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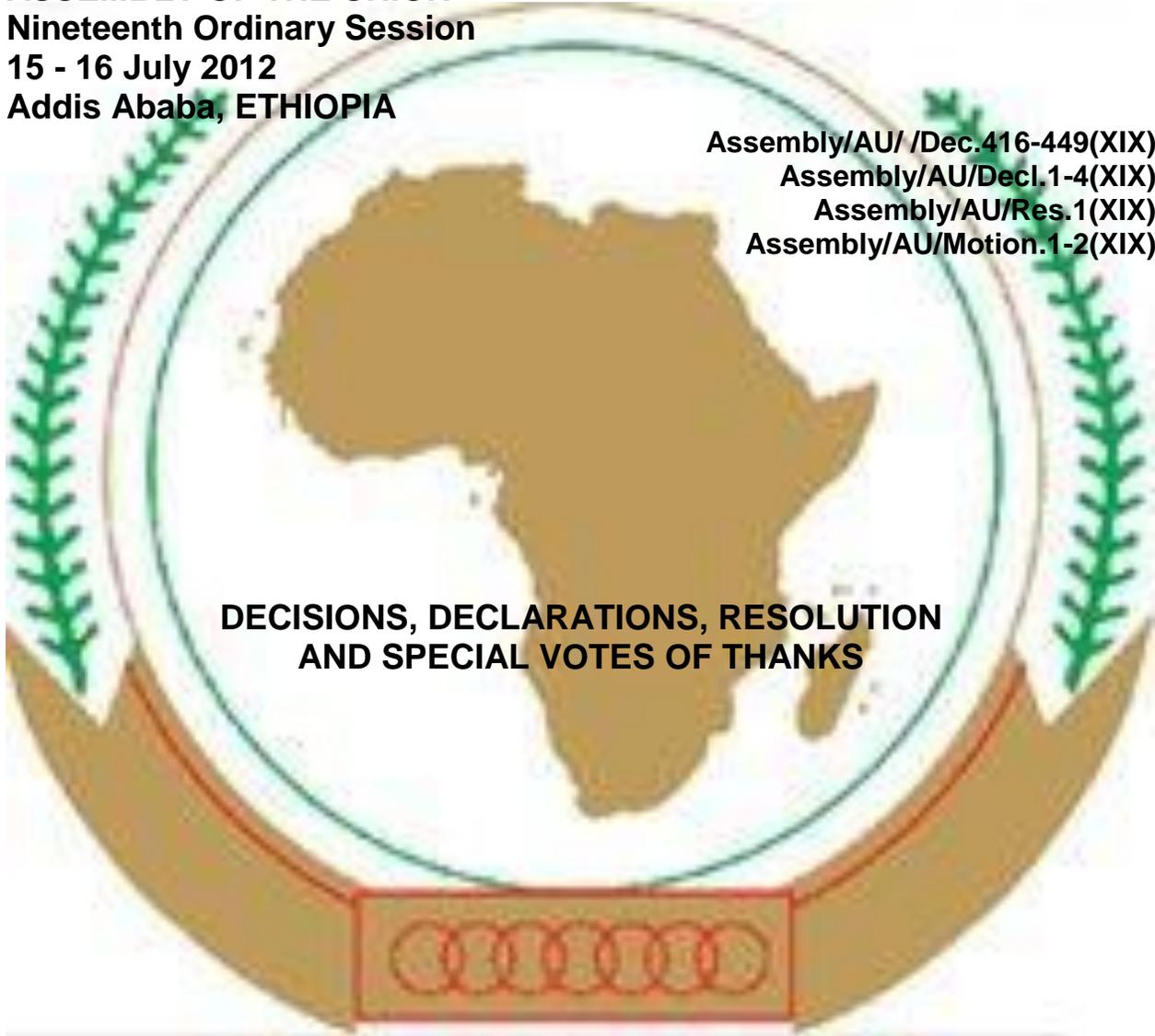


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**DECISION ON THE DRAFT AFRICAN UNION
INTERNAL AUDIT REGULATIONS
Doc. EX.CL/720(XXI)i**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the recommendations of the Executive Council on the Draft African Union Internal Audit Regulations;
2. **ADOPTS** the African Union Internal Audit Regulations;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report annually on the implementations of the African Union Internal Audit Regulations to the Assembly through the Executive council.



**DECISION ON THE AFRICA RISK CAPACITY (ARC):
SOVEREIGN DISASTER RISK SOLUTIONS
Doc. EX.CL/724(XXI)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of 5th Joint Annual Meeting of the AU Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance and ECA Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development on the African Risk Capacity (ARC);
2. **AWARE** of the escalating impact of extreme weather events driven by climate change, developing mechanisms for sovereign level risk management remains an urgent priority;
3. **ACKNOWLEDGES** that the current system of ad hoc unpredictable funding for disaster response causes the depletion of critical assets and the reallocation of government resources from planned investment in times of crisis, slowing economic growth and creating significant setbacks to development;
4. **FURTHER TAKES NOTE** that the innovative financial strategy for the African Risk Capacity to achieve solvency and sustainability would include initial donor contributions and on-going premium payments from Member States that participate on a voluntary basis, allowing for use of modern financial tools without direct impact to national budgets of non-participating states;
5. **RECOGNIZES** that while drought is a major threat to food insecure populations, coverage of other naturally occurring hazards such as floods, earthquakes and cyclones would facilitate the participation of more countries and should be modelled and incorporated into the facility;
6. **RECALLS** the establishment of the Joint Africa-Arab Fund for Disaster Response (Assembly/Africa-Arab/Res.2(II)) adopted at the Second Africa-Arab Summit in Sirte, Libyan-Arab Jamahiriya on October 10, 2010 “to establish a fund for disaster response, the statutes, objectives and modalities of which are to be defined by the Commission and the League of Arab States;
7. **ENDORSES** in-principle, the proposal to establish ARC;
8. **REQUESTS** the Commission in collaboration with ARC Secretariat to elaborate a legal agreement for the establishment of the African Risk Capacity (ARC);
9. **DECIDES** that ARC shall be established as a Specialized Agency of the African Union and accorded the privileges and immunities specified in the OAU General Convention on Privileges and Immunities;

10. **REQUESTS** the Commission to convene a meeting of government experts and subsequently a conference of plenipotentiaries before the end of the year to consider and adopt the establishment agreement;
11. **URGES** all African Union Member States to actively participate in the aforementioned process;
12. **CALLS UPON** development partners and partner institutions to support this endeavour of critical importance to food security on the continent;
13. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report on the implementation of this Decision to the next ordinary session of the Assembly in January/February 2013.



**DECISION ON THE OPERATIONALIZATION OF
THE PAN AFRICAN UNIVERSITY
Doc. EX.CL/725(XXI)**

The Assembly,

1. **RECALLING** the Decision, Assembly/AU/Dec.290(XV) adopted in Kampala, Uganda in July, 2010 on the establishment of the Pan African University,
2. **FURTHER RECALLING** the Assembly Decision AU/Dec. 391(XVIII) adopted by the 18th Ordinary Session of the Union in Addis Ababa in February 2012 concerning the Pan African University (PAU);
3. **COMMENDS** the Partners to the Pan African University for their support and **ENCOURAGES** them to continue their collaboration;
4. **AUTHORISES** the admission of students and recruitment of temporary staff for the running of the Pan African University and its Rectorate;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to submit the structure and financial implications of the Pan African University to the policy organs through the PRC Sub- Committee on Structure for adoption;
6. **AUTHORISES** the Commission to establish a special fund called the Pan African University Fund, and proceed to mobilise resources for the functioning of the PAU;
7. **DECIDES** to accelerate the adoption of the draft statutes of the Pan-African University through the relevant AU Sub-Committees to ensure that the operationalization of the Pan-African University is not delayed.



**DECISION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS
ON THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT (ICC)
Doc. EX.CL/731(XXI)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the meeting of Ministers of Justice and/or Attorneys General held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 14 and 15 May 2012 and the recommendations contained therein;
2. **REITERATES** its commitment to fight impunity in conformity with the provisions of Article 4(h) and 4 (o) of the Constitutive Act of the African Union and **UNDERScores** the importance of putting the interests of victims at the centre of all actions in sustaining the fight against impunity;
3. **ENDORSES** the recommendation of the Meeting of Ministers of Justice/Attorneys General to approach the International Court of Justice (ICJ), through the United Nations General Assembly (UNAG), for seeking an advisory opinion on the question of immunities, under international law, of Heads of State and senior state officials from States that are not Parties to the Rome Statute of ICC and this regard, **REQUESTS** the Commission to undertake further study on the advisability and implications of seeking such advisory opinion from ICJ and to report thereon to the Executive Council;
4. **REITERATES** its request to the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for deferral of the proceedings against President Omar al Bashir of the Sudan and those issued in the Kenyan situation;
5. **URGES** African State Parties to the Rome Statute to implement Decision Assembly/ AU/Dec. 296 (XV) adopted by the Fifteenth Ordinary Session in Kampala, Uganda in July 2010 which requested Member States to balance, where applicable, their obligations to the African Union (AU) with their obligations to ICC;
6. **ENDORSES** Libya's request to put on trial in Libya its own citizens charged with committing international crimes;
7. **ENCOURAGES**, for effective reliance on Article 98 of the Rome Statute, African State Parties to the Rome Statute of ICC and African non-State Parties to consider concluding bilateral agreements on the immunities of their Senior State officials;
8. **URGES** African States Parties to the Rome Statute to enhance African representation on the Bench of the ICC in order to ensure that Africa contributes optimally to the evolution of the Court's jurisprudence and in this context, Member

States shall in the future respect the decisions of the AU endorsing candidatures to international institutions;

9. **REQUESTS** the AU Chairperson, the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) and the African Groups in New York and in The Hague to promote and support the African common position on ICC;
10. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission, the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights to publicize, within the continent, what it has done towards the protection of civilians in situations where international crimes have been perpetrated;
11. **WELCOMES** the steps taken by the Commission to follow up on various Assembly Decisions on the Abuse of the principle of Universal Jurisdiction by some non-African States, in particular the elaboration of a Model National Law on Universal Jurisdiction over International Crimes and **ENCOURAGES** Member States to fully take advantage of this Model National Law in order to expeditiously enact or strengthen their National Laws in this area;
12. **REQUESTS** the Commission to follow-up on this matter and to report regularly on the implementation of the various Assembly decisions on ICC.



**DECISION ON THE ABUSE OF THE PRINCIPLE
OF UNIVERSAL JURISDICTION
Doc. EX.CL/731(XXI)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the meeting of Ministers of Justice and/or Attorneys General held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 14 and 15 May 2012 and the recommendations contained therein;
2. **URGES** Member States to participate actively in the upcoming discussions and negotiations on the scope and application of the principle of Universal Jurisdiction at the level of the Sixth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) during the sixty-seventh session of UNGA schedule for the last quarter of 2012;
3. **INVITES** Member States which have not yet done so, to submit their observations and information on the scope and application of Universal Jurisdiction to the UN Secretary General should UNGA through a Resolution make a similar request in the future;
4. **URGES** Member States through the African Group in New York to strongly put forth the concerns expressed on the abuse of the principle of Universal Jurisdiction by some non-African States as indicated in the various relevant Decisions of the Assembly;
5. **ALSO URGES** Member States to use the principle of reciprocity to defend themselves against the abuse of the principle of Universal Jurisdiction;
6. **REITERATES** its Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.199(XI) on the Abuse of the principle of Universal Jurisdiction which requested that the warrants of arrest issued on the basis of the abuse of the Principle of Universal Jurisdiction shall not be executed in any Member State;
7. **REQUESTS** the Commission, on behalf of the Assembly, to send an official communication to the European Commission, requesting the latter to transmit the AU concerns and request the Government of Spain to comply with the Laws of Spain with respect to the arrest warrants issued against Rwandan Leaders on the basis of the application of the principle of Universal jurisdiction and **ALSO REQUESTS** the AU Chairperson to send a similar request directly to the Prime Minister of Spain;
8. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to follow-up on this matter and to report regularly on the implementation of the various Assembly decisions on the abuse application of Universal Jurisdiction.

DECISION ON PALESTINE AND THE MIDDLE EAST
Doc. EX.CL/733(XXI)

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report on the situation in Palestine and the Middle East; and Recalls all resolutions and decisions of the Organization of African Unity/African Union on the situation on Palestine and to achieve lasting peace and security in the Middle East;
2. **REAFFIRMS** its full support to the Palestinian people in their legitimate struggle to end the Israeli occupation and to establish their independent state, under the leadership of the PLO, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian People;
3. **ALSO REAFFIRMS** its support for the peaceful resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict in accordance with the principles of international law and all relevant United Nations resolutions to ensure the establishment of an independent Palestinian State on the borders of June 1967, with East Jerusalem as its capital;
4. **RENEWS** the Recognition of the State of Palestine on the borders of June 1967, with East Jerusalem as its capital and demands the State of Israel to recognise the State of Palestine within the Borders of 1967;
5. **CONFIRMS** that comprehensive, just and lasting peace can be achieved only through full Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab and Palestinian territories to the lines of June 1967, including the Syrian Golan Heights and Lebanese territories;
6. **CONFIRMS** its full support for the efforts of the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the PLO -the President of the State of Palestine-President Mahmoud Abbas, which aims to achieve a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East, by applying the principle of the Two-State solution, and Renews its support to the Palestinian leadership and Arab leaders to achieve reconciliation in Palestine;
7. **CALLS ON** Member States of the African Union to be committed not to sign agreements with Israel which affect the Arab territories occupied since June 1967, including East Jerusalem, because it is contrary to the resolutions of the Security Council and General Assembly of the United Nations;
8. **CONDEMNS** all Israeli actions related to changing the cultural and historical monuments of the city of Jerusalem, through a policy of Judaization, house demolitions, the expulsion of the Palestinian population, the destruction of the Islamic and Christian holy and historic monuments, the construction of the bridge of the Mughrabi Gate, the Apartheid Wall, and the expansion of the illegal settlements in and around occupied East Jerusalem;

9. **CONDEMNS** the Israeli official programmed and designed campaign to undermine President Mahmoud Abbas and the Palestinian leadership, which is irrelevant to the desired peace, and Call Upon the Quartet, the United Nations, International organizations and the International Community to condemn these Statements and attitudes that reflect the organized state terrorism, and inciting to murder and violence;
10. **HOLDS** Israel responsible for the stalemate and deadlock in the peace process, and Condemns the continued settlement expansion in Palestinian territories, and that the United Nations considers void and illegitimate, which constitute a major obstacle in the way of peace, and demands that Israel stop all settlement activities in the Palestinian occupied territories since 1967;
11. **CALLS ON** the UN Security Council, the United Nations and the Quartet to take the necessary measures to maintain security, peace and stability, and achieve comprehensive, just and lasting peace, by applying the provisions of relevant international laws and the previous resolutions of the Security Council, and put pressure on Israel to adhere to the peace process, and to refrain from provocations against the Palestinian people;
12. **CONDEMNS** the Israeli inhuman practices against the Palestinian prisoners and detainees, and Expresses its rejection of the arbitrary measures and the tough sanctions on detainees in the Israeli prisons, as well as the "Administrative Detention", which is a violation of all principles and laws of humanity and international law, and a contrary to international humanitarian law;
13. **CALLS UPON** the international community and human rights bodies for an immediate intervention for the release of the Palestinian prisoners detained in Israeli prisons, and calling for the formation of an international investigation committee about the circumstances of the prisoners in the jails of Israel, and the abolition of the "Administrative Detention" and the immediate release of all of them, where their condition is getting worse because of the open hunger strike, especially patients whose lives are in danger;
14. **CALLS ON** Israel, the occupying Power, to desist from the use of natural resources of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Syrian people in the Occupied Syrian Golan Heights, and that any violation of natural resources is a violation of international law and international humanitarian law, and the occupying Power has no right to use, in any way, the natural resources of the land it occupies;
15. **EXPRESSES** its grave concern about the deteriorating economic and humanitarian situation in the occupied Palestinian territories, especially in Gaza strip, as a result of the blockade, and calls upon the Security Council and the Quartet for an immediate intervention and pressurize Israel to respect the human rights and international human law, and to apply the Fourth Geneva Convention;

16. **CALLS ON** Israel to abide by the decision of the United Nations and to sign the Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, in order to make the Middle East a zone free of nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction;
17. **URGES** the African Union Commission to work with all members to activate the African Union Committee on Palestine;
18. **EXPRESSES** grave concern at the recent expulsion of African Nationals from Israel and condemns this unwarranted act;
19. **URGES** all Member States of the United Nations who have suspended their contributions to UNESCO to rescind that decision and **FURTHER CALLS** on them to resume contributions for the continuation of UNESCO programs.



**DECISION ON THE PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF ASSEMBLY DECISION (Assembly/AU/Dec.412(XVIII)) ON THE
PREPARATIONS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE OAU/AU ON 25TH MAY 2013
DOC. EX.CL/735(XXI)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Progress Report on the preparation for the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the OAU/AU and the recommendations contained therein;
2. **COMMENDS** the Ethiopian Government for the arrangements already made and the huge effort deployed for active preparation of the 50th Anniversary of OAU/AU;
3. **ENCOURAGES** the Commission, in close collaboration with the Ethiopian Government, to work together with all the Member States and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) as well as other AU Organs to organize various activities, including media events, debates and competitions in schools and universities, public opinion surveys, sessions in local and national legislatures, and other activities to celebrate the year of Pan-Africanism and African Renaissance so as to enhance the awareness of the new generation of Africans about the ideals of Pan-Africanism;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in close collaboration with the Ethiopian Government, to submit the final proposals on the activities to be undertaken together with the financial implications to the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC) through the Advisory Sub – Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters and **AUTHORISES** the PRC to approve the necessary expenditures in this regard, using the arrears of contributions as well as voluntary contributions from Member States and other African sources of funding;
5. **DECIDES** that, in accordance with the decision of the 18th ordinary session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union(Assembly/AU/Dec.412(XVIII)), which declared 2013 as the Year of Pan-Africanism and African Renaissance, the theme of the Summit in 2013 shall be "Pan-Africanism and African Renaissance";
6. **WELCOMES** the offer of the Government of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia to host a special summit of the African Union in Addis Ababa on 25 May 2013 to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Organization of African Unity;
7. **DECIDES** the regular sessions of the Policy Organs of the African Union initially planned to take place in Libya in July 2013 will instead be held in Addis Ababa back to back with the special Summit as follows:

- 26 & 27 May 2013 - 21st Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government;
- 22 & 23 May 2013 - 23rd Ordinary Session of the Executive Council of the African Union;
- 19 & 20 May 2013 - 26th Ordinary Session of the Permanent Representatives' Committee.

8. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with the Ethiopian Government, to report on the implementation of this Decision to the 20th Ordinary Session of the Assembly in January 2013.



**DECISION ON MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (MDGs)
REPORT AND POST 2015 MDGs AGENDA
DOC. EX.CL/736(XXI)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on assessment of Africa's progress towards the Millennium Development Goals including Africa's new perspectives on the post-2015 Development Programme, and request the Commission to present the comprehensive report on the progress achieved and the challenges encountered at the level of the African Union and the various regions and countries, in particular the consultations carried out during the meeting held in Addis Ababa on this issue in March 2012;
2. **EXPRESSES** satisfaction at the joint efforts and the active cooperation between the AU Commission, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), African Development Bank (AfDB) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in the elaboration of the assessment report;
3. **RECOMMENDS** that the post-2015 Development Programme should include all areas of action currently covered by the MDGs, focussing more particularly on local context over and above social needs, and with emphasis on the productive sector, job creation for the youth, food security, peace and security, adaptive capacities and adoption of sustainable development programme vis-à-vis the challenges posed by climate change in particular, and other challenges;
4. **UNDERScores** the absolute need for Africa to prepare in an appropriate manner to bring substantial contribution to bear on general assessment of the MDGs on the eve of 2015 with a common position in the preparation of the post-2015 Development Programme; to this end, request the Commission to coordinate the efforts deployed by all the stakeholders in this process;
5. **ALSO UNDERScores** the need for Africa to strengthen its autonomy by focusing on capitalization of the Continent's immense resources and on sustainable development programmes;
6. **ENCOURAGES** Member States to sign and ratify the Africa Charter on Statistics if they have not already done so;
7. **URGES** African countries to strengthen their statistical systems and institutions in order to produce reliable and timely statistics for the monitoring of progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals in Africa;
8. **MANDATES** the African Union Commission, in close consultation with Member States and Regional Economic Communities to identify Africa's priorities for the post 2015 development agenda in order to consider making 2015-2024 a decade of transformation for Africa with the support of the AfDB, the UNDP, the ECA and all other stakeholders.

**DECISION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFRICAN CHARTER ON
STATISTICS AND THE STRATEGY FOR THE HARMONIZATION
OF STATISTICS IN AFRICA (SHASA)**

The Assembly,

1. **COMMENDS** countries which have signed and ratified the African Charter on Statistics, and calls on those which have not done so to sign and ratify it as expeditiously as possible;
2. **INVITES** countries to incorporate the principles of the Charter into statistics law and into national strategies for the development of statistics;
3. **CALLS ON** countries and regional economic communities to incorporate the Strategy for the Harmonization of Statistics in Africa into national and regional strategies for the development of statistics, and invites all stakeholders to mobilize resources for implementation of the Strategy and its sectoral strategies;
4. **ENDORSES** the institutionalization of a biennial meeting of African Ministers Responsible for Civil Registration within the framework of a relevant Specialized Technical Committee of the African Union;
5. **INVITES** the Commission, the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the African Development Bank (AfDB) and partners to strengthen the civil registration and vital statistics secretariat to enable it to respond to the ever-growing demand for assistance in improving civil registration and vital statistics systems in Africa;
6. **URGES** the Commission to coordinate all activities on labour market information systems at the continental level and to reinforce its capacity with suitable staffing and adequate resources, and calls on the Economic and Statistical Observatory for sub-Saharan Africa, the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the African Development Bank (AfDB), the African Capacity-Building Foundation (ACBF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the European Union (EU), the International Labour Organization (ILO), and other partners, to support this effort;
7. **REQUESTS** the Commission, the ECA, the AfDB and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to mobilize the required resources for operationalization of the Africa Info database initiative and provide the necessary support to enable countries to develop effective data management and dissemination systems aimed at enabling full public access to official statistics;
8. **RECOMMENDS** that the Commission in collaboration with ECA, and the AfDB follow up the work of other statistical institutions on strengthening the capacity of national and regional training centres, **ENDORSES** the creation of an African Statistical Training Centre including adopting the proposed document on the strategy for alignment of training initiatives to SHaSA; and **SUPPORTS** empowerment of the African Group on Statistical Training and Human Resources and its secretariat, to coordinate statistical training programmes in Africa.

**DECISION ON AFRICAN SOLIDARITY INITIATIVE FOR SUPPORT TO POST-
CONFLICT RECONSTRUCTION DEVELOPMENT AND (PCRD) IN AFRICA
DOC. EX.CL/738(XXI)**

The Assembly,

1. **RECALLS** paragraph 12 of Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.408(XVIII) adopted at its 18th ordinary session, held in Addis Ababa from 30 to 31st January 2012, in which it stressed the need for renewed efforts towards post-conflict reconstruction and development in order to consolidate peace where it has been achieved, and welcomed the steps being taken by the Commission for the launch of an African Solidarity Initiative to support Member States emerging from conflicts;
2. **NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the launch of the Initiative on 13 July 2012, which provides an opportunity to mobilize, from within the continent, support for African countries emerging from conflicts, consolidate and expand intra-African co-operation and mutual self-help, in line with the AU Policy on Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development, as well as the 1975 Inter-African Convention Establishing an African Technical Co-operation Programme;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in close collaboration with the countries concerned and all other Member States, Regional Economic Communities, and other relevant African institutions, to roll-out a full implementation plan, to mobilize in-kind, capacity building, as well as financial contributions to support post-conflict reconstruction activities and efforts in African countries concerned;
4. **INVITES** partners, including the African Development Bank, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, UN Secretariat and agencies, as well as other relevant partners, to fully support this African Initiative;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to regularly update the Assembly, as well as the Peace and Security Council, on progress made in this Initiative.

DECISION ON BOOSTING INTRA-AFRICAN TRADE AND FAST TRACKING THE CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA
Doc. Assembly/AU/11(XIX)

The Assembly,

1. **RECALLS** the Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.394(XVIII) taken on 30th January 2012 at its Eighteenth Ordinary Session;
2. **RE-AFFIRMS** the commitment to deepen Africa's market integration through the establishment of the Continental Free Trade Area (CFTA) by the indicative date of 2017 and the implementation of the Action Plan for Boosting Intra-African Trade;
3. **EXPRESSES** satisfaction on the progress made in the operationalization of the High Level African Trade Committee (HATC) and for purposes of continuity and operational effectiveness agrees that each region shall nominate one Head of State to serve as a member of the HATC for a period of two years;
4. **TAKES NOTE** of the outcomes of the consultations mandated to our Committee of seven Heads of State and Government on the challenges of low levels of intra-African trade, infrastructure, and productive capacities to the fast tracking of the CFTA and the boosting of Intra-African trade and **WELCOMES** the conclusion that there are positive aspects of intra-African trade manifested particularly in the significant level of manufactured goods in the intra-African trade composition, and a sufficient level of infrastructure density that can constitute a good basis for fast-tracking the CFTA and for boosting intra-African trade;
5. **AFFIRMS** nonetheless the critical importance of continuing to address the inadequacy of infrastructure including Roads, Rail, Ports, Energy, ICT, Transport inter alia and productive capacity by promoting value added products in order to exploit the larger economies of scale prospects and opportunities offered by the CFTA;
6. **REQUESTS** all Member States and the RECs to promote and actively support the realization of the CFTA and the Boosting of Intra-African Trade;
7. **CALLS FOR** the development of trade- related infrastructure and productive capacity building programmes and an enabling policy and legal framework by the AUC, RECs and Member States which build upon the frameworks of PIDA, AIDA, and CAADP so as to contribute specifically to the boosting of Intra-African Trade;
8. **UNDERSCORES** the importance of mainstreaming the implementation of the CFTA and the Action Plan for Boosting intra-African Trade at the national level through various measures and actions including the identification of focal points at national and regional levels, taking into account the need for dedicated

technical and financial resources from Member States, Regional Economic Communities and development partners for Africa;

9. **WELCOMES** and **ENCOURAGES** the continued support by Development Partners for the AU Agenda on Boosting Intra-African Trade and Fast-tracking the establishment of the CFTA, and **MANDATES** the AUC to coordinate and harmonize their efforts in this regard for coherence and effectiveness.



**DECISION ON THE PROTOCOL ON AMENDMENTS TO THE
PROTOCOL ON THE STATUTE OF THE AFRICAN
COURT OF JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS
Doc. Assembly/AU/13(XIX)a**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the recommendation of the Executive Council on the draft Protocol on Amendments to the Protocol on the Statute of the African Court of Justice and Human Rights;
2. **REQUESTS** the Commission in collaboration with the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights to prepare a study on the financial and structural implications resulting from the expansion of the jurisdiction of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights and submit the study along with the Draft Protocol on Amendments to the Protocol to the Statute of the African Court of Justice and Human Rights for consideration by the policy organs at the next summit slated for January 2013;
3. **STRESSES** the need for the AU to adopt a definition of the crime of unconstitutional change of government and, in this regard, request the Commission in collaboration with the AU Commission on International Law and the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights to submit this definition for consideration by the policy organs at the next Summit to be held in January 2013.



**DECISION ON THE PROTOCOL TO THE CONSTITUTIVE ACT OF THE
AFRICAN UNION RELATING TO THE PAN-AFRICAN PARLIAMENT
Doc. Assembly/AU/13(XIX)b**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Executive Council recommendation contained in its Decision EX.CL/Dec.707(XXI) on the Protocol to the Constitutive Act of the African Union Relating to the Pan-African Parliament;
2. **DECIDES** that more in-depth consultations should be undertaken on the Draft Protocol to the Constitutive Act of the African Union Relating to the Pan-African Parliament with respect to its Articles 8.1(a) and 8.2 on legislative and oversight powers, which should be deferred to a later date for consideration taking into account the progress accomplished in the integration process.



**DECISION ON PROGRESS REPORT ON MATERNAL,
NEW BORN AND CHILD HEALTH
Doc. Assembly/AU/16(XIX)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report: “Annual Status of Maternal, New born and Child Health in Africa, 2012”;
2. **ACKNOWLEDGES** with appreciation that progress has been registered in improving maternal, new born and child health on the Continent and that 37 Member States have launched the Campaign for Accelerated Reduction of Maternal Mortality in Africa (CARMMA) as an advocacy strategy for the promotion of maternal, new born and child health, and urge other Member States that have not yet done so to launch CARMMA;
3. **URGES** Member States to accelerate implementation of actions adopted at the July 2010 Kampala Summit, including the institutionalization of maternal, new born and child mortality census;
4. **CALLS UPON** development partners and other stakeholders at national, regional and international levels to provide sustained support;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission in collaboration with other Organs, RECs and partners to strengthen the implementation of the reporting system with aligned indicators as adopted by the Ministers of Health; and also urge Member States to provide the Commission with up-to-date information in this respect.



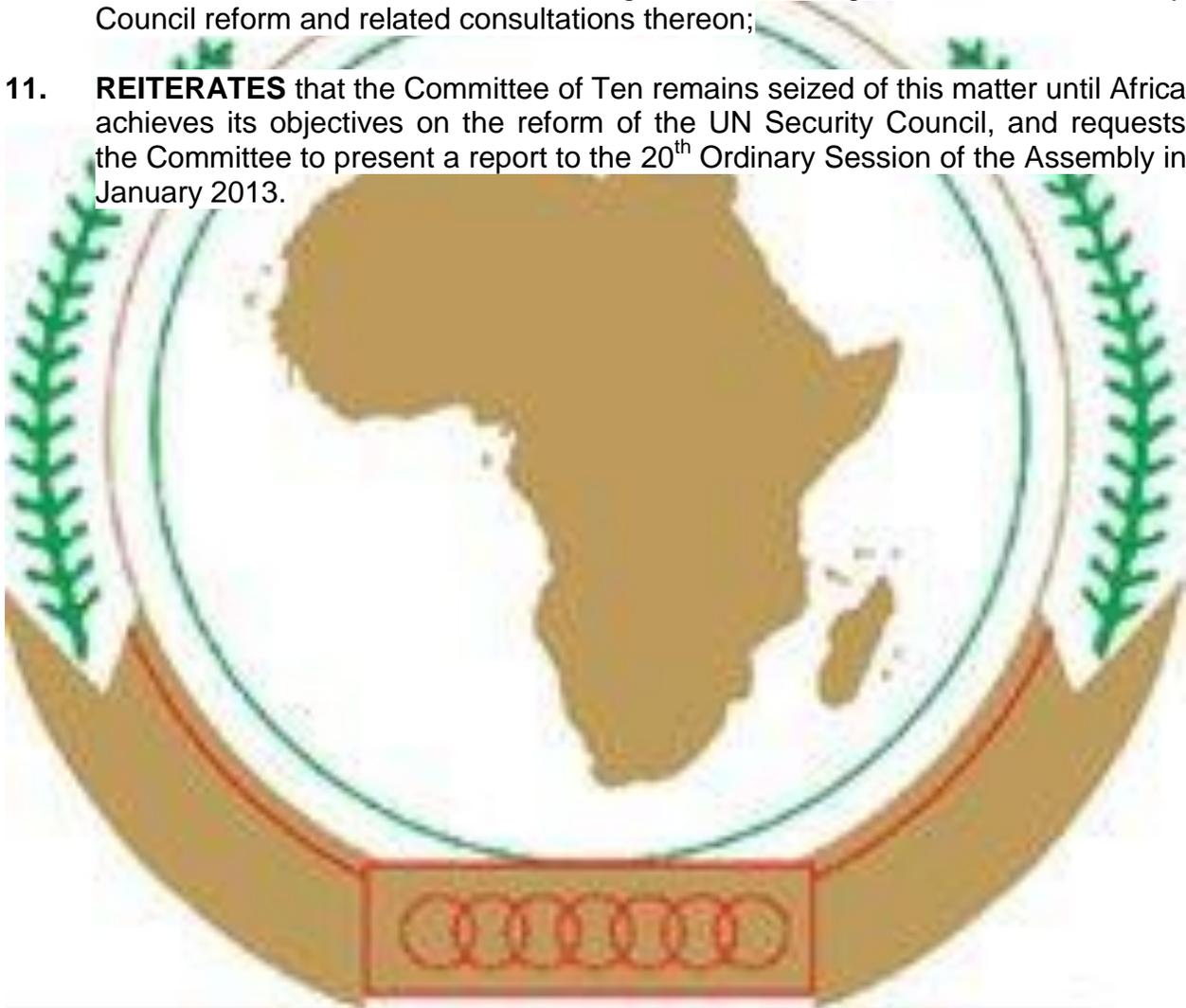
**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF TEN ON UN REFORM
Doc. Assembly/AU/8(XIX)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Eleventh Report of the Committee of Ten Heads of State and Government on the Reform of the United Nations (UN) Security Council;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the recent developments in the intergovernmental negotiations on the Security Council reform;
3. **REAFFIRMS** its strong commitment to Ezulwini Concensus and Sirte Declarations containing the African common position on the reform of the UN Security Council;
4. **COMMENDS** and **APPRECIATES** the efforts of the African Permanent Representatives to the UN in promoting and defending the continent's interest in the UN Security Council Reform, AND of the African Permanent Representatives of the Committee of Ten to the UN in participating in the on-going intergovernmental negotiations on UN Security Council reform;
5. **WELCOMES** the efforts of the African Permanent Representatives of the Committee of Ten to the UN directed at building alliances in support of the African common position with diverse interest groups and member states engaged in the intergovernmental negotiations, and **URGES** the need to continue to build on the progress made and to intensify all efforts in this regard;
6. **RECALLS** its previous Decisions on the overriding need to ensure that the interest of Africa continues to be maintained and safeguarded at all times in the on-going intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council reform, and **REITERATES ITS CALL** for Africa to continue to speak with one voice and cohesively on all issues relating to the UN Security Council reform process;
7. **FURTHER REITERATES ITS REQUESTS** to the African Permanent Representatives of the Committee of Ten to the UN to continue to work closely with other African Permanent Representatives to the UN, in participating in the on-going intergovernmental negotiations on the UN Security Council reform, and to continue also to dialogue with and engage other member states and interest groups in the reform process, with a view to advocating, canvassing and promoting the African common position;
8. **REQUESTS** the Committee of Ten in continuing to intensify efforts in advocating, canvassing and promoting the African common position, to endeavour to reach out at the highest political levels for the purpose of garnering and galvanising the necessary political will in support of the African common position, and to consider holding High Level meetings of the Committee of Ten outside margins of the Summit of the African Union to discuss issues relating to the UN Security Council

reform process including the on-going intergovernmental negotiations, as well as the need to seek any guidance if necessary in furtherance of its mandate;

9. **CALLS UPON** Member States of the African Union to include the issue of the Reform of the Security Council among the priorities of their Foreign Policy while engaging with non-African Partners;
10. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to continue to facilitate the activities of the Committee of Ten and of the African Permanent Representatives of the Committee of Ten to the UN in the intergovernmental negotiations on UN Security Council reform and related consultations thereon;
11. **REITERATES** that the Committee of Ten remains seized of this matter until Africa achieves its objectives on the reform of the UN Security Council, and requests the Committee to present a report to the 20th Ordinary Session of the Assembly in January 2013.



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE HIGH-LEVEL PANEL ON ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF FUNDING THE AFRICAN UNION, HEADED BY THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF NIGERIA H.E MR. OLUSEGUN OBASANJO
DOC. EX.CL/732(XXI)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report while taking into account that it is an Interim Report;
2. **COMMENDS** the High-Level Panel chaired by H.E Olusegun Obasanjo, former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for the effort deployed;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission through the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC) to undertake a comprehensive study of all options to provide quantifiable data on the expected impact on all Member States to enable the High-Level Panel to make definitive recommendations;
4. **ALSO REQUESTS** the High-Level Panel to take into account the criteria of equity for each option proposed;
5. **REQUESTS** the Panel to pursue this work and produce an interim report to be submitted for consideration by Ministers of Finance before submission to the 22nd Ordinary Session of the Assembly in January 2014;
6. **REQUESTS** the High-Level Panel on alternative sources of funding to send the report to Member States, Ministers of Finance and Economy so that Member States can provide the final observation and position before the 21st Ordinary Session of the Assembly in May 2013;
7. **INVITES** Member States to provide comments on the draft final report of the High-Level Panel before submission to the Assembly for Decision.



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL ON ITS
ACTIVITIES AND THE STATE OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN AFRICA
Doc. Assembly/AU/6(XIX)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Peace and Security Council (PSC) on its Activities and the State of Peace and Security in Africa;
2. **WELCOMES** the progress made towards the promotion of lasting peace, security and stability in Africa. The Assembly **COMMENDS** the PSC and the Commission, as well as the Regional Economic Communities/Regional Mechanisms for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution (RECs/RMs), for their commitment and efforts;
3. **NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the progress made in the consolidation of peace in The Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia, and **URGES** Member States and international partners to lend the necessary support to the on-going processes in these countries. The Assembly **WELCOMES** the dialogue initiated in CAR between the Government and the political class, as well as the other measures taken to consolidate peace in the country. The Assembly **ENCOURAGES** all stakeholders in the Republic of Guinea to overcome the current difficulties with a view to the rapid holding of legislative elections under conditions of transparency, freedom and the requisite fairness;
4. **EXPRESSES SERIOUS CONCERN** at the situation prevailing in Mali, and **CONDEMNS** the illegal occupation of the northern part of the country by armed groups, terrorists and criminals, as well as the recourse to armed rebellion to assert political claims. The Assembly **ALSO CONDEMNS** the coup d'état that took place in Mali on 22 March 2012, as well as the manoeuvres of the Military Junta and its civilian supporters aimed at thwarting the on-going transition and the efforts of ECOWAS and the AU, including the unacceptable physical attack against the Interim President Mr. Dioncounda Traoré, on 21 May 2012. The Assembly **REITERATES** the indefectible commitment of the AU to the respect of the national unity and territorial integrity of Mali, which are non-discussable and non-negotiable, as well as the imperative to respect constitutional order;
5. **REITERATES** the commitment of the AU, in close collaboration with ECOWAS and the countries of the region, as well as with the support of international partners, to the re-establishment of State authority in the North of Mali. The Assembly **REAFFIRMS** the imperative need for the effective restoration of constitutional order and **DEMANDS** the cessation of all interference from the Military Junta in the political life of the country. The Assembly **REITERATES** AU support for the efforts deployed by ECOWAS and the countries of the region, including dialogue with the armed groups prepared to seek a negotiated solution based on AU principles, security for the transitional institutions and the expansion

- of the current Government to make it more representative and inclusive. The Assembly **ENCOURAGES** the Commission and the PSC to continue with the efforts initiated with a view of promoting the necessary pooling of efforts and the coordination of initiatives in the search for a solution to the crisis in Mali, including through the elaboration of a strategic concept that articulates the political, security and military measures to be taken to that effect;
6. **STRESSES** the relevance of the Strategy for the Sahel adopted by the PSC in Bamako on 20 March 2012, and **CALLS ON** all stakeholders to ensure that their action is in keeping with that framework;
 7. **REITERATES** the unequivocal condemnation by the AU of the coup d'état that took place in Guinea Bissau on 12 April 2012 and **UNDERScores** the need to definitively put an end to the repeated interference of the Guinea Bissau army in the political life of the country. The Assembly **REITERATES** the support of the AU to ECOWAS efforts and **ENCOURAGES** uninterrupted consultations between the different international stakeholders, namely ECOWAS, the AU, the CPLP, the United Nations and bilateral partners, in order to promote a coordinated approach to the situation;
 8. **EXPRESSES** serious concern at the situation prevailing in DRC and **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the armed group and all other negative forces in DRC, the perpetrators of attacks against the Congolese Government in North Kivu, **EXPRESSES ITS FULL SUPPORT** for the efforts of the Congolese Government at restoring peace and re-establishing State Authority in the East of the country, and **ENCOURAGES** the countries of the region, within the framework of the Pact on Peace, Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region to lend their full support to the efforts of the Congolese Government;
 9. **ALSO NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the significant progress which has continued to be made by the countries engaged in transition processes in North Africa. The Assembly **RENEWS** AU support to the on-going transition in Tunisia, and **WELCOMES** the holding of crucial elections in Egypt, particularly the election of the President of the Republic, and **CALLS ON** the international community to provide the necessary economic and financial support to the two countries with a view to consolidating the progress achieved. The Assembly **COMMENDS** the Libyan people and political actors for the major accomplishment of successfully holding of Constituent Assembly elections on 7 July 2012, and **URGES** them to persevere in this direction in order to conclude the transition. The Assembly **ENCOURAGES** all stakeholders in the three countries to work towards the success of the on-going process in order to meet the hopes generated by the popular revolutions that took place there;
 10. **EXPRESSES ITS CONCERN** over the delays in the implementation of the Roadmap signed in Antananarivo, on 16 September 2011, **URGENTLY APPEALS** to the Malagasy parties to scrupulously abide by the commitments made in their spirit and letter, and **REQUESTS** the Malagasy parties to extend

their full cooperation to SADC. The Assembly **WELCOMES** the operationalization of the Joint AU/SADC Liaison Office and **ENCOURAGES** the two organizations to continue their efforts towards ensuring the success of the transition;

11. **EXPRESSES ITS SATISFACTION** at the progress that has continued to be made in the peace and reconciliation process in Somalia, in particular the gains made on the ground, as well as the implementation of the Political Roadmap of September 2011. The Assembly **URGES** the Somali stakeholders to pursue and intensify their efforts, with a view to effectively concluding the transition on 20 August 2012 as scheduled, and **REITERATES** AU's determination to take measures against all those whose action is undermining the peace and reconciliation process. The Assembly **COMMENDS** AMISOM for its outstanding achievements and **PAYS TRIBUTE** to the troop and police contributing countries and other interested countries, as well as to IGAD, for their commitment to the achievement of lasting peace, democracy and reconciliation in Somalia. The Assembly **APPEALS** to Member States and international partners to extend the necessary support for reconstruction and recovery in the liberated areas, as well as to the Somali Security Sector. The Assembly **EXPRESSES** AU's appreciation to the UN Security Council and the other bilateral and multilateral partners for their support to AMISOM and the peace process in Somalia. The Assembly **NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the outcome of the London Conference of 23 February 2012 and the Istanbul follow-up Conference of 31 May and 1 June 2012;
12. **NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the continued progress in the security and political situation in Darfur, particularly with respect to the implementation of the Doha Document for Peace in Darfur (DDPD), **ENCOURAGES** the Parties to remain committed to this process, **STRESSES THE NEED** to empower the mechanisms set forth in the DDPD and **APPEALS ONCE AGAIN** for renewed efforts to provide the requisite support to the peace process and early recovery initiatives. The Assembly **RENEWS ITS CALLS** to the holdout group to join the peace process without any further delay;
13. **DEPLORES** the on-going fighting in some parts of Blue Nile and South Kordofan, **STRESSES** the urgent need for the two parties to immediately cease hostilities, as well as facilitate humanitarian access to all populations in need and the return of IDPs and refugees. In this respect, the Assembly **REQUESTS** the AUHIP to pursue the efforts it has initiated regarding the two areas and specifically to expedite the launch of negotiations between Republic of The Sudan and SPLM-N in Blue Nile and South Kordofan States in conformity with the AU roadmap and with UN Security Council Resolution 2046;
14. **NOTES** that, while some progress has been made in the implementation of the AU Roadmap of 24 April 2012, as endorsed by the UN Security Council, through resolution 2046(2012) of 2 May 2012, this has nonetheless been slow and uneven, and needs to be significantly speeded up. In this regard, the Assembly **STRESSES** the need and obligation on the part of the Parties to fully and

expeditiously to fulfil their obligations under the Roadmap bearing in mind the timelines contained therein. The Assembly **WELCOMES** the expressed commitment of the Governments of The Sudan and South Sudan to promote their new spirit of strategic partnership in the negotiations and to ensure their completion by 2 August 2012, as provided for in resolution 2046(2012), including the expeditious resolution of the issue of the definition of the Safe Demilitarized Border Zone (SDBZ), bearing in mind, as stressed by the PSC and the UN Security Council, that the AUHIP map of November 2011 in no way prejudices the outcome of the final demarcation of the border and the resolution of the disputed areas. The Assembly **WELCOMES** the acceptance by the Government of The Sudan of the Joint AU/League of Arab States and United Nations initiatives regarding humanitarian access to affected populations in Blue Nile and Southern Kordofan, and **REQUESTS** the Commission to take all the necessary steps for the implementation of all the elements of the proposal, in particular through participation in the assessment of the humanitarian situation and deployment of monitors to ensure that assistance is delivered in a transparent and neutral manner;

15. **EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** to the AUHIP and to its members, former Presidents Thabo Mbeki, Abdulsalami Abubakar and Pierre Buyoya, as well as to the Panel support team, for their untiring efforts and outstanding commitment. The Assembly **URGES** the Parties to extend all the necessary cooperation to the Panel. The Assembly also **COMMENDS** the multilateral and bilateral partners for their support to the AUHIP efforts and **APPEALS** for continued unity of purpose and action to facilitate the early and successful completion of the negotiations;
16. **EXPRESSES CONCERN** at the continued impasse in the peace process between Eritrea and Ethiopia, and **REITERATES** AU's call for renewed African efforts to help the two countries to overcome the current difficulties, normalize their relations and lay the foundation for lasting peace and security in the Horn of Africa. The Assembly **ALSO REITERATES** the urgent need for the full and scrupulous implementation of the 6 June 2010 Agreement between Djibouti and Eritrea, and **REQUESTS** the PSC to actively follow up on the matter and report to it;
17. **WELCOMES** the progress made in the implementation of the Regional Cooperation Initiative against the Lord's Resistance Army (RCI-LRA), and **ENCOURAGES** the countries concerned and the Commission to persevere in their efforts. The Assembly **EXPRESSES AU'S GRATITUDE** to the international partners who have extended support to the efforts being deployed for the elimination of the LRA;
18. **STRESSES** the need for renewed efforts towards post-conflict reconstruction and development in order to consolidate peace where it has been achieved. In this respect, the Assembly **WELCOMES** the launch of the African Solidarity Initiative, on 13 July 2012, and **REQUESTS** the Commission to ensure the necessary

follow-up and to report to it, on regular basis, on progress made and challenges encountered;

19. **EXPRESSES SERIOUS CONCERN** over the trivialization of the recourse to armed rebellion to assert political claims, **STRESSES** the gravity of the tendency which poses a threat to the viability of democratic processes in the Continent, as well as to peace, security and stability in Africa, and **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the practice, as well as any support to armed rebellions. The Assembly **ALSO CONDEMNS** the secessionist tendencies observed in some parts of the Continent, particularly in Mali, and **UNDERSCORES** the unalloyed commitment of the AU to the principle of inviolability of borders inherited by African countries at independence, as well as the respect of the national unity and territorial integrity of Member States. The Assembly **REQUESTS** the Commission to submit concrete recommendations on how best to address the scourge of armed rebellion and secessionist demands.



**DECISION ON THE OFFER OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA TO HOST
THE ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION IN JUNE/JULY 2016
Doc. Assembly/AU/18(XIX) Add.1**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** with high appreciation of the offer of the Republic of Rwanda to host the 27th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union and preceding meetings scheduled to be held in June/July 2016;
2. **ACCEPTS** the offer of Rwanda to host the 27th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union and preceding meetings scheduled to be held in June/July 2016;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to set the exact dates for the holding of the Twenty Seventh Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union, in agreement with the Permanent Representatives Committee and the Republic of Rwanda.



**DECISION ON THE OFFER OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA TO HOST
THE ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION IN JUNE/JULY 2017**

Doc. Assembly/AU/18(XIX) Add.2

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** with high appreciation the offer of the United Republic of Tanzania to host the 29th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union and its preceding meetings to be held in Tanzania in June/July 2017;
2. **ACCEPTS** the offer of the United Republic of Tanzania to host the 29th Ordinary Session of the Assembly and preceding meetings to be held in that country in June/July 2017;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to set the exact dates for the holding of the Twenty – Ninth Ordinary Session of the Assembly, in agreement with the Permanent Representatives' Committee and the United Republic of Tanzania.



**DECISION ON INTEGRATING THE CENTRE FOR TICK AND
TICK BORNE DISEASES INTO THE AU STRUCTURES**

Doc. Assembly/AU/18(XIX) Add.3

The Assembly,

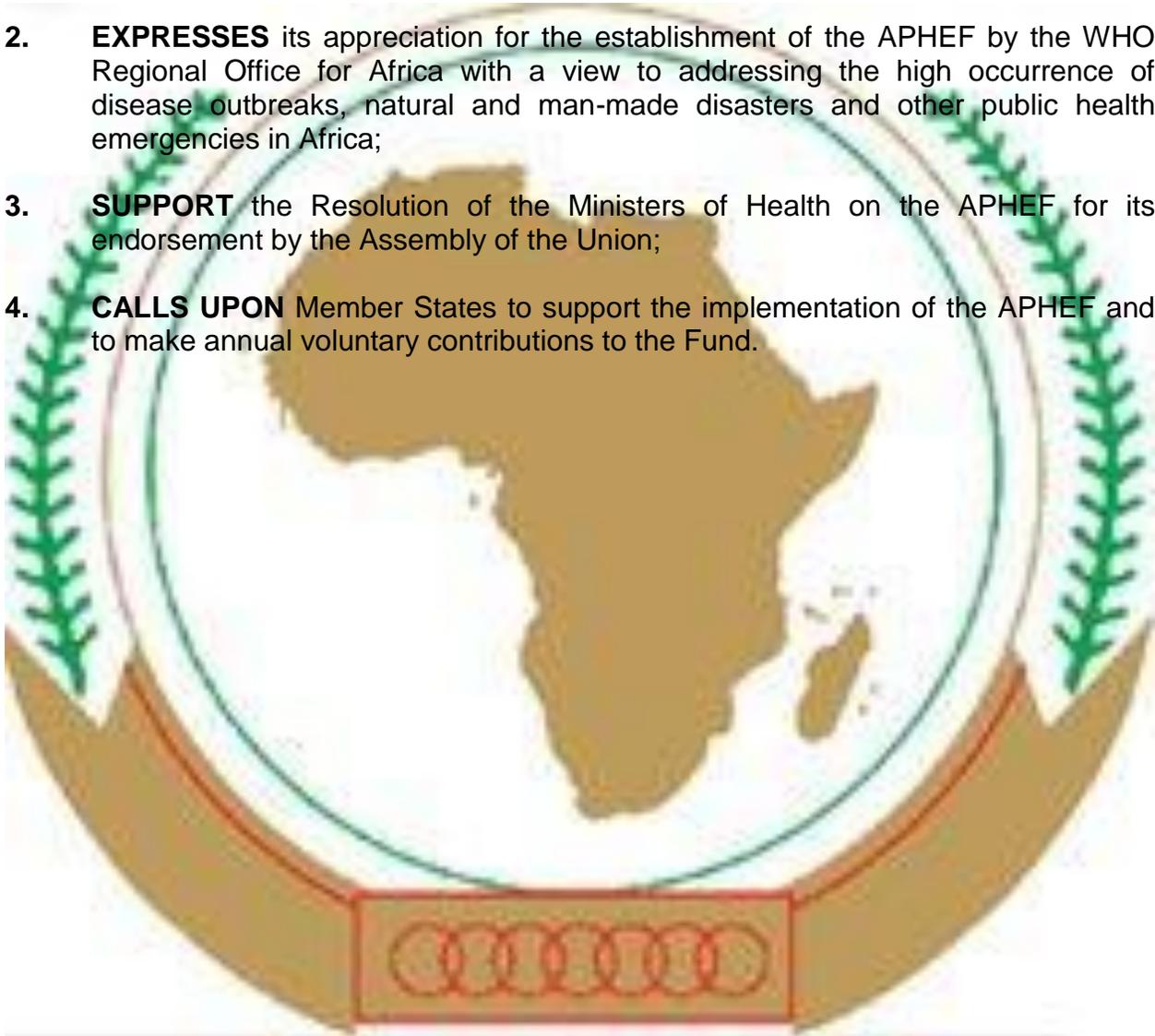
1. **TAKES NOTE** of the proposal made by the Republic of Malawi to integrate the Centre for Tick and Tick Borne Diseases into AU Structures;
2. **RECOGNISES** the importance of the mandate and work being undertaken by CTTBD in the development of livestock industry in Africa;
3. **DECIDES** to integrate this Centre into the structures of the AU;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission in consultation with the PRC to undertake relevant studies on the legal, institutional, structural and financial implications of integrating the CTTBD into AU Structures, with a view to coming up with appropriate recommendations in this respect.



**DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AFRICAN
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY FUND (APHEF)
Doc. Assembly/AU/18(XIX) Add.4**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the proposal by the Republic of The Gambia on the establishment of the African Public Health Emergency Fund (APHEF);
2. **EXPRESSES** its appreciation for the establishment of the APHEF by the WHO Regional Office for Africa with a view to addressing the high occurrence of disease outbreaks, natural and man-made disasters and other public health emergencies in Africa;
3. **SUPPORT** the Resolution of the Ministers of Health on the APHEF for its endorsement by the Assembly of the Union;
4. **CALLS UPON** Member States to support the implementation of the APHEF and to make annual voluntary contributions to the Fund.



**DECISION ON THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (RIO+20), HELD IN
RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, 20 – 22 JUNE 2012
Doc. Assembly/AU/9(XIX)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the United Nations Conference On Sustainable Development (Rio+20), held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 20 – 22 June 2012; and **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained therein;
2. **COMMENDS** H.E. Denis Sassou N’Guesso, President of the Republic of Congo, Africa’s Spokesperson and Political Coordinator for Rio+20 and all African Heads of States and Government and Heads of Delegation for their commitments and demonstration of excellent leadership at the conference;
3. **ALSO COMMENDS** the collective efforts exerted by all African negotiators under the leadership of the Republic of Congo (Ministers, Parliamentarians, Experts, civil society organizations and the private sector) for demonstrating solidarity with a strong united voice in advocating the African Consensus Statement as the Common African Position at the global negotiations at the Rio+20 conference on Sustainable Development; and **FURTHER COMMENDS**, the permanent representatives in New York under the leadership of the Republic of Kenya in its capacity as chief negotiator for the African Group, for the outstanding work to ensure that Africa’s interests were heard – particularly within the G-77 plus China – and fully reflected in the Rio+20 outcomes document;
4. **FURTHER COMMENDS** the Commission, the African Development Bank, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (UN-OSAA) and other partners for the preparatory work and successful organization of the African Day event and other side events in Rio during the Conference;
5. **CONGRATULATES** Brazilian President H.E. Dilma Rousseff for having successfully hosted the Conference and steering the leadership to build consensus at the Conference which was instrumental for the commitments and outcomes achieved at the Rio+20 conference;
6. **URGES** the UN General Assembly at its sessions to accelerate the process to strengthen and upgrade UNEP and **FURTHER URGES** Member States to continue to speak with one voice, ensure the adequate representation of Africa in all the committees to be established consequent to the outcome of Rio+20, and to use the 14th Ordinary Session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) to conduct a substantive analysis of the Rio+20 outcomes in order to develop a plan of action for Africa and to prepare for the 67th Session of the UN General Assembly;

7. **REQUESTS** the Commission, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the African Development Bank (AfDB), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Development Programme and other partners to step up efforts in terms of providing the necessary facilitation and coordination support towards an effective implementation of the Rio+20 outcomes to support sustainable development efforts in Africa.



**DECISION ON THE BUDGET OF THE AFRICAN UNION
FOR THE 2013 FINANCIAL YEAR
Doc. EX.CL/721(XXI)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Executive Council, **ENDORSES** its recommendations and **REQUESTS** the African Union Commission to implement them;
2. **ADOPTS** the budget of African Union (AU) for the Year 2013 amounting to **US\$278,226,622** as follows:
 - i) A total amount for US\$122,866,637 assessed to Member States on the basis of the current Scale of Assessment.
 - ii) A total amount of US\$155,359,986 that is earmarked for the programs is secured from International Partners.
3. **APPROVES** the Budget breakdown among the AU Organs as follows:

Organ	Member States			Partners	Budget 2013		
	Operational	Program	Total	Programs	Operational	Programs	Total
AUC	90,594,106	4,782,764	95,376,870	121,178,534	90,594,106	125,961,298	216,555,404
PAP	10,372,998		10,372,998	120,000	10,372,998	120,000	10,492,998
AfCHPR (The Court)	6,607,632		6,607,632	2,362,315	6,607,632	2,362,315	8,969,947
ACHPR (The Commission)	3,881,947		3,881,947	4,606,770	3,881,947	4,606,770	8,488,716
ECOSOCC	1,015,372		1,015,372		1,015,372	-	1,015,372
NEPAD	4,200,000		4,200,000	25,853,921	4,200,000	25,853,921	30,053,921
AUCIL	353,357		353,357	233,918	353,357	233,918	587,275
Advisory Board on Corruption	470,486		470,486	501,850	470,486	501,850	972,336
Peace & Security Council		587,975	587,975	112,962	-	700,937	700,937
ACERWC				389,716	-	389,716	389,716
Total	117,495,898	5,370,739	122,866,637	155,359,986	117,495,898	160,730,725	278,226,622

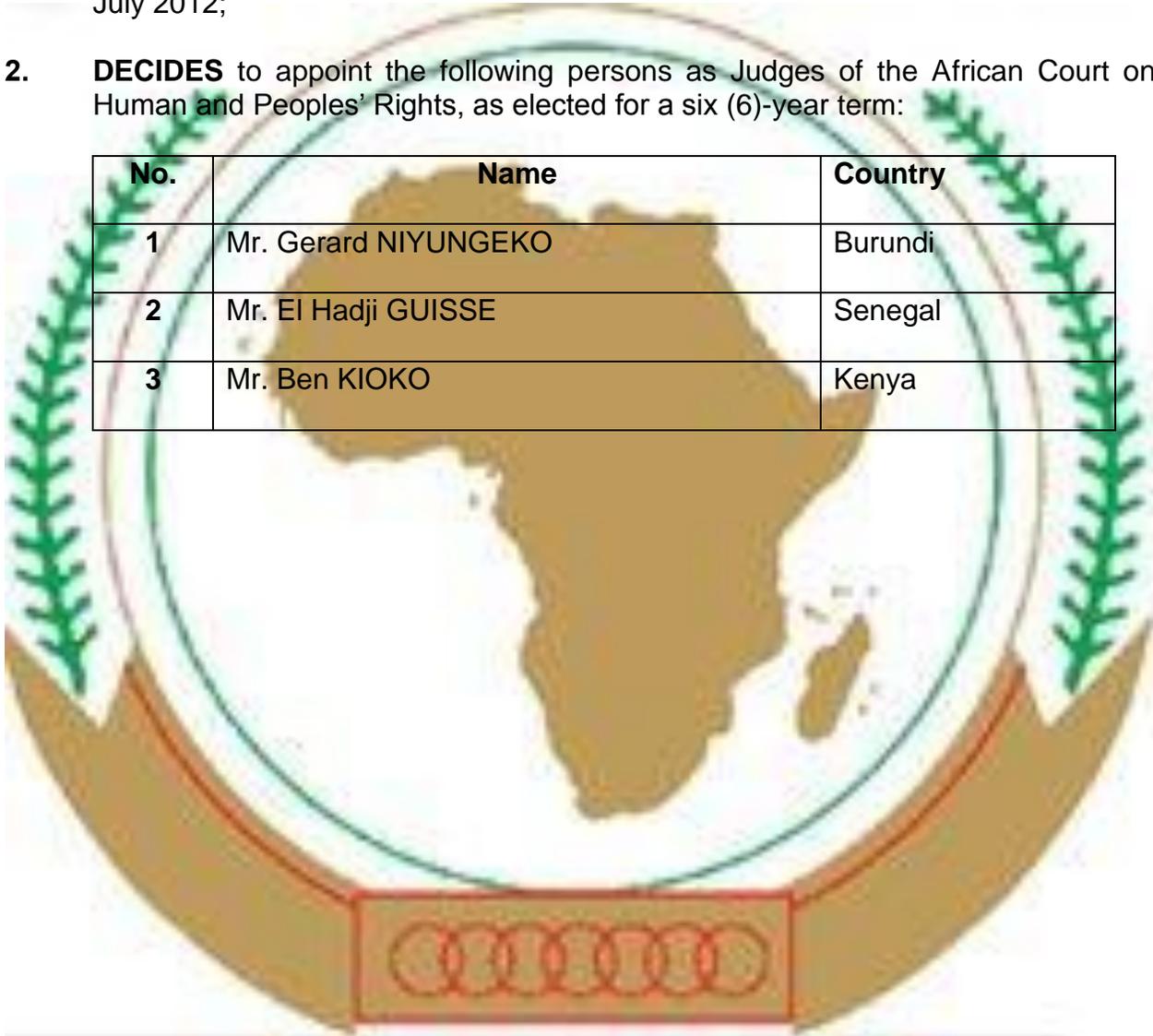
4. **ALSO ADOPTS** a budget of US\$12.1 million for the Pan African University (PAU) to be established as a special fund and mandates the Commission to mobilize resources from International Partners.

**DECISION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES OF THE
AFRICAN COURT ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS
Doc. EX.CL/741(XXI)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the election conducted by the Executive Council Nineteenth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 13 July 2012;
2. **DECIDES** to appoint the following persons as Judges of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, as elected for a six (6)-year term:

No.	Name	Country
1	Mr. Gerard NIYUNGEKO	Burundi
2	Mr. El Hadji GUISSÉ	Senegal
3	Mr. Ben KIOKO	Kenya



**DECISION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AFRICAN INSTITUTE
FOR REMITTANCES (AIR)
Doc. EX.CL/724(XXI)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Fifth Joint Annual Meetings of the African Union (AU) Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance and United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development relating to the establishment of an African Institute for Remittances (AIR);
2. **RECALLS** the Declaration of the Global Diaspora Summit of May 2012 in South Africa that adopted the establishment of the African Institute for Remittances as one of the five legacy projects of the African Union;
3. **ENDORSES** the establishment of the African Institute for Remittances and requests the AUC to work on the modalities for its structures and location and submit to relevant organs to facilitate its early operationalization;
4. **CALLS UPON** the African Development Bank (AfDB), World Bank, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and other partners to support the implementation of this initiative.



**DECISION ON THE IMPROVED COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE
AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION, THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT
BANK (AfDB) AND THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC
COMMISSION FOR AFRICA (ECA)**

The Assembly,

1. **NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** the very successful convening of the Fifth Meeting of the Joint African Union (AU) Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) Conference of Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development whose theme was “*Unleashing Africa’s Potential as a Pole of Global Growth*”;
2. **RECALLS** its previous decisions on strengthening the cooperation between the Commission, the AfDB and ECA adopted in Banjul, Gambia, and Kampala, Uganda;
3. **FURTHER RECALLS** its previous decisions welcoming the Repositioning of ECA to support the agenda of the African Union and its NEPAD Programme and help the continent meet its development challenges;
4. **NOTES WITH APPROVAL** the active implementation of its decision for the African Union and the ECA to continue to undertake joint activities, projects and programmes for Africa’s development and the emergence of the Joint AU-ECA Conference of Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development as the major annual ministerial platform for deliberation and exchange of views or issues relating to Africa’s growth and development;
5. **ALSO NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the highly improved functioning of the Regional Coordination Mechanism of UN Agencies working in support of the African Union and its NEPAD Agency, which is jointly convened by the Commission and ECA, as well as the successful take-off of the AU-AfDB-ECA Joint Secretariat Support Office;
6. **REAFFIRMS** the continued importance of the strong relations of collaboration, cooperation and coherence developed between the Commission and ECA and **CALLS** for the continued alignment of ECA strategic plan to the priorities of the AU;
7. **RECOGNIZES** the positive role of Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, the outgoing United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of ECA, in promoting the regional integration agenda of the AU and the Regional Economic Communities as well as the building of strong partnerships and coherent program delivery between the Commission, the AfDB and the ECA;
8. **HIGHLY COMMENDS** Mr. Janneh for his pan-Africanist spirit, laudable service and commitment to the integration and development of Africa and **URGES** his continued involvement in this agenda as an exceptional gesture.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
ORIENTATION COMMITTEE (HSGOC) ON NEPAD
Doc. Assembly/AU/7(XIX)**

The Assembly,

1. **WELCOMES** the report by the Vice-Chairperson of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC), H.E. President Macky Sall of the Republic of Senegal;
2. **ENDORSES** the conclusions of the Twenty-Seventh NEPAD HSGOC Meeting;
3. **REAFFIRMS** NEPAD as a unique continental programme designed by Africans for Africans and serving as a shared vision to advance regional political and economic integration for the economic emancipation of African peoples;
4. **NOTES** the outcomes of the High Level NEPAD Colloquium and Congress of Stakeholders held in March 2012 in Addis Ababa to round up the commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of NEPAD, which re-affirmed the imperative for Africa to accelerate the implementation of NEPAD through effective mobilization and utilization of domestic resources;
5. **FURTHER WELCOMES** the continued harmonization efforts between the Commission and the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) towards strengthening coordination and coherence in programme implementation in line with the integration of NEPAD into the structures and processes of the African Union;
6. **RECALLS** the Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.413(XVIII) **WHILE NOTING** the NPCA organizational structure proposed by the Executive Council through the Permanent Representatives Committee, **REITERATES** the critical need for a more suitable and practical structure that fully reflects the Continent-wide mandate of the Agency to enable it function effectively and move on the path of results-based delivery for the benefit of Member States;
7. **COMMENDS** the conclusions of the Regional Dialogue for Enhanced Coordination for NEPAD Structures and Focal Points at national and regional levels and **ENDORSES** the Action Plan developed with UNECA to guide the harmonization and coordination of NEPAD programmes and in this regard **CALLS FOR** regular peer learning exchanges and knowledge sharing on NEPAD implementation at sub-regional level;
8. **ENDORSES** the report of the programmatic activities of NPCA for the period: January to December 2012 **PARTICULARLY NOTING** the progress on implementing key NEPAD regional and continental projects in collaboration with the Regional Economic Communities;

9. **RECALLS** the Decision (Assembly /AU/Dec.348(XVI) and **ADOPTS** the final draft Rules of Procedure for NEPAD governance structures as a means to facilitate the functioning of the NEPAD HSGOC as a sub-Committee of the Assembly and the Steering Committee based on the African Union established rules, regulations and practices. **ACCORDINGLY REQUESTS** the NPCA to certify and publish the adopted Rules in consultation with the Office of Legal Counsel of the Commission for circulation to HSGOC Members;
10. **FURTHER RECALLS** the Decision (Assembly /AU/Dec.413 (XVIII) and **NOTES** the ongoing work being done by NPCA and UNECA, along with partner institutions, on the policy study on domestic resource mobilization which will be presented to the HSGOC in January 2013. **URGES** the final study to come up with concrete and innovative mechanisms to effectively mobilize domestic funding for NEPAD regional projects and **PROPOSES** the convening of a special HSGOC session in the first half of 2013 to address this matter;
11. **DEPLORES** the low level annual contributions from Member States for funding NPCA operations with the implied continued reliance on Development Partners which hampers the Agency's delivery and infringes on African ownership of the NEPAD agenda. **THEREBY DIRECTS** the NEPAD Steering Committee to convene an extra-ordinary meeting to deliberate on funding for NPCA and its programmes before the end of 2012;
12. **IN RECALLING** the Declaration Assembly /AU/Decl.2 (XVIII) on the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) relating to Member States' commitment to support the NEPAD Infrastructure Project Preparation Facility (NEPAD-IPFF) Special Fund, **RECOGNIZES** that NEPAD continues to inspire PIDA implementation based on the role assigned to NPCA as the executing agency in the Institutional Architecture for Infrastructure Development in Africa (IAIDA);
13. **WELCOMES WITH APPRECIATION** the progress report presented by H.E. Jacob Zuma, President of the Republic of South Africa as Chair of the HSGOC High Level Sub-Committee on the Presidential Infrastructure Champion Initiative (PICI) focusing on the North-South Corridor project and the proposal to undertake a road show to garner support for implementing the project and **ACKNOWLEDGING** the support of the Commission, NPCA, RECs, UNECA, African Development Bank and the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) for PICI;
14. To effectively roll out the North-South Corridor project, **NOTES IN PARTICULAR** the efforts to provide an efficient operational framework with desired outcomes aimed at removing bottlenecks and developing a project preparation fund and **CALLS ON** the PICI champion countries in the HSGOC to promptly nominate relevant Ministers to support the work of each Presidential Champion in view of the planned convening of the PICI Ministerial Working Group and Technical Task Teams by the Government of South Africa;

15. **ACKNOWLEDGES** Africa's recent partnership engagements at the G8 and G20 Summits held in Camp David, United States and Los Cabos, Mexico in May and June 2012 respectively and **WELCOMES** the New Alliance for Food and Nutrition Security in Africa as a notable outcome of the G8 Summit **WHILE UNDERSCORING** the imperative for the Initiative to be aligned with identified African priorities and systems as reflected in CAADP and **REITERATES** that G8 countries should fulfil their outstanding commitments to Africa especially those made at Gleneagles and L'Aquila;
16. **CALLS FOR** deeper engagement and increased level of interaction between African and G8 leaders at G8/Africa Outreach Sessions, adequate consultations amongst invited African leaders prior to these Sessions and appropriate preparations through the Africa Partnership Forum (APF) to assure its value addition as platform for dialoguing on the Continent's priorities for the G8 partnership process;
17. **THEREFORE MANDATES** the HSGOC Chairperson to lead a multi-pronged lobby campaign to reinvigorate this high level partnership with the G8 with the technical support of the Agency, and **REQUESTS** NPCA in collaboration with the Commission to engage the Government of United Kingdom as a country to assume G8 Presidency in 2013 to ensure that African priorities and interests are fully reflected in the agenda of the G8 in 2013;
18. **REAFFIRMS** the G20 as key platform for Africa to strengthen collaboration towards promoting global economic cooperation and **ACKNOWLEDGES** the relevant outcomes arising from the 2012 G20 Summit as they relate to Africa, especially the 'AgResults' Initiative to improve food security by encouraging private sector innovation of new agricultural products and systems, encouraging the implementation of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) programme and the Los Cabos Growth and Jobs Action Plan to stimulate global employment and growth. **APPRECIATES** the continuing work of the G20 High Level Panel on Infrastructure and **RE-STATES** the need for the Panel to consider leveraging public funds in form of surpluses available in emerging economies for higher investment returns in developing Africa's infrastructure;
19. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/7(XVIII) and **NOTES** progress by the Commission and NPCA under the auspices of the Africa Platform for Development Effectiveness (APDev) in actively advancing Africa's quest for adequate voice in the Global Partnership (GP) for Effective Development Cooperation and **COMMENDS** the contributions of the Governments of South Africa, Rwanda and Mali to the Post-Busan Interim Group (PBIG) which made proposals on the governance structures and monitoring framework for Busan commitment;
20. **NOTES** the allocation of two (2) seats to Africa in the new Global Partnership namely Co-Chair, representing the AU and other recipients of development

cooperation, and member of the Steering Committee in the category of recipient of development cooperation and **EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN** that such an arrangement falls short of the basic minimum required in ensuring gains to Africa as a major constituency for development cooperation. **THEREFORE CALLS** for the allocation of a third seat for the African Union through the Commission and NPCA **WHILE REITERATING** the Union's position on the absolute necessity to meaningfully partner through broad-based and adequate representation for impact;

21. **WELCOMES** the process of nominating AU Member States to the Global Partnership through established procedures under the aegis of the African Union Regional Ambassadorial Deans and **CONSEQUENTLY ENDORSES** the Minister of Finance and Coordinating Minister for the Economy of the Government of Nigeria and the Secretary General of the Ministry of Economics and Planning of the Government of Chad as the Ministerial Co-Chair and Steering Committee candidates to represent the Union in the appropriate categories for a term up to two (2) years **WHILE NOTING** that future nominations will be on the basis of rotation and inclusiveness in line with AU practices and procedures;
22. **REQUESTS** the Commission and NPCA, in addition to occupying a seat on the Global Partnership Steering Committee, to serve as the secretariat for the AU representatives and coordinating focal point with OECD/UNDP Joint Support Team in fully formalizing African representation and guiding the Continent's effective participation in the Global Partnership through Ministerial and Technical Reference Groups
23. **RECALLING** the Decision (Assembly/AU/Dec.413 (XVII)) and **WELCOMES** the "Roadmap for Shared Responsibility and Global Solidarity for AIDS, TB and Malaria in Africa developed in collaboration between the Commission, NPCA and UNAIDS **WHILE REITERATING** the critical need to intensify African efforts for more diversified, balanced and sustainable financing for health, with support of traditional and emerging partners. **CALLS UPON** the Commission, NPCA and UNAIDS to contribute to the successful implementation of the Roadmap;
24. **NOTES WITH APPRECIATION** the update on the 2012 Report of Mutual Review of Development Effectiveness (MRDE) by UNECA and the Empower Women in Agriculture (EWAG) Initiative in support of CAADP implementation aimed at building the capacity of women farmers and promoting fair access of women to land inputs and agricultural technology by the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF), and in this respect **URGES** the NPCA to continue its institutional collaboration with UNECA and ACBF.

**DECISION ON THE OUTCOME OF THE GLOBAL
AFRICAN DIASPORA SUMMIT
Doc. Assembly/AU/17(XIX) Rev.1**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Outcome and Declaration of the Global African Diaspora Summit;
2. **COMMENDS** the Commission and the Government of South Africa for the sterling work and active cooperation that led to the success of the Summit;
3. **RECOGNIZES** the importance of the contribution of Member States, leaders and people of the African Diaspora community worldwide and friends and partners of the AU in attaining the objectives of the AU Global African Diaspora's Summit and its outcomes which are reflected in the Declaration, its Programme, Plan of Action and Implementation Mechanism;
4. **DECIDES** that Roadmap should continue to be recognized as a vehicle for the implementation process of Summit outcomes;
5. **EMPHASIZE** the requirement of adequate resourcing of the Diaspora Program to support processes of effective implementation;
6. **ENDORSES** the five flagship or Legacy Projects and **REQUESTS** the Commission to urgently organize appropriate Seminars and workshop of Member States of the Union in the fourth quarter of 2012 to consolidate their feasibility studies and present the outcome to the next Ordinary Session of the AU Assembly in January 2013 for consideration;
7. **DECIDES** on the need to establish and set criteria for increasing presence and participation of the Diaspora in AU programs and policies in a systematic and global manner through the African Union Commission rather than in a piecemeal and uncoordinated fashion through various structures and Organs of the AU;
8. **REQUESTS** the Commission to engage regional Diaspora groupings with a view to helping them to organise themselves into regional networks that will facilitate their representation as "observers" at AU Summit and eventually, in the future, as the Sixth Region of the continent that would contribute substantially to implementation of policies and programmes;
9. **REQUESTS** the Commission, the PRC and Council to strengthen the responsible Department, CIDO, in human resource and material terms to support the implementation of the Diaspora Plan of Action;

10. **REQUESTS** also that the Commission and the Republic of South Africa should continue their process of active cooperation to achieve this objective along with other regional champions that are willing and able to contribute towards the implementation of the outcomes of the Summit;
11. **FURTHER REQUESTS** that emphasis continue to be placed on putting in place effective organizational processes including the setting up and consolidation of regional networks.



**DECISION ON THE THEME, DATE AND VENUE OF THE
TWENTIETH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE
ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION**

The Assembly,

1. **DECIDES** that the date of the Twentieth Ordinary Session of the Assembly which will hold in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, under the theme "*Pan-Africanism and African Renaissance*" shall be the following:

- i) Twenty-Fifth Ordinary Session of the Permanent Representatives' Committee: 21 and 22 January 2013;
- ii) Twenty-Second Ordinary Session of the Executive Council: 24 and 25 January 2013;
- iii) Twentieth Ordinary Session of the Assembly: 27 and 28 January 2013



**DECISION ON ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON
OF THE AFRICAN UNION (AU) COMMISSION
(Doc. Assembly/AU/3 (XIX))**

The Assembly,

1. **ELECTS** Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, as Chairperson of the AU Commission;
2. **CONGRATULATES** the newly elected Chairperson and wishes her the very best in carrying out her mandate and **ASSURES** her of the unwavering support of the Assembly.



**DECISION ON ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON
OF THE AFRICAN UNION (AU) COMMISSION
(Doc.Assembly/AU/4 (XIX))**

The Assembly,

1. **ELECTS** Mr. Erastus J.O. Mwencha as Deputy Chairperson of the AU Commission;
2. **CONGRATULATES** the newly elected Deputy Chairperson and wishes him the very best in carrying out his mandate and **ASSURES** him of the unwavering support of the Assembly.



**DECISION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE AFRICAN UNION
Doc. EX.CL/740(XXI)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the election by the Executive Council of the Commissioners of the African Union Commission;
2. **APPOINTS** the following persons as Commissioners of the Commission:

<u>Name and Country</u>	<u>Portfolio</u>
a) Ramtane LAMAMRA (Algeria)	- Peace and Security
b) Aïsha L. ABDULLAHI (Nigeria)	- Political Affairs
c) Elham MAHMOUD (Egypt)	- Infrastructure and Energy
d) Mustapha S. KALOKO (Sierra Leone)	- Social Affairs
f) Fatima H. ACYL (Chad)	- Trade and Industry
g) Rhoda P. TUMUSIIME (Uganda)	- Rural Economy and Agriculture

3. **CONGRATULATES** the newly elected Commissioners;
4. **DECIDES** that the Commissioners for **Human Resources, Science and Technology** and **Economic Affairs** shall be elected only from among male candidates from the Central and Southern Regions in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes of the Commission as well as the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, during the January 2013 Ordinary Session of the Executive Council;
5. **ALSO DECIDES** that the elected Commissioners who did not take the Oath of Office during the current session of the Assembly should do so before the Chairperson of the Commission.

**DECISION ON AFRICA'S PREPARATION FOR THE UNITED NATIONS
CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE (COP18/CMP8)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Coordinator of the Committee of African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC), H.E. Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, on the Progress on Implementation of Assembly Decision on United Nations Conference on Climate Change; and **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained therein;
2. **DECIDES** to extend the role of H.E. Prime Minister Meles Zenawi as Coordinator of CAHOSCC till end of the Eighteenth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Eighth Meeting of the Parties to its Kyoto Protocol (COP18 / CMP8) scheduled from 26 November to 7 December 2012 in Doha, Qatar;
3. **URGES** all Member States to support the bid by the Republic of Namibia on behalf of Africa, to host the Secretariat of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) in the continent where the impact of climate change has been and is likely to be felt most acutely in future;
4. **REQUESTS** Africa's negotiators to play an enhanced role at the Doha conference and through other appropriate platforms to aid quick consensus building on sources of finance; and **CALLS ON** the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to expedite action on the operationalization of the GCF to start delivering on its principal functions, namely, mobilizing and allocating financial resources;
5. **URGES** CAHOSCC to convene a meeting to consider and take forward the updated African common position on climate change to COP 18/CMP 8, which the African Ministerial Conference on Environment (AMCEN) will have considered and endorsed at its 14th Ordinary Session to be held in September 2012 in Arusha, Tanzania;
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the African Development Bank (AfDB) and other partners to step up their efforts in terms of providing the necessary facilitation and coordination support towards an effective Africa's preparation for the COP18/CMP8.

**DECISION ON THE PROCLAMATION OF 2014 THE YEAR
OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY**

The Assembly,

1. **RECOGNISES** the importance of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) in agricultural development policies in Africa;
2. **PROCLAIMS** 2014 the Year of Agriculture and Food Security in Africa to mark the 10th Anniversary of CAADP.



SOLEMN DECLARATION ON MALI

We, the Heads of State and Government of the African Union, at our 19th Ordinary Session, held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 15 to 16 July 2012:

DEEPLY CONCERNED AND ALARMED by the prevailing situation in Mali;

NOTING that the continued occupation of the northern part of Mali by various armed, terrorist and criminal groups poses a serious threat to peace, security and stability in the region and beyond;

STRONGLY CONDEMNING the serious violations of human rights perpetrated in the northern part of Mali, as well as the senseless and unacceptable destruction by the armed, terrorist and criminal groups active on the ground of the cultural, spiritual and historical heritage of this region, notably in Timbuktu;

DEEPLY CONCERNED by the continuing deterioration of the humanitarian situation in the northern part of Mali, and stressing the need for urgent action to allow the delivery of food aid to the affected populations;

STRESSING the urgent need to consolidate the transitional institutions established as part of the process towards the return to constitutional order, to enable Mali address the existential challenges facing it and the mobilization of the required international support to this end;

EXPRESSING OUR APPRECIATION to ECOWAS, the core countries and the larger international community for their sustained efforts and contribution towards the early resolution of the crisis, and welcoming in this respect the adoption, by the United Nations Security Council, on 5 July 2012, of resolution 2056 (2012);

NOTING that the situation in Mali calls into question some of the most basic principles of the AU, notably the respect of the national unity and territorial integrity of Member States, the utter rejection of armed rebellion to further political demands as well as the rejection of terrorism and related criminal activities;

REITERATING the terms of all communiqués and decisions of the AU and ECOWAS on the situation in Mali;

AFFIRMING OUR DETERMINATION to work collectively to address the prevailing situation and overcome the challenges at hand;

AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

- (a) **FULLY ENDORSE** communiqué PSC/AHG/COMM/1.(CCCXXVII) adopted by the 327th meeting of the AU Peace and Security Council, held in Addis Ababa, on 14 July 2012, under the chairmanship of H.E. Alassane Dramane Ouattara, President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and current Chair of ECOWAS, in his capacity as Chairperson of the PSC for the month of July 2012, which reads as follows:

“The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), at its 327th meeting held on 14 July 2012, adopted the following decision on the situation in the Republic of Mali:

Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Chairperson of the Commission on the situation in Mali [PSC/AHG/3(CCCXXVII)]. Council **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the statements made by the current Chairman of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the ECOWAS Mediator, the President of the ECOWAS Commission, the United Nations, and by the core countries, namely Mauritania, Niger and Algeria, as well as by South Africa and Togo, as AU Member States in the United Nations Security Council;
2. **RECALLS** its earlier communiqués on the situation in Mali;
3. **REAFFIRMS** the unflinching commitment of the AU and that of all its Member States to the national unity and territorial integrity of the Republic of Mali, which cannot be the subject of any discussion or negotiation, and Africa's determination to spare no effort to ensure their preservation. Council **ALSO REAFFIRMS** the AU's utter rejection of terrorism and the recourse to armed rebellion to further political demands;
4. **EXPRESSES ITS DEEP CONCERN** at the seriousness of the situation in northern Mali, marked by the increasing consolidation of control of the region by the armed, terrorist and criminal groups. Council **NOTES WITH CONCERN** the presence in northern Mali of different armed and terrorist groups, such as Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM), Ansar Dine, the Movement for Unity and Jihad in West Africa (MUJWA) and Boko Haram. Council **FURTHER NOTES** that this situation poses a serious threat to regional and international peace and security and, as such, calls for urgent and effective action by the entire international community;
5. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the violations of human rights perpetrated by the various armed, terrorist and criminal groups which occupy the northern part of Mali, and the senseless and unacceptable destruction of the cultural, spiritual and historical heritage of this region, notably in Timbuktu, which is a serious violation of international law, and **URGES** that the perpetrators be brought to justice before the relevant international jurisdictions. Council **ALSO NOTES** the continuing deterioration of the humanitarian situation in the region, and **STRESSES** the need for urgent action to allow the delivery of food aid to the affected populations. Council **REITERATES THE GRATITUDE** of the AU to

Algeria, Burkina Faso, Mauritania and Niger, for hosting Malian refugees and for their support and assistance. Council **ALSO THANKS** all humanitarian agencies providing support to the affected populations;

6. **REITERATES THE FULL SUPPORT** of the AU to the ECOWAS efforts aimed at resolving the crisis in Mali. In this regard, Council **PAYS TRIBUTE** to President Alassane Dramane Ouattara, President of Côte d'Ivoire and current Chairman of ECOWAS, President Blaise Compaore, President of Burkina Faso and Mediator in the Malian crisis, President Goodluck Jonathan, President of Nigeria and Associate Mediator, and the other members of the ECOWAS Contact Group on Mali, as well as to President Thomas Yayi Boni, President of Benin and Chairman of the AU, for their commitment and sustained efforts. Council **ALSO NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the action of the core countries. Council **WELCOMES** the interaction that has developed between ECOWAS and the core countries, and **ENCOURAGES** all stakeholders to continue on this path, in accordance with its decision of 20 March 2012, in Bamako [PSC/MIN/COMM.(CCCXIV)];
7. **ENDORSES** the communiqués issued by the 41st Ordinary Session of ECOWAS Assembly of Heads of State and Government, held in Yamoussoukro, on 28 and 29 June 2012, and the second meeting of the ECOWAS Contact Group on Mali, held in Ouagadougou, on 7 July 2012. Council **ALSO WELCOMES** the adoption, on 5 July 2012, by the UN Security Council of resolution 2056(2012);
8. **REITERATES ITS STRONG CONDEMNATION** of the physical assault against the interim President, Mr. Dioncounda Traore, and **REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Commission, in collaboration with the President of the ECOWAS Commission, to put in place, with the support of the UN, an international commission of inquiry to shed light on the assault and to identify its perpetrators and sponsors, with a view to bringing them to justice. Council **REQUESTS** the current authorities, working closely with ECOWAS, to facilitate the return to Mali of the interim President, to enable him to fully and effectively assume his responsibilities;
9. **REITERATES** the urgent need to strengthen the transitional institutions, to enable Mali to address the serious challenges it faces, particularly in the northern part of the country. In this regard, Council **DEMANDS** an end to the unacceptable interference of the military junta and their civilian supporters in the management of the transition and the effective dissolution of the National Committee for the Recovery of Democracy and the Restoration of the State (CNRDRE).

Council **CALLS** for the early finalization of the list of individuals whose action is impeding the transition, to allow for the immediate imposition of sanctions by the AU and ECOWAS. Council **REQUESTS** the UN Security Council and other AU partners to support such sanctions;

10. **URGES** the interim President and the Prime Minister to immediately commence the required consultations with the Malian political and civil society actors, with a view to forming an expanded national unity Government, as requested by ECOWAS, the AU and the UN. Council **REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the AU Commission and the President of the ECOWAS Commission, in close consultation with the Mediation and with the support of the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for West Africa and other partners, on the basis of the communiqué of the Ouagadougou Contact Group meeting, to facilitate the holding, as soon as possible, of consultations among the Malian stakeholders, in Bamako, for the formation of the Government of national unity by 31st July 2012, in accordance with the decision of the Contact Group meeting. Council **EMPHASIZES** that the formation of this Government will mark the completion of institutional normalization and pave the way for the lifting of the suspension measure taken by the AU, as well as for greater mobilization of Africa and the rest of the international community, in support to the efforts of the transitional authorities;

11. **ENCOURAGES** dialogue with groups willing to negotiate on the basis of the respect of the unity and territorial integrity of Mali, and the total rejection of armed rebellion, terrorism and related criminal activities. In this regard, Council **REAFFIRMS ITS SUPPORT** to the efforts of the ECOWAS Mediator and the Contact Group, and **STRESSES THE NEED** for continued coordination with the core countries;

12. **REITERATES ITS DETERMINATION** to impose sanctions against terrorist and criminal groups operating in northern Mali, as well as against any other armed group that impedes the search for a solution to the crisis and the efforts of ECOWAS and the AU. In this regard, Council **CALLS UPON** all Member States concerned to extend full cooperation to the Commission to expedite the finalization of the list of armed, terrorist and criminal groups operating in the northern part of Mali, for their inclusion on the list of terrorist groups established by the AU, in conformity with communiqué PSC/PR/COMM.(CCCXVI), adopted at its 316th meeting held on 3 April 2012;

13. **RECALLS** its communiqué PSC/ PR/COMM. (CCCXXIII) of 12 June 2012, authorizing ECOWAS, in collaboration, as

appropriate, with the core countries, to put in place the required security and military arrangements, to achieve the following objectives: (i) ensure the security of the transitional institutions, (ii) restructure and reorganize the Malian security and defense forces, and (iii) restore State authority over the northern part of the country, as well as fight against terrorist and criminal networks. Council **WELCOMES** the measures taken by ECOWAS in this regard, including the dispatching of a technical assessment mission to Bamako, with the participation of the AU. Council **REITERATES ITS CALL** on all Member States and the international community as a whole, for them to provide the necessary technical, logistical and financial support;

14. WELCOMES the launching by the AU Commission, during the consultative meeting held in Addis Ababa, on 23 June 2012, of the process towards the development of a strategic concept articulating, in a holistic manner, the political, security and military measures towards the early resolution of the crisis in Mali. Council **CALLS** for the early finalization of this concept with ECOWAS, in collaboration with the core countries, the UN, and other partners. Council **STRESSES** that this document and the planning conducted by ECOWAS must be mutually reinforcing. Council **EXPRESSES ITS INTENTION** to consider and adopt this concept as quickly as possible, before its submission to the UN Security Council, to enable the latter to further consider the request of ECOWAS and the AU, in accordance with paragraph 18 of resolution 2056 (2012);

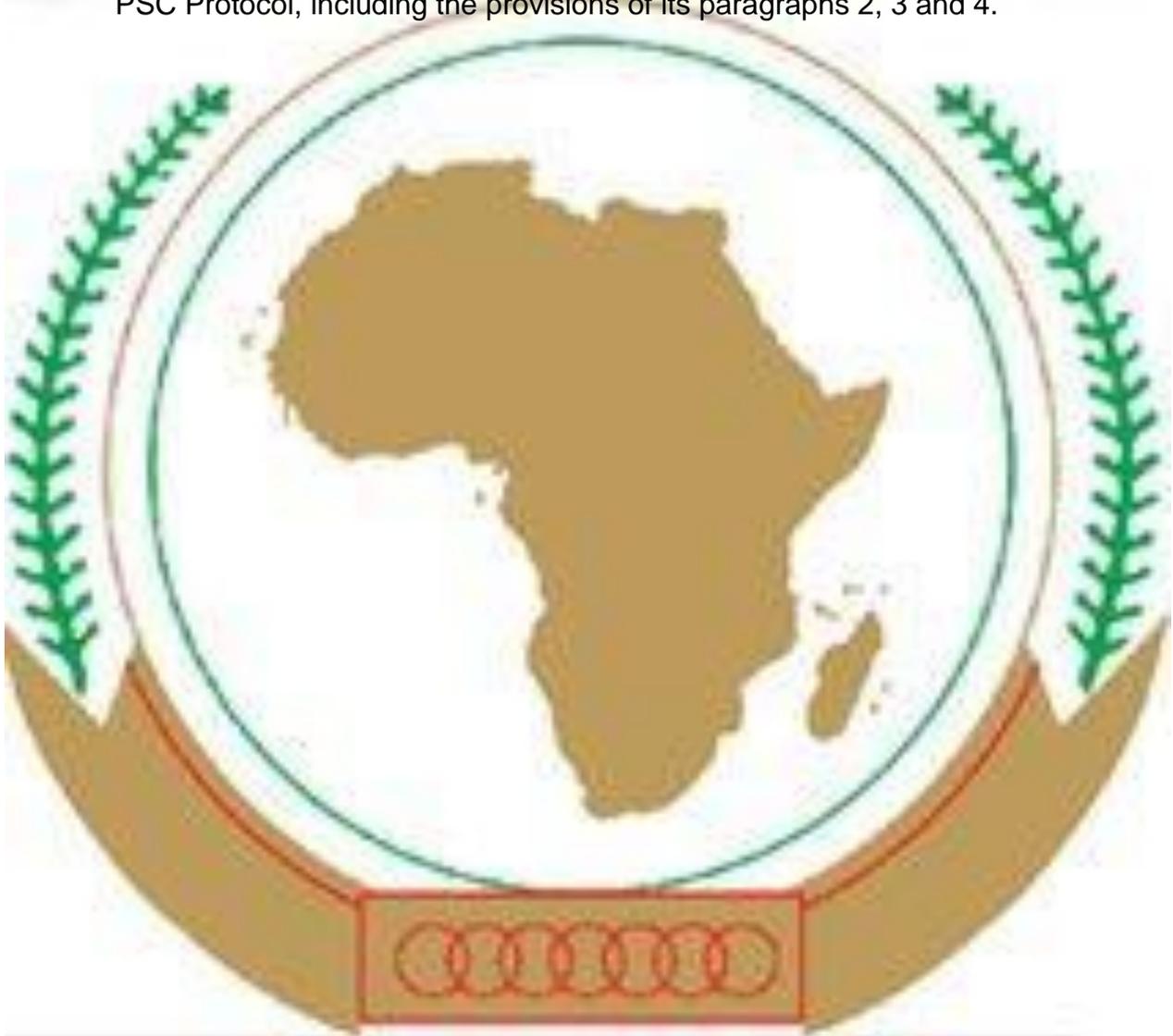
15. CALLS UPON the African Commission on Human and People's Rights to investigate the human rights situation in northern Mali, including the atrocities committed against the Malian military and their families in Aguel'hoc, in January 2012, and to submit a comprehensive report with concrete recommendations on the way forward;

16. DECIDES to remain actively seized of the situation”.

- (b) **REQUEST** the Chairperson of the AU Commission and the President of the ECOWAS Commission, in consultation with the ECOWAS Mediator on the Malian crisis, the core countries and other relevant AU Member States from the region, including Chad, to take urgent steps for the effective implementation of all the provisions of the PSC communiqué;
- (c) **URGE** the United Nations' Security Council and Secretary-General, as well as all other AU partners, to extend full support to the African-led efforts and take all decisions required to this end;
- (d) **WELCOME** the establishment, by the PSC, on 20 March 2012, of the Support and Follow-up Group on the situation in Mali, and the holding of its inaugural

meeting in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, on 7 June 2012, and **call for** its strengthening, in particular, the expansion of its membership to include other AU Member States in the region, such as the Republic of Chad, and the convening of specific meetings at the appropriate level in support of the efforts aimed at speedily resolving the crisis in Mali;

- (e) **REQUEST** the PSC to meet, as and when required by the situation, at the level of Heads of State and Government, and/or at ministerial level, to closely follow the developments and take all appropriate measures on behalf of the entire membership of the African Union, in accordance with Article 7 of the PSC Protocol, including the provisions of its paragraphs 2, 3 and 4.



**DECLARATION ON THE REPORT OF AIDS WATCH AFRICA (AWA) ACTION
COMMITTEE OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

We, the Heads of State and Government of the African Union, meeting at our Nineteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 15 to 16 July 2012, following our consideration of the Report of AIDS Watch Africa (AWA) Action Committee of Heads of State and Government:

RECALLING Assembly Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.395 (XVIII) whereby AIDS Watch Africa (AWA) was revitalized as an African high level platform to advocate for action, accountability and resource mobilization for response to HIV/AIDS, TB, and Malaria in Africa; and Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.413(XVII) requesting the AU Commission, NEPAD and UNAIDS to work out a roadmap on shared responsibility for a viable response to AIDS, including health financing;

ALSO RECALLING the global and Abuja commitments on HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria, as well as the Continental Policy Framework on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights; Africa Health Strategy, Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Plan for Africa, and African Plan Towards Elimination of New HIV Infections among Children by 2015 and Keeping their Mothers Alive;

ACKNOWLEDGING that efforts to implement these commitments should be redoubled by all stakeholders for Africa to achieve universal access to health services and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015;

ALSO ACKNOWLEDGING AND COMMENDING the role played by international development partners in the response to HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria, particularly through availing the required financing and promotion of access to health services;

RECOGNIZING that the achievements of the last decade in promoting access to HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria services depended largely on the political will and commitment by Africa's top leadership, increased financing as well as improved partnerships at all levels;

APPRECIATING the support of UNAIDS in the revitalization of AIDS Watch Africa;

DEEPLY CONCERNED that, in spite of these achievements, the challenge posed by HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria on the continent remains immense.

Hereby declare as follows:

1. **RE-COMMIT** individually and collectively to continued implementation of all our previous commitments towards universal access to HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria services in Africa including maternal and child health, equitable access to affordable and quality-assured medicines and health commodities, promotion of social protection and strengthening of health systems in the context of gender-equality and human rights;

2. **ALSO RE-COMMIT** to keeping the struggle against HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria high on national, regional and continental agendas; and ensuring accountability for results and targets to be achieved in the response to these diseases, and for efficient utilization of resources budgeted for health;
3. **ENDORSE** the Report and recommendations on the Future Direction of AIDS Watch Africa (AWA) 2012-2015, and the *“Shared Responsibility and Global Solidarity for AIDS, Tuberculosis (TB) and Malaria Response in Africa: Roadmap 2012-2015”*;
4. **DECIDE** to fully incorporate the AWA Secretariat into the structures and regular budget of the African Union Commission from 2013 onwards;
5. **ALSO DECIDE** that each AWA Action Committee Head of State and Government nominate an expert conversant with AIDS, TB and Malaria as his/her representative on the Consultative Experts Committee and the National Working Group on AWA;
6. **FURTHER DECIDE** to call for a parallel meeting on shared responsibility and Global Solidarity for the AIDS response on the sidelines of UN General Assembly in New York in September 2012 and **URGED** all AU Heads of State and Government to participate in the meeting;
7. **ENCOURAGE** all AU Heads of State and Government to join AIDS Watch Africa and, led by the AWA Action Committee, to champion the campaign against HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria in Africa by 2015. To this end, we will lay emphasis on mobilizing increased domestic resources, improving value for money, enhancing planning and using existing resources more rationally;
8. **URGE** Member States to collaborate with people living with and affected by HIV and re-mobilize society as a whole for renewed response to AIDS, TB and Malaria in Africa through more innovative and sustainable mechanisms and well-coordinated partnerships. Focus should be on prevention of new HIV, TB and Malaria infections, ensuring good nutrition and more equitable access to affordable and quality-assured medicines and health-related commodities;
9. **CALL UPON** Development Partners to meet their previous commitments, sustain and coordinate their support for the fight against AIDS, TB and Malaria in the continent, in the spirit of promoting global solidarity, health and development;
10. **REQUEST** UN Agencies, Civil Society Organizations, the private sector and other international organizations and partnerships, to intensify and coordinate their support and collaboration at all levels;
11. **ALSO REQUEST** Regional Economic Communities and Regional Health Organizations, in collaboration with the AU and other partners, to redouble their efforts in the fight against HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria in their respective regions;

12. **FINALLY REQUEST** the AU Commission to coordinate, follow up and report annually on the implementation of this Declaration; and the NEPAD Agency, African Peer Review Mechanism, the Pan-African Parliament and other relevant regional and continental bodies to fully incorporate HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria control and accountability into their respective programmes and also report annually on related progress.



DECLARATION ON PALESTINE

We, the Heads of State and Government of the African Union, meeting in our Nineteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, from 15 to 16 July 2012;

RECALLING the admission of the State of Palestine as a member of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;

UNDERSCORING that full membership of the United Nations is a right to be enjoyed by all sovereign states;

NOTING that the membership of the United Nations and all its programmes and agencies is part of the peace process;

REAFFIRMING its support to the Two-State solution as the only viable option for peaceful co-existence between the State of Palestine and Israel;

CONCERNED that the continued suspension of contributions constitutes unwarranted punishment of not only the children and people of Palestine but also of others beyond the State of Palestine:

CALL on all Member-States of the United Nations which have suspended their contributions to UNESCO to rescind that decision and **FURTHER CALLS** on these Member States to resume contributions for the continuation of UNESCO programmes.



DECLARATION ON ISRAEL

We, the Heads of State and Government of the African Union, meeting in our Nineteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, from 15 to 16 July 2012;

EXPRESSING GRAVE CONCERN at the recent expulsion of African nationals in Israel and condemn this unwarranted act;

REMINDING Israel of its obligations under the 1951 UN Convention on Refugees and the 1961 UN Convention on the Prevention of Statelessness;

EXPRESSING THE CONCERN that the continued expulsion of African nationals in this manner constitutes a systematic, flagrant and gross violation of the rights of these Africans;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. **CALL** upon the State of Israel to deploy normal status determination means, in conformity with internationally acceptable due process;
2. **INVITE** the State of Israel to live up to its obligations as stipulated under international law.



**RESOLUTION ON THE LIFTING OF THE ECONOMIC AND
TRADE EMBARGO IMPOSED ON THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA
BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

We, the Heads of State and Government of the African Union meeting in our Nineteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 15 to 16 July 2012:

RECALLING the outcomes of the Global African Diaspora Summit, held on 25 May 2012 in Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa;

RECALLING Resolution **Assembly/AU/Res.1(XV)** adopted by our Assembly at its 15th Ordinary Session held in **Kampala, Uganda, on 27 July 2010**, and Resolution **Assembly/AU/Res.1(XVII)** adopted at its 17th Ordinary Session held in **Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, on 1 July 2011** and in particular, the calls made to the Government of The United States of America to lift the long-standing and unjustifiable economic and trade embargo imposed on the Republic of Cuba to enable it enjoy all the legitimate prospects for its sustained development;

REAFFIRMING our commitment to further strengthen Africa-Caribbean relations as expressed by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government at Kampala, Uganda in June 2010;

REAFFIRMING our full support to **the annual resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations** titled: "Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed by the United States of America against Cuba";

REITERATE our call and, once again, **INVITE** the Government of The United States of America to lift the long-standing and unjustifiable economic and trade embargo imposed on the people of the Republic of Cuba.



**SPECIAL VOTE OF THANKS OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE
AFRICAN UNION TO H.E. DR. JEAN PING, OUTGOING
CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION**

The Assembly,

Noting with Satisfaction the contribution of H.E. Dr Jean Ping, outgoing Chairperson of the African Union Commission for the period 2008-2012 and the personal commitment and sacrifices he has made in the realization of the objectives of our Union:

1. **EXPRESSES** its sincere thanks to H.E. Dr. Jean Ping for his achievements, in particular in areas of peace and security as well as strengthening cooperation, integration and development, shared values as well as capacity building of the Commission;
2. **ALSO EXPRESSES** the gratitude of all AU Member States and the people of Africa to H.E. Dr. Jean Ping for the outstanding work he has accomplished during his mandate;
3. **DECIDES** to confer on H.E. Dr. Jean Ping on the occasion of its next Ordinary Session, an honorary award in recognition of the outstanding services he has rendered to Africa and **REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Commission to take all necessary measures to this effect.



**SPECIAL VOTE OF THANKS TO THE
OUTGOING COMMISSIONERS OF THE AU**

The Assembly,

Noting with Satisfaction the contribution by the following outgoing AU Commissioners for the period 2008-2012 and their personal commitments and sacrifices in the realization of the objectives of our Union:

1. EXPRESSES its sincere thanks to:

- Commissioner Julia Dolly Joiner (Political Affairs);
- Commissioner Adv. Bience Gawanas (Social Affairs);
- Commissioner Maxwell Mkwezalamba (Economic Affairs);
- Commissioner Jean Pierre Onvehoun Ezin (Human Resources, Science and Technology);
- Late Commissioner Elisabeth Tankeu (Trade and Industry);

for their achievements, in particular in areas of political, social, economic and trade and industry development of the Continent as well as strengthening cooperation, integration and development, shared values as well as capacity building of the Commission;

2. ALSO EXPRESSES the gratitude of all AU Member States and the people of Africa to the outgoing Commissioners for their valuable contribution to the work of African Union;

3. DECIDES to confer on the concerned Commissioners, on the occasion of its next Ordinary Session, honorary awards in recognition of the outstanding services they have rendered to Africa and **REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Commission to take all necessary measures to this effect.

