 4

The Statute (Annexed) defining the operation of the PAU is hereby approved.