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**AT THE CLOSING OF THE 21ST ORDINARY
SESSION OF THE PRC**

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Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen; we have now come to the end of our preparatory work on behalf of the Executive Council.

We had a lot of work to accomplish and therefore worked hard and long hours. The most important thing is to ensure that everytime we learn from our experiences and strive to do better. I am sure that from now onwards we are going to take on the chronic problems of time management, poor logistical support and the inefficient use of resources.

As PRC we have a number of outstanding issues that we must deal with. These include working methods, adequacy of our oversight functions; compliance with and adequacy of our rules and regulations; familiarity with activities and concurs of other AU organs. We have put in place a number of mechanisms like the adhoc committees which we must nurture and learn from.

It was a great honour and privilege to serve as Chairperson of this venerable house. I have learnt a lot from the intellect and experience of all members. I must thank sincerely both those who challenged me and those who made it easier for me. Together you provided a rich working environment, and it is an experience I will cherish for a long time.

I would like to give special thanks to all my colleagues in the Bureau. We have worked as a team in a frank and constructive manner.

I would also like to acknowledge the new spirit by all Organs of the Union. The realization that we need to be coordinated, to pull in one direction and to create synergies.

I give a vote of thanks to the Chairperson of the Commission, the Commissioners, Directors and Senior Staff. The PRC has a lot of work to process because you give it work. So when we ask for work to be done it is because we know you have the competence to do more.

I express my gratitude to all staff of the Commission that have worked in the plenary as well as in the background to enable us conduct our sessions successfully. This includes, Mr Mfansoni and his team, support staff and translators.

With slightly less responsibilities, I plan to create time so that I can know each one of Your Excellencies better.

I look forward to continuing as a loyal and constructive member of this August house.

Thank You.