STATUTE OF THE AFRICAN UNION
SPORT COUNCIL
PREAMBLE

WE, Member States of the African Union;

RECALLING the objectives and principles enshrined in the Constitutive Act of the African Union;

RECALLING further the Executive Council decision EX.CL/Dec 680(XX) of January 2012 which dissolved the Supreme Council and established African Union Sport Council;

WHEREAS Sport, as an element of Culture and a major phenomenon in contemporary civilization, plays a powerful role in human upbringing, the strengthening of national cohesion and the rapprochement of peoples;

WHEREAS Member States have, in this respect, increased their efforts to integrate sport and Sport for Development and physical activities in their respective development plans;

WHEREAS Member States are concerned over the need to actively contribute toward the establishment of a New International Sports Order that is balanced and democratic;

WHEREAS Member States are resolute to pursue and intensify the campaign against all forms of racial, religious and political discrimination in sports;

WHEREAS in order to safeguard and ensure the gradual triumph of these values as well as to foster sports development in Africa, there is strong need for unity, close and dynamic co-operation between African States;

WHEREAS Member States are further convinced that in order to achieve that goal, it is necessary to establish a Specialized Technical Office to direct, co-ordinate and superintend activities of the entire African Sport Movement;

NOW HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:
CHAPTER I: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1
Definitions

For the purpose of the present Statutes:

“AASC” means Association of African Sports Confederations;

“Africa Sports Movement” means a forum comprised of the African Union, the Association of African Sports Confederations and Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa and other Stakeholders;

“African Games” means The Multi-Sport discipline event held after four (4) years;

“African Union Sport Development Regions” means the African Union Sport Development Regions;

“AGTC” means African Games Technical Committee

“ANOCA” means Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa;

“Assembly” means the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Union;

“AUSC” means African Union Sports Council;

“Chairperson” means the Chairperson of the AU Commission unless otherwise specified;

“Commission” means the Commission of the African Union;

“Committee” means a Technical Committee of the AUSC;

“Constitutive Act” means the Constitutive Act of the African Union;

“Executive Council” means the Executive Council of the Union;

“Executive Secretary” means the Executive Secretary of AUSC;

“Member State” means a Member State of the African Union;

“Member” means African Sport Movement (Member of AUSC);

“Regions” means African Union Sport Development Regions.

“Representative” means the duly accredited representative of a member of AUSC;

“STC” means a Specialized Technical Committee as established under Article 14 of the Constitutive Act;

“Union” means the African Union established by the Constitutive Act;

Article 2
Establishment and Headquarters

1. The African Union Sports Council is hereby established as a Specialized Technical Office of the African Union.
2. The headquarters of the AUSC shall be in Yaoundé, Republic of Cameroun, unless otherwise decided in accordance with the decision of the Assembly.

3. A headquarters Agreement shall govern the relations between African Union and the Host country.

CHAPTER II: FUNCTIONS OF THE AFRICAN UNION SPORT COUNCIL

Article 3
Purpose
The AUSC shall be responsible for the co-ordination of the African Sports Movement and the forum for concerted action between Member States for the promotion and development of Sports and development through Sport in Africa.

Article 4
Composition
The AUSC shall be composed of African Union Member States, the African Union Sport Development Regions, the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA), The Association of African Sports Confederations (AASC), and other continental sports bodies recognized by AUSC.

Article 5
Functions
The AUSC shall:

1. Service the policy development needs of the AU in so far as sports matters are concerned;

2. Promote sport as a fundamental human right to be enjoyed by all;

3. Promote and defend sport development and development through sport;

4. Grant membership of the African Union Sports Council subject to approval by the STC on Youth, Culture and Sports;

5. Ensure that Member States fund sport development;

6. Ensure that Member States develop sports policies, programmes, systems and structures;

7. Facilitate the development of relevant sport structures in Member States and the alignment of national sport policies and strategies to the AU Sport Policy Framework and other continental sport policies to achieve harmonization and coordination of sports development;
8. Facilitate sport development on the African continent in terms of skills development, social interaction, and communication of relevant information on programmes in combating HIV and AIDS and anti-doping programmes, as well as to promote person-to-person development programmes;

9. Enhance the profile and status of the African Games to attract high profile athletes ensure that it becomes a qualifier for the Olympic Games and other international events;

10. Increase the revenue of the African Games and institute transparent mechanisms regarding the proceeds raised from the marketing and sponsorship of the African Games;

12. Promote cooperation with international sports organizations with a view to solicit sponsorship, funding and training of sportsmen and women;

13. Ensure that ANOCA and AASC play their assigned roles within the new African Union Sports Council;

14. Promote and defend a culture of good governance, democratic principles and institutions, popular participation, human rights and freedoms as well as social justice in the domain of sport;

15. Promote, advocate and defend culture of gender equality in the domain of sport;

16. Promote and strengthen the institutional, human and operational capacities of the African civil society.

**Article 6**

**Working languages**

The working languages of AUSC shall be the same as those of the Union.

**Article 7**

**Emblem - flag**

1. The Emblem of the AUSC shall represent the outline of African Union Emblem with eight rings and a flame superimposed on it.

2. The Flag of the AUSC shall be that of the African Union stamped with the AUSC Emblem.
CHAPTER III: ORGANS OF THE AFRICAN UNION SPORT COUNCIL

Article 8

The Governance mechanisms of the AUSC shall comprise of:
The AUSC shall be governed by the following bodies:

1. The AU Specialized Technical Committee on Youth, Culture and Sports as provided for in its rules of Procedure

2. The Sport Advisory Board;

3. The Technical Committees;

4. The African Union Sport Development Regions;

5. The Secretariat of the AUSC.

Article 9

Composition of the Sports Advisory Board

The Sport Advisory Board shall be composed as follows:

1. Chairpersons of the five (5) AU Sports Development Regions at the expert level;

2. Africa Union Commission represented by the Department of Social Affairs;

3. Executive Secretary of the AUSC;

4. Two (2) representatives from ANOCA;

5. Two (2) Representatives from AASC;

Article 10

3. of the Sports Advisory Board

The Sport Advisory Board shall:

1. Consider different aspects of sports on the continent;

2. Recommend strategic/activity plans for the AU Commission and Regional Economic Communities;

3. Advise the AU STC on Youth, Culture and Sports on emerging issues and other matters related to sport;

4. Advise the Commission on the implementation of decisions by Member States;

5. Make appropriate recommendations on the host country of the African Games for consideration by the AU STC on Youth, Culture and Sport;

6. Recommend members of the Technical Committees to the AU STC on Youth, Culture and Sport for consideration;

7. Carry out any other functions assigned to it by the STC on Youth, Culture and Sport.

Article 11

Meetings

1. The Sport Advisory Board shall meet at the headquarters of AUSC or in any other Member State, upon invitation twice a year in ordinary session.

2. In the event the session is held outside the Headquarters of the AUSC, the host Member State shall be responsible for all expenses incurred by the AUSC as a result of holding the session outside the Headquarters.

3. At the request of two-thirds of its members, the Chairperson of the Sport Advisory Board shall convene an extraordinary session on a specific agenda communicated to all members at least fifteen (15) days in advance.

4. Each Member of the Sport Advisory Board shall bear the cost of his/her participation in all meetings of the Board.

Article 12

Quorums

5. A simple majority of members of the Sport Advisory Board shall be required to constitute a quorum for any ordinary or extraordinary session.
Article 13
Decision Making

6. Decisions of the Sport Advisory Board shall be taken by a simple majority of members present.

7. Each member shall have one vote;

8. In the event of a tied vote, the Chairperson of the Sport Advisory Board shall have the casting vote.

9. The Sport Advisory Board shall meet at the Headquarters of the AUSC.

Article 14
Bureau

1. The Sport Advisory Board shall, on the basis of rotation and geographical distribution, elect, after due consultations, a Chairperson a (1) Vice-Chairperson and a Rapporteur.

2. The Chairperson and other members of the Bureau of the Sport Advisory Board shall be elected by a simple majority.

3. The Chairperson shall be elected on a rotational basis.

4. The Members of the Bureau shall hold office for a period of two (2) years renewable once.

Article 15
Duties of the Chairperson

1. The Chairperson shall:

a) Preside over all the proceedings of the Ordinary and Extraordinary sessions;
b) open and close the sessions;
c) submit for approval the records of the sessions;
d) guide the proceedings;
e) submit to a vote matters under discussion and announce the results of the vote taken;
f) Rule on points of order.

1. g) ensure order and decorum during the proceedings of the sessions.

2. In the absence of the Chairperson or in case of a vacancy, the vice-Chairperson or the Rapporteur shall act as the Chairperson.
3. The provisions of the present Article are applicable to the Chair of the Bureau of the Technical Committees and ad hoc working group which may be set up by the Board and the Technical Committees.

SECTION II: TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

Article 16
Technical Committee on Sport for Development

1. The Technical Committee on Sport for Development shall comprise of the following members:

(a) A Representative from each AU Sport Development region;
(b) A Representative from ANOCA;
(c) A Representative from AASC;
(d) A Representative from AUSC Secretariat
(e) A Representative from Women in Sports Associations;
(f) A Representative from Sport for Development and Peace Organization;
(g) A Representative from School and Tertiary Sport Association;
(h) A Representative from Association of African Paralympic;
(i) A Representative from African Region Anti-Doping;
(j) A Representative from Sport for All;
(k) A Representative from Military Sport (OSMA).

2. Without prejudice to paragraph 1 of the present Article, the Sport Advisory Board may review the composition of this Technical Committee upon recommendation by the Sport Advisory Board or the Committee itself.

3. The Technical Committee on Sport for Development shall be chaired by a Representative of the AU Sport Development regions to be elected for a term of two (2) years on the basis of rotation and geographical distribution. The Chairperson of the Committee shall be assisted by a Vice-Chair and a Rapporteur elected among other members of the Committee.

4. The Technical Committee on Sport for Development shall carry out the following functions:
   a) Facilitate training of professionals in Sports medicine and anti-doping;
   b) Facilitate training of professionals in sports science and related fields of study;
   c) Advocate and promote anti-doping programmes on and off fields of play;
   d) Conduct education and awareness campaigns on communicable/transmittable diseases and anti-doping;
   e) Ensure and monitor inclusivity and equity in sports including promoting the involvement of women and girls, not only as athletes but also as technical officials, administrators and in other sports structures;
k) Design and ensure the implementation of sports awareness and education programmes for women and the girl child;

l) Lobby for local manufacturing of sports equipment;

m) Enhance the development and implementation of sport development programmes for sport for people with Disabilities;

n) Ensure the establishment of structures for People with Disabilities in all Member States in the 5 AU Regions;

o) Ensure and monitor inclusivity and equity in Sports including promoting the involvement of People with Disabilities in Sport not only as athletes but also as officials, administrators and other forms of involvement;

p) Lobby for the manufacture, provision of and education/ awareness campaign on products required by People with Disabilities;

q) Design programmes for sport and development through sport and ensure that these are implemented;

r) Develop sports education and accreditation criteria and systems to be implemented in the 5 Regions;

s) Focus on crisis areas affected by man-made or natural calamities in Africa and to produce strategic plans for the introduction of Sport and Recreation for victims in these areas; and

t) Aim at the achievement of Agenda 2063 through Sport.

u) Develop Sports law and Policy;

v) Mainstreaming Research on Sport and Sport for development, coach education and all aspects of sport;

w) Carry out any other functions assigned to it by the Sport Advisory Board or the STC on Youth, Culture and Sport.

Article 17
Technical Committee for Finance

1. The Technical Committee for Finance shall be composed as follows:
   a) One (1) Representative from each of the five (5) AU Sport Development Regions;
   b) AUSC Executive Secretary;
   c) ANOCA representative;
   d) AASC representative;
   e) One (1) AUSC Finance Officer.

2. Without prejudice to paragraph 1 of the present Article, the Sport Advisory Board may review the composition of this Technical Committee upon recommendation by the Sport Advisory Board or the Committee itself.

3. The Technical Committee on Finance shall be chaired by a Representative of the AU Sport Development regions to be elected for a term of two (2) years on the basis of rotation and geographical distribution. The Chairperson of the Committee shall be assisted by a Vice-Chair and a Rapporteur elected among other members of the Committee.
4. The functions of the Finance Technical Committee shall be to:

   a) Consider financial matters for the AUSC, including income from the African Games to be paid to the AUSC Office;
   b) Receive and consider statements from the AU Sports Council Office;
   c) Consider the Operational and Programmes budgets of the AU Sports Council Secretariat;
   d) mobilize Resource;
   e) Carry out any other functions assigned to it by the Sport Advisory Board or the STC on Youth, Culture and Sport.

**Article 18**

**Technical Committee for the African Games**

1. The African Games technical committee shall be composed as follows:
   a) AUSC Executive Secretary
   b) ANOCA Representative
   c) Representative of the African Union Commission Department for Social Affairs;
   d) AASC Representative;
   e) One (1) Representative of each of the 5 regions at Expert level;
   f) Seven (7) Experts recommended by the Executive Secretary of AUSC and appointed by the Sport Advisory Board.

2. Without prejudice to paragraph 1 of the present Article, the Sport Advisory Board may review the composition of this Technical Committee upon recommendation by the Sport Advisory Board or the Committee itself.

3. The Technical Committee for the African Games and Marketing shall, on the basis of rotation and geographical distribution, elect, after due consultations, a Chairperson and other members of the Bureau, namely, one (1) Vice-Chairperson as well as a Rapporteur.

4. The functions of the African Games Technical Committee shall be to:

   a) Propose objective criteria for the evaluation of bidding files pertaining to the organization of the African Games;
   b) Establish a standing follow up /evaluation mechanism for the preparations of the Games;
   c) Update the Technical Regulations and ensure their consistency with the General Regulations of the African Games and Consider and approve the Games manuals;
   d) Establish and implement effective systems to generate adequate revenue for the successful hosting of the African Games;
   e) Recommend guidelines for bidding and hosting of the African Games;
f) Report on the preparation, organization and hosting of the African Games by the local Organizing Committee (COJA);
g) Review and consider the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between AUC, ANOCA and AASC on the organization and management of the African Games;
h) To approve the required technical, administrative and operational rules, policies, structures, plans, manuals and programmes as well as provide technical advice on their execution, for the successful hosting of the African Games in line with international standards;
i) Ensure that the African Games are organized and hosted in accordance with the African Games Protocols;
j) In collaboration with the Sports Confederations, approve equipment and materials, upon recommendation by competent Confederations;
k) Oversee coordination meetings during the African Games;
l) Provide strategic leadership on all aspects of the African Games and provide interface to ANOCA, AASC other sports confederations and agencies;
m) Work closely with ANOCA and AASC to ensure successful preparation and hosting of the African Games;
n) Promote the African Games as the pinnacle and the most visible African Sport event of African Sport Architecture (ASA) and motivation for Africa's elite athletes;
o) Ensure that the African Games brand is consistent with the expectations of stakeholders inclusive of Continental and International Federations, Africa Union Commission, Member States, sponsors, and Members of the African Sport Movement;
p) Develop and implement strategies, policies and best practices for the African Games in line with international sporting standards;
q) Develop and implement a comprehensive Marketing plan to ensure growth of the African Games brand in the continent and beyond;

r) Define benchmarks of the African Games legacy and work together with Local Organizing Committee (COJA), host cities, governments and relevant authorities to identify appropriate legacy objectives and desired impacts;
s) Define athlete and officials' qualifying and performance standards for the African Games in line with International Federations trends and standards;
t) Ensure a professional coordinated and management process from the bidding phase, through planning and delivery of the African Games contributing to enhancing the profile of the Architecture for Sport in Africa;
u) Promote and encourage best practices, build on the success of the Games, creative solutions and facilitate knowledge transfer to future host countries of the African Games;
v) Manage and supervise broadcasting and media rights and ensure maximum coverage of the Games in Africa and beyond, execute
international marketing of the Games, monitor and assist COJA in planning and executing its Games Marketing Programme

w) To stipulate Games participating fees and all the stipends within the COJA system

x) To ensure the Games trademarks and or copyrights are registered and liaise with host government and host city authorities for adequate and legal protection of the trademarks and of the Games sites

y) To appoint the technical Disciplinary Committee per each sport code and be the final Board of Appeal

z) To be the disciplinary committee of the Games with the Secretariat being the Ultimate Board of Appeal.

aa) Oversee Games Committees and provide proper guidance and assistance to ensure effective execution of the committees’ duties;

bb) To ensure that the closure of the Games is properly done within the stipulated timeframe as provided for in the Protocol Agreement;

c) Recommend deposit fee to be paid by the African Games host country;

d) Carry out any other functions assigned to it by the Sport Advisory Board or the STC on Youth, Culture and Sport.

**Article 19**

**Meetings of the Technical Committees**

1. The Technical Committees shall meet at the Headquarters of AUSC or in any other Member State, upon invitation, once in a year in ordinary session.

2. In the event the session is held outside the Headquarters of the AUSC, the host Member State shall be responsible for all extra expenses incurred by the AUSC as a result of holding the session outside the Headquarters.

3. At the request of two-thirds of its members, the Chairperson of a Technical Committee shall convene an extraordinary session on a specific agenda communicated to all members at least fifteen (15) days in advance.

4. Each Member of the Technical Committees shall bear the cost of his/her participation in all meetings of the Committee.

**Article 20**

**Quorums for the Technical Committee**

A simple majority of members of a technical committee shall be required to constitute a quorum for any ordinary or extraordinary session.
Article 21
Decisions of the Technical Committees

1. Decisions of a Technical Committee shall be taken by a simple majority of the members present;

2. Each member shall have one vote;

3. In the event of a tied vote, the Chairperson of a Technical Committee shall have the casting vote.

SECTION IV: THE AUSC SECRETARIAT

Article 22
Structure of the AUSC Secretariat

1. The Secretariat shall consist of an Executive Secretary who shall be assisted by the necessary administrative, professional and technical officials.

2. The Staff Members of the Secretariat shall hold permanent positions in accordance with the AU Staff Rules and Regulations of African Union.

3. The structure of the Secretariat shall be determined in accordance with the rules and procedures in force in the African Union.

4. The Executive Secretary shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the African Union Commission upon recommendation of the Sport Advisory Board.

5. His/her term of office shall be governed by the AU Staff Rules and Regulations.

Article 23
Powers and Duties of the Executive Secretary

1. The Executive Secretary shall, under the authority of the Chairperson, run the Secretariat General of the AUSC.

2. The Executive Secretary of AUSC shall attend all meetings of the Sport Advisory Board and STC on Youth, Culture and Sport. He shall be responsible for drafting, circulating and filing Minutes of meetings and all other records.

3. The Executive Secretary shall perform his duties within the scope of jurisdiction of the governing bodies of AUSC and upon instructions of the Chairperson as well as on behalf of AUSC which he represents in correspondence exchanges or in activities that devolve upon his office at both African and international levels. He/she shall regularly, at least once per year, submit report to the Chairperson on the AUSC activities.
4. He/she shall submit a progress report and financial report to the Sport Advisory Board and STC on Youth, Culture and Sport;

5. He/she shall be answerable to the Department for Social Affairs in respect of the management of the budget of the AUSC.

CHAPTER IV: AFRICAN UNION SPORT DEVELOPMENT REGIONS

Article 24
Composition

1. The African Union Sport Development Regions shall be aligned on the geographical distribution of the African Union as approved by the Executive Council and endorsed by the Assembly of the Union.

2. There shall be five (5) African Union Sport Development Regions, namely, Northern, Western, Central, Eastern, and Southern.

3. The geographical distribution of the five (5) Regions is as follows:
   
   a) **REGION 1 (Northern Africa)**: Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Mauritania, Tunisia and Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic.

   b) **REGION 2 (West Africa)**: Benin, Burkina Faso, Capo Verde, Cote d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo.

   c) **REGION 3 (Central Africa)**: Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon and Sao Tome & Principe

   d) **REGION 4 (Eastern Africa)**: Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda.

   e) **REGION 5 (Southern Africa)**: Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Article 25
Organs of the Union Sports Development Regions

1. Each African Union Sport Development Region shall have the following organs:

   a) The Conference of Ministers of Sport of the Region;
b) Executive Committee of Experts from Member States of the Region; and

c) The Secretariat of the AU Sport Development Regions (Regional Secretariat).

2. Each Region shall develop its own Strategies, structures, programmes and resource mobilization mechanisms within the objectives and mandate of the AUSC.

3. The Representatives of AUSC Secretariat, ANOCA, Sport Confederations and Associate Sports Bodies will attend the meetings and activities of the Organs of the AU Sport Development Regions as members in an advisory capacity.

4. The Regional Secretariat shall be the administrative structure of the Region responsible for carrying out the tasks inherent in the missions assigned to the Regions and shall submit annual report to the AUSC. Each Region will decide on the Host Country of the Permanent Regional Secretariat.

CHAPTER V: AFRICAN GAMES AND THE RELATIONS BETWEEN AUSC – ANOCA – AASC

Article 26
African Games

1. For purposes of promoting high performance African Sports Elite and enhancing sporting and cultural exchanges between Member States, a multi-discipline sports competition known as the "AFRICAN GAMES" is hereby instituted under the ownership and patronage of the African Union.

2. The African Games shall also be organized under the patronage of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) which recognizes the said Games as CONTINENTAL GAMES for African Continent.

3. The African Games shall be the exclusive property of African Union through AUSC who shall hold all rights relating to their organization, exploitation, broadcast and reproduction by any means whatsoever.

4. The African Games shall be celebrated once every four (4) years and one (1) year before the Olympic Games.

5. The maximum duration of the Games shall be fifteen (15) days.

6. The organization of the African Games shall be governed by rules and regulations enacted by the STC on Youth, Culture and Sport and in conformity with the Olympic Charter.

7. The AUSC shall associate the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) and the Association of African Sports Confederations (AASC) in the organization and management of the African Games.
8. The STC on Youth, Culture and Sport shall recommend for designation by the Assembly of the Union of a Member State to host the African Games.

9. An Agreement to lay down the organization modalities for each edition of the African Games shall be concluded between AUSC and the Host Country.

**Article 27**

**Relations between AUSC – ANOCA – AASC**

1. For purposes of enhancing the development of sports and Olympism in Africa and consolidating cohesion among the various structures of the African Sports Movement, the AUSC may recognize as a confederation or a continental association, organizations that either administer one or several sports disciplines in Africa or whose statutes and activities are in conformity with either the AUSC Statutes or the Olympic Charter. In such a case, AUSC may establish co-operation relations with them.

2. Within the framework of the aforementioned provisions, ANOCA and AASC shall be technical and advisory Organs of AUSC.

3. AUSC may grant ANOCA and African Sports Confederations political support and material assistance necessary for the development of their activities.

4. ANOCA, AASC and associations under their jurisdiction shall recognize the authority and primacy of AUSC over the entire African Sports and Olympic Movement.

**CHAPTER VI: FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

**Article 28**

**Budget of the AUSC**

1. The operational budget of AUSC shall constitute an integral part of the regular budget of the Union.

2. AUSC may mobilize resources from extra-budgetary sources in accordance with the AU Financial Rules and Regulations.

3. For purposes of attaining its objectives, AUSC shall have an own budget broken down as follows:

   a) Operational budget;
   d) Programme budget; and

4. The budget of AUSC shall be submitted for approval to the Policy Organs of the Union in accordance with the relevant provisions of the AU Financial Rules and Regulations.

**Article 29**

**African Sports Development Funds**

The African Sports Development Funds (ASDF) is hereby established and it shall be funded by:

1. Voluntary contributions from Member States;
2. Sundry commissions and fees accruing from sports events;
3. Grants in cash or kind from Governments, national or international institutions desirous to contribute toward sports development in Africa;
4. Revenue from the African Games Deposit Fee and marketing and sponsorship of the Games;

**Article 30**

**Expenditure-Accounting**

1. Revenue of AUSC shall cover:
   a) Expenses incurred from all AUSC activities;
   b) Recurrent expenses of the Secretariat;
   c) Assistance that AUSC may grant under varied forms and more especially as subsidies to AU Sports Development Regions, ANOCA, African Sports Confederations and to any other organization that contribute toward the enhancement of sport in Africa;
   d) Training, study and research grants awarded to nationals of Member States.

2. Revenue and expenditure shall be recorded in one or several accounts opened on behalf of the AUSC in one or several banks established in the Host Country of the Organization's Headquarters.

3. The Revenue and expenditure of the AUSC shall be governed by the Financial Rules and Regulations of the Union.
Article 31
Transitional Arrangements

Following the adoption of this Statute by the Assembly of the Union, the Chairperson of the AU Commission, in close collaboration and in consultation with the host country and the Members of the Bureau of the STC on Youth, Culture and Sport shall take the necessary measures to establish an Interim Structure and appoint the required staff in order to facilitate the speedy establishment of AUSC in accordance with the present Statutes.

CHAPTER VII: FINAL PROVISIONS Article 32
Amendments

1. The present Statutes may be amended by the Assembly of the Union. Any Member State proposing an amendment shall address a written notification to the Chairperson of the Commission who shall notify all Member States three (3) months before the Assembly’s session to decide on the proposed amendment.

2. The amendment shall only take effect when it is approved by Assembly of the Union.

Article 33
Entry into Force

1. This Statute shall enter into force upon its adoption by the Assembly of the Union.

2. This Statute, of which the Arabic, French, English and Portuguese texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the chairperson of the AU Commission and copies thereof shall be transmitted to the Executive Secretary and all Member States.

Adopted by the……Ordinary Session of the Assembly, held….