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**CAMS5/MIN/2(V)**

***THEME: "HARNESSING THE POWER OF SPORT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE  
BROADER GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT AGENDA"***

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE AU COMMISSION ON THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF  
THE AU CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF SPORT, ADDIS  
ABABA, ETHIOPIA, 17-21 OCTOBER 2011**

## **I. BACKGROUND**

1. The 4th Session of the AU Conference of Ministers of Sport (CAMS4) took place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia 17-21 October 2011. In accordance with the Decision of the AU Executive Council (EX/CL/680(XX) of January 2012, the Ministers of Sport called for the following actions at the CAMS4 in particular the following:

- i) Establishment of a new Architecture for Sport in Africa;
- ii) SCSA be dissolved at the end of the Extra-Ordinary Session of the General Assembly of SCSA scheduled to be held in Abuja, Nigeria in 2012 for the purpose of the final act of dissolution of SCSA;
- iii) The offer by the Republic of Cameroon to host the Headquarters of the new Architecture for Sport in Africa Secretariat be accepted and the Commission to conclude a new Host Agreement with the Republic of Cameroon;
- iv) The ownership of the African Games be vested in the African Union and the organization and management of the African Games be entrusted to the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa(ANOCA) with technical coordination by the Association of the African Sport Confederations(ASC) and the Commission should conclude a Memorandum of Understanding with ANOCA and AASC;
- v) Member States should offer all necessary assistance to the Commission, including an Administrator and other staff to be seconded at the expense of Member States for at least a period of two (2) years to facilitate a smooth transition and the integration of the functions of the SCSA into the Commission.

2. The CAMS4 also received briefings from the AU Commission on its Sport Programme in the Department of Social Affairs and a Report on the 10<sup>th</sup> All Africa Games in Maputo.

## **II. REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW ARCHITECTURE FOR AFRICAN SPORT**

3. In implementing the above decisions, the Commission has undertaken the necessary follow-up actions as mandated by the CAMS and the Executive Council. Regrettably, the establishment of the a new Architecture and dissolution of the SCSA has not been done in line with the timeframe set by the CAMS and Executive Council due to lack of cooperation from the SCSA Secretariat General. Further, the Commission has found itself in a situation whereby it could not implement key decisions of CAMS, as the Ministers that took a decision in one Forum; allow the decision to be frustrated at another Forum.

4. This notwithstanding the above, the Commission has gone ahead in implementing the new Architecture by undertaking the following actions:

- Facilitated the establishment of a Specialized Technical office under the AUC, the African Union Sport for Development Office (AUSDO) that will take over the responsibilities of the SCSA;
- The Permanent Representative Committee (PRC) has also approved the operational budget for the Technical Office to coordinate and handle technical and operational aspects of sport development and development for sport in Africa, including the organization of the African Games;
- Facilitated the establishment of a stand-alone Division of Sport with the Department of Social Affairs to deal with policy matters;
- Finalized the Memorandum of Understanding with ANOCA and AASC on the organization and management of the African Games as directed by the Ministers and Executive Council;
- Convened a Planning Workshop of the Sport Development Regions, ANOCA, AASC, AWISA and APC aimed at strengthening and re-organizing the Sports Development Regions in order for the Regions to contribute to sport development and development through sport on the continent;
- Further, in enhancing strategic partnership on sport for development in Africa, the Commission has entered into partnership through an MOU with CAF to use the power of football for social change and to get across AU messages such as Make Peace Happen, Advocacy on Violence Against Women, Roll back Malaria, HIV/AIDS, among others. CAF has lived up to its commitment through the donation of \$200,000 towards the victims of hunger in the Horn of Africa during the 2012 Africa Cup of Nations in Gabon and Equatorial Guinea;
- Engaged CAF who facilitated AU visibility and promoted AU key development messages during the 2013 AFCON in South Africa;

### **III. THE 2013 AND 2014 SPORT PROGRAMME OF THE COMMISSION**

5. For 2013 and 2014, the Commission prioritized the following activities to advance the African Sport agenda:

- Facilitate the recruitment of a staff at the new AU Office on Sport for Development (AUSDO) Secretariat;
- Conduct Strategic Planning Workshops for the Sport Development Regions in collaboration with ANOCA, AASC, AWISA and APC;
- Support the preparations for the 2015 African Games in Brazzaville, Congo;
- Convene the Sport Advisory and Technical Committee meetings;
- Coordinate the OAU/AU 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations in 2013;
- Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the Sport Policy Framework by Member States;
- Provide policy guidance and support to Member States regarding planning and preparations for major international sports events;
- Facilitate the establishment of a Faculty on Sport for Development and Management within the newly established Pan-African University (PAU)