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LUANDA DECLARATION

**THE LUANDA DECLARATION ADOPTED BY THE SECOND SESSION OF THE
CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN MINISTERS OF TRANSPORT**

**THEME: “CONSOLIDATING THE TRANSPORT SECTOR FOR THE
STIMULATION OF ECONOMIC INTEGRATION OF AFRICA”**

WE, African Ministers of Transport, meeting in Luanda, Republic of Angola, from 24 to 25 November 2011, on the occasion of the Second Session of the Conference of African Ministers Responsible for Transport, organized by the African Union to examine the conditions needed to strengthen the transport sector in order to stimulate sustainable economic integration of Africa;

Considering the Constitutive Act of the African Union, adopted on 11 July 2000 in Lomé, Togo, in particular Articles 14, 15 and 16 which entrust the African Union Commission with a coordination mission in the Transport, Communication and Tourism sectors;

Considering the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community, signed in Abuja, Nigeria in June 1991;

Considering the Decision of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of July 2001 in Lusaka, Zambia, dealing with the establishment of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) as the framework for Africa's development;

Considering the Decision of Heads of State and Government of the African Union, meeting in July 2005 in Sirte, Libya, to include in the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) the transport targets and indicators adopted in April 2005 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia by African Ministers responsible for transport and infrastructure, within the framework of poverty alleviation;

Considering the Declaration Doc. Assembly/AU/9(XII) adopted at the XIIth Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in February 2009 on the development of transport and energy infrastructure in Africa;

Considering the challenges arising from the globalization of economies and the need for Africa to fully and effectively implement the 1999 Yamoussoukro Decision relating to the Liberalization of the Air Transport Markets in Africa;

Considering the Resolution 64/255 adopted by the UN General Assembly on 02 March, 2010 proclaiming 2011-2020 a Decade of Action for Road Safety;

Considering the challenges arising from globalization of the economy and the need for Africa to implement, in a complete and effective manner, the Almaty Programme of Action of 2003, the United Nations' programme for cooperation in transit transport for landlocked developing countries;

Considering the importance and role of infrastructure and transport services in political, economic and social development as well as the integration of Africa, in a bid to deepen its participation in globalization;

Considering the need for Africa to have a continental transport policy and related master plan capable of ensuring a harmonious operation of all modes of transport;

Considering the relevant international conventions in transport matters, especially in the areas of safety and security, the protection of the environment as well as facilitation of transport;

Considering the pertinent conventions of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) as well as those of the International Labour Organisation (ILO);

Bearing in mind further the Decision of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union held in Maputo in 2003 and in 2010 on maritime safety, security and protection of environment in Africa;

Recalling the International Maritime Organization (IMO) resolution A.958(23) concerning the provision of hydrographic services adopted on 5 December 2005;

Commending the different initiatives for the development of transport infrastructure and services in Africa, including;

1. The Infrastructure Consortium for Africa (ICA);
2. The Africa - European Union Partnerships on Infrastructure and Energy, as defined in the Joint Africa European Union Strategy, (JAES);
3. The Presidential Infrastructure Championship Initiative;
4. The Special Fund of the NEPAD Infrastructure Project Preparation Facility (NEPAD-IPPF).

Noting the initiatives of the Regional Economic Communities within the framework of facilitating the movement of persons and goods among Member States;

Concerned by:

1. the low level of development of transport infrastructure and services in Africa;
2. the multiplicity of rules and regulations, and the complexity of administrative procedures in transit transport between African countries;
3. the inadequate capacity to implement international conventions and regional treaties relating to the transport sector;
4. the increase in the number of accidents in the different modes of transport and their negative economic, social and cultural impact in relation to the situation regarding safety, security and the environment;

5. the growing menace of piracy on Africa's coastal waters particularly in the Gulfs of Aden and Guinea;
6. the diversity and disparity in national laws, regulations, norms, standards and procedures in transport sector development and operations in the different sub-sectors;
7. the low level of resources mobilised at the national level for the development and maintenance of transport infrastructure
8. European Union's unilateral publication of the safety list and operational ban of African airlines on the European air space.

Recalling:

1. the African Union Commission role to coordinate, and facilitate the harmonisation of transport policy, infrastructure and services on the African continent;
2. the central role of the Regional Economic Communities in the implementation of programmes and projects for the coordination and development of transport infrastructure and services;

Reiterating:

1. our firm determination to combine our efforts for the sustainable development of a viable, reliable, safe, efficient and affordable integrated transport systems and services for the economic and social development of Africa;
2. the urgency to implement regional and continental strategies in respect of transport in support of the Millennium Development Goals;

Undertake to:

1. Adopt the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) and the institutional architecture for its implementation, and give it the top most priority as the single programme for inter-regional and continental integration that will help to interconnect transport networks, especially those serving landlocked and island countries for the territorial, economic and social cohesion of Africa in support of its global competitiveness;
2. Accelerate the achievement of the missing links on the Trans African Highway network, modernise and develop the railway network mainly the landlocked countries by 2020;
3. accelerate the facilitation of inter-State transport by harmonising legislations, simplifying transit procedures, removing non-physical barriers and improving efficiency and safety in transport operations;
4. strengthen and where necessary put in place institutions responsible for the management of safety, security and facilitation in the transport sector;

5. encourage the establishment of regional safety and security oversight, search and rescue and accident investigation organisations as a means of developing State capabilities to implement international obligations and protect users;
6. integrate in all transport programmes as a specific component to combat and prevent HIV/AIDS and STIs as well as sexual tourism;
7. foster the use of ICT and other technologies in the development of transport infrastructure and operations;
8. establish a permanent mechanism of consultation between the European Commission and the African Union Commission and African States on the interdiction of access to the European air space by the African airlines;
9. take specific measures to ensure the sustainable financing and appropriate management of the transport sector and to create enabling conditions for national and foreign private investments;
10. ratify and speed up when never necessary, the implementation of international conventions relating to safety, security and the protection of the environment as well as regional agreements on market access, facilitation of transport and transit traffic;
11. sign, ratify and implement the United Nations Convention on contracts for the international carriage of goods wholly or partly by sea (the Rotterdam rules);
12. accelerate implementation of the Durban Resolution on Maritime Safety, Maritime Security and Protection of the Marine Environment;
13. support the effective implementation of the Yamoussoukro Decision (YD) on the Liberalisation of Air Transport Markets under the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) as the Executing Agency of the Decision;
14. support the effective implementation of the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa in linkage with Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP);
15. carry out the training of technical and professional staff in the different modes of transport.

Decide to:

1. promote the development of regional and continental transport infrastructure and services in a holistic manner based on the policies and programmes of Regional Economic Communities and through the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA),;
2. promote major priority transport infrastructure projects in the framework of the different trans African transport networks;

3. accelerate the modernisation and harmonisation of legislation, regulations, norms, standards and procedures in the different transport sub-sectors;
4. initiate the process of establishing an intergovernmental agreement to underpin the Trans African Highways Network;
5. adopt the third Sunday of the month of November which is currently the world day for remembrance of road accident victims as the African Day of Road Safety;
6. adopt the African Civil Aviation Policy;
7. endorse the convening of a Ministerial conference on aviation safety in 2012;
8. endorse the Declaration of the Council of the Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) on the European Union Emissions Trading Scheme (EU ETS);
9. endorse the establishment of a Regional Aviation Security Group to facilitate the implementation of 2007 Addis Ababa Declaration and the 2010 Abuja Declaration and African Roadmap on Aviation Security adopted by the Ministers responsible for Aviation Security;
10. accelerate the ratification of the Constitution of the African Civil Aviation Commission.
11. facilitate women's access to transport professions;
12. promote research and development programmes for transport infrastructure and services in Africa;
13. speed up the ratification and implementation of the African Maritime Transport Charter.

Invite the African Union Commission to:

1. take all the necessary steps to elaborate a continental policy and Integrated Master Plan through the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa;
2. Elaborate an Intergovernmental Agreement on TAH network for harmonisation of road norms and standards;
3. Elaborate African Charter on Road Safety to be submitted to the African Union Member States for adoption; and
4. Organise periodic conferences during the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020, declared by the United Nations, to evaluate the progress achieved, and update the Plan of Action and report to the Conference of African Ministers of Transport

Appeal to the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the International Maritime Organization, the Office of the

United Nations High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, the International Labour Organization, the African Development Bank, the World Bank, the European Union, all development partners and other technical stakeholders in the transport sector to continue supporting the transport and infrastructure development programme in Africa.

Appeal:

- The Member States of the African Union and Regional Economic Communities to strengthen inter-African and continental cooperation in the transport sector;
- The African Union Commission to submit this Declaration to the next Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union to be held in January 2012 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Adopt the Plans of Action annexed to this Declaration.

Done in Luanda, 24 November 2011