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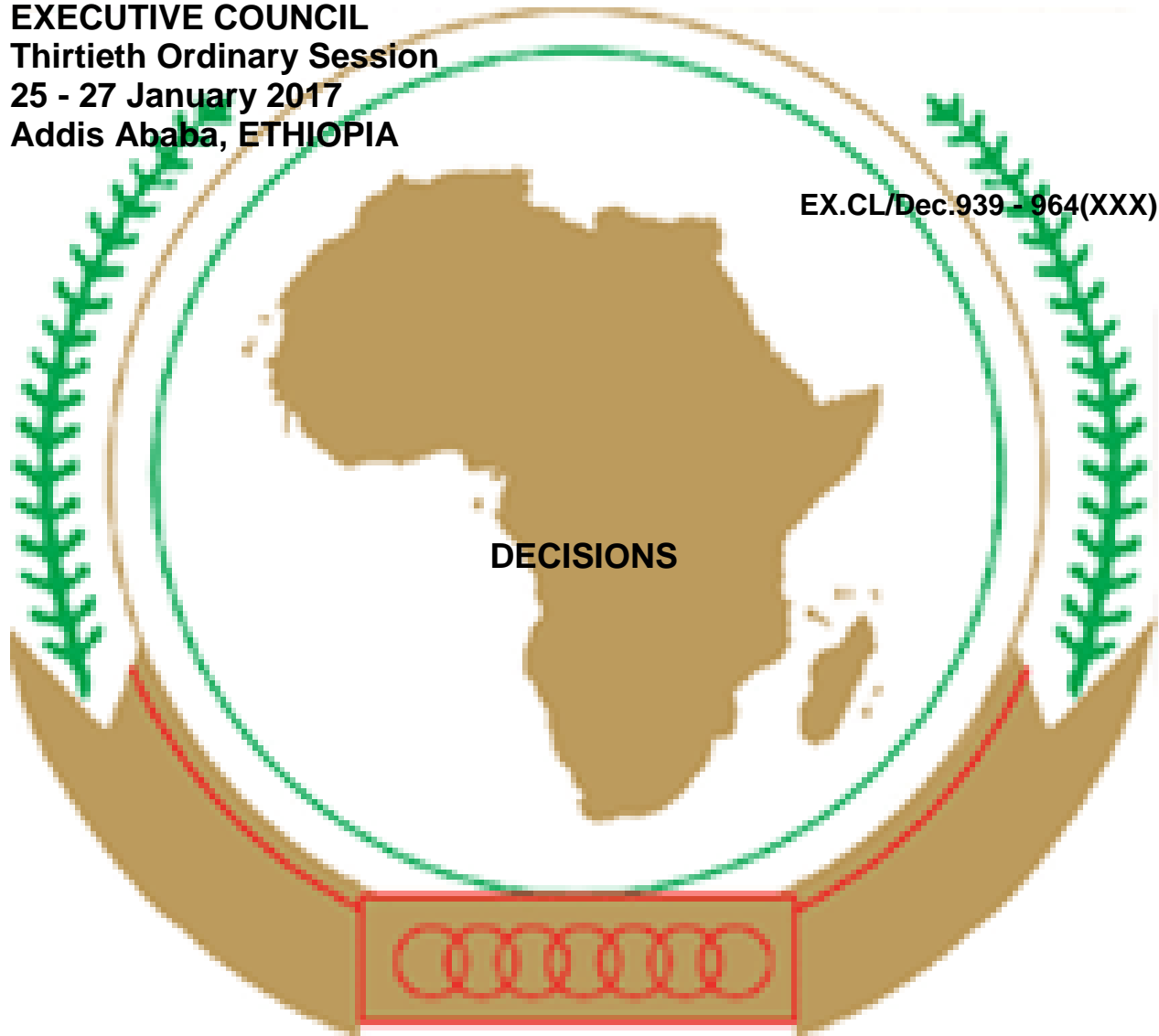


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**DECISION ON THE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET
FOR THE 2016 FINANCIAL YEAR
Doc. PRC/Rpt (XXXIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Permanent Representatives' Committee on the issue of the Supplementary Budget, **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained therein and **REQUESTS** the Commission to implement them;
2. **CALLS UPON** the Commission to adopt new budgeting modalities in order to prepare budgets that conform to resource mobilization realities and are results based;
3. **ALLOWS** the Commission to realign the budget at midpoint of the financial year so that issues of underperformance can be addressed in light of resource mobilization limitations;
4. **APPROVES** a Supplementary Budget amounting to **US\$ 36,096,491** of which **US\$ 1,527,240** is for operating expenses and **US\$ 34,569,251** for Programmes, to be financed as follows:
 - i) Operating budget of **US\$ 1,527,240** to be financed with Member States funds
 - ii) Programme budget of **US\$ 34,569,251** with **US\$ 129,839** to come from Member States and **US\$ 34,439,412** from Partners.

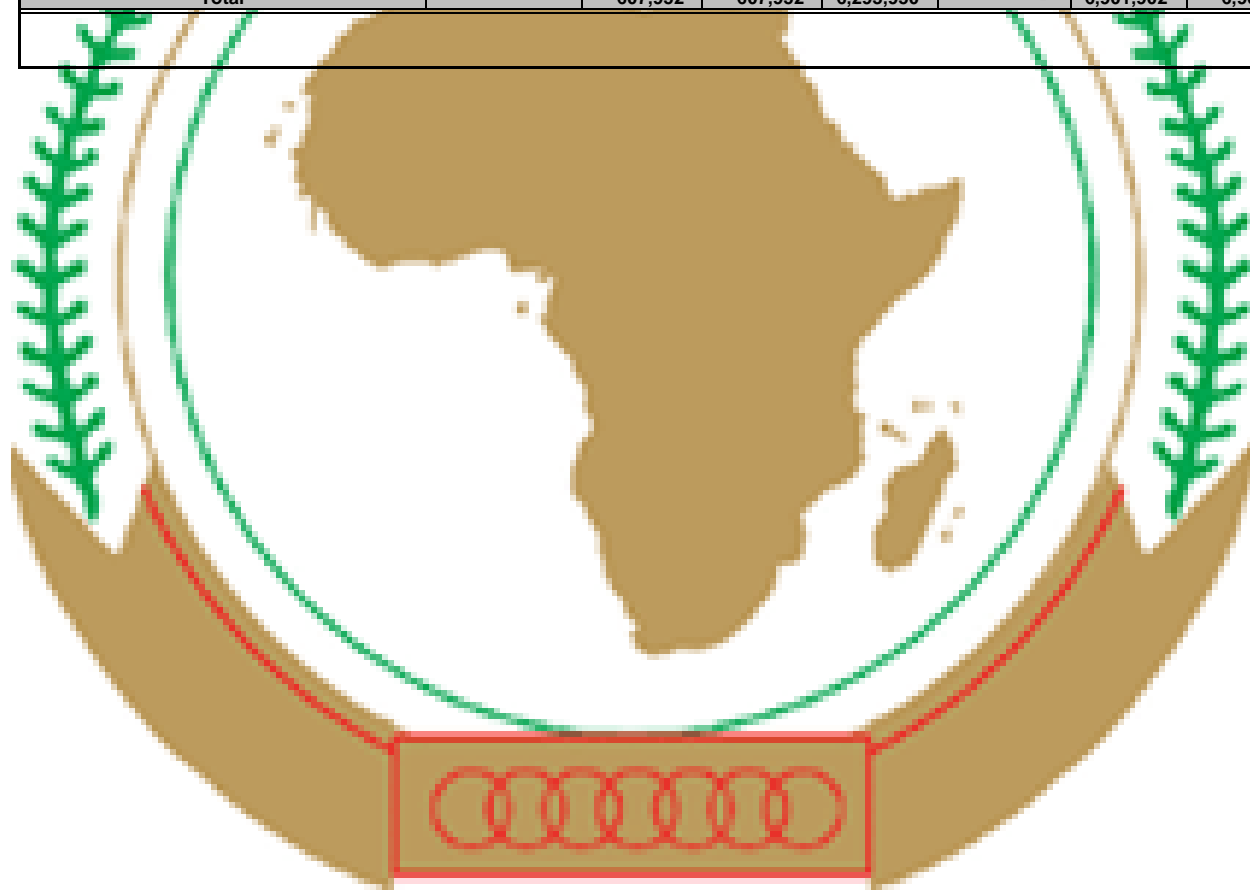
SUMMARY OF SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR 2016							
Office/Departments	Member States			Partners	Total		
	Operational	Programs	Total	Programs	Operational	Programs	Total
PEACE AND SECURITY		21,089	21,089	25,842,304	-	25,863,393	25,863,393
SOCIAL AFFAIRS			-	1,684,769	-	1,684,769	1,684,769
MEDICAL CENTER			-	1,982,052	-	1,982,052	1,982,052
AHRM	494,199	38,750	532,949	564,190	494,199	602,940	1,097,139
BUREAU OF THE CHAIRPERSON			-	1,220,000	-	1,220,000	1,220,000
RURAL ECONOMY AND AGRICULTURE		70,000	70,000	638,373	-	708,373	708,373
HRST			-	678,291	-	678,291	678,291
PAP	445,000		445,000		445,000		445,000
BUREAU OF THE DCP	94,241		94,241	360,000	94,241	360,000	454,241
COURT			-	428,865	-	428,865	428,865
POLITICAL AFFAIRS			-	165,000	-	165,000	165,000
AOSTI	13,000		13,000		13,000	-	13,000
INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENERGY			-	294,994	-	294,994	294,994
CIDO			-	169,618	-	169,618	169,618
WOMEN AND GENDER			-	150,000	-	150,000	150,000
PBFA			-	125,955	-	125,955	125,955
SARO - Regional Office Lilongwe			-	80,000	-	80,000	80,000
NEW YORK - REGIONAL OFFICE **	473,000		473,000		473,000	-	473,000
LEGAL COUNSEL			-	55,000	-	55,000	55,000
PANVAC	7,800		7,800		7,800	-	7,800
Total Request	1,527,240	129,839	1,657,079	34,439,412	1,527,240	34,569,251	36,096,491

**DECISION ON THE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET
FOR THE 2017 FINANCIAL YEAR
Doc. PRC/Rpt(XXXIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of Assembly Decision Ext/Assembly/AU/Dec.1 (VI) adopted during the Extraordinary Summit held on 15 October 2016 in Lomé, Togo, which adopted the Charter on Maritime; requesting the Commission to take all necessary measures to convene Extraordinary Sessions of the relevant Specialized Technical Committees (STCs) which were not involved in the elaboration process of the Charter, namely: the STCs on Trade, and Industry and Minerals, STC on Transport, Transcontinental and Interregional Infrastructures, Energy and Tourism, STC on Finance, Monetary Affairs, Economic Planning and Integration and any other relevant STCs so as to enable them to consider issues falling within their respective mandates and submit their contributions to the Charter, in the form of annexes, to the Assembly for consideration in July 2017;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the relevant provisions of the Communiqué on the issues related to accountability of the African Union Peace and Security Council (PSC) that met at its 547th Session at the level of Heads of State and Government in New York, USA, on 26 September 2015 which agreed to the recommendations of the African Union Commission of Inquiry on South Sudan (AUCISS), wherein Council agreed to that the AU Commission should establish an independent hybrid judicial court, the Hybrid Court of South Sudan (HCSS), in accordance with Chapter V (3.1.1) of the Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan (ARCIS), reached by the South Sudanese parties, as an African-led and Africa-owned legal mechanism.
3. **APPROVES** an amount of **US\$ 6,901,902** for the 2017 Supplementary budget detailed as follows:
 - i) The Charter on Maritime Security and Safety and development in Africa of **US\$ 607,952** to be financed by Member States;
 - ii) The Hybrid Court of South Sudan (HCSS) of **US\$ 1,332,969** to be financed by Partners;
 - iii) The AU-IBAR's Programs on strengthening the capacity of African countries to conserve Animal Genetic Resources; Implementation of Strategic Plan and African pesticides data generation, amounting to **US\$ 4,960,981** to be financed by Partners.

SUMMARY OF SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR 2017							
Office/Departments	Member States			Partners	Total		
	Operational	Programs	Total	Programs	Operational	Programs	Total
Legal Counsel (1) Maritime		607,952	607,952		-	607,952	607,952
(2) Establishment of Hybrid Court)			-	1,332,969	-	1,332,969	1,332,969
IBAR (1) Animal Genetic Resources			-	4,254,100	-	4,254,100	4,254,100
(2) Implement the Strategic Plan			-	500,000	-	500,000	500,000
(3) ØAfrican Pesticides Data Generation			-	206,881		206,881	206,881
			-		-		-
Total		607,952	607,952	6,293,950	-	6,901,902	6,901,902



DECISION ON AUDIT MATTERS
Doc. EX.CL/992(XXX)iii

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the PRC Sub-Committee on Audit Matters and, **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained therein;

ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE AU ORGANS AND AGENCIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

2. **CALLS UPON** each of the AU organs (i.e. African Union Commission-AUC, Pan African Parliament-PAP, NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency-NPCA, African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights-AfCHPR, African Commission for Human and Peoples' Rights ACHPR, and African Union Advisory Board on Corruption-AUABC) to:

- i) address the issues raised under their respective Audited Financial Reports;
- ii) ensure that corrective actions are undertaken to resolve the weaknesses observed by the AU Board of External Auditors (BOEA); and
- iii) prepare a roadmap on the implementation of IPSAS to ensure full compliance by the year 2018 as per the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) requirements.

3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to:

- i) publish the 2015 Audited and Approved Financial Statements on the AU website in compliance with IPSAS requirements; and
- ii) report on the implementation of this decision during the AU Summit of July 2017.

ON THE AUDIT OF AU GENERAL & RESERVE FUND AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2015

4. **DIRECTS** the Commission to address the issues raised by the PRC including the following:

- i) Address the issues raised in the audit report and implement the recommendations accordingly;
- ii) Undertake, annually, a complete audit of the two abovementioned Funds and report to the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Audit Matters accordingly;

- iii) Always submit requests for approval to PRC before passing payments to the General and Reserve Funds as per the requirements of the AU Financial Rules and Regulations.
5. **DIRECTS** the AU organs to ensure implementation of the Matrix on Implementation of Audit Recommendations in line with **Decision EX.CL/Dec. 877(XXVII)** adopted by the Executive Council;
6. **DIRECTS** the AU Board of External Auditors to carry out a complete audit of the General and Special Funds for the period 2009-2015 and submit a report to the Executive Council through the PRC;
7. **ALSO DIRECTS** the AU Board of External Auditors to:
- i) conduct an investigation on the irregularities identified in the audit report of the General and Reserve Funds (2009-2015) with a view to establishing responsibilities;
 - ii) investigate the culprits of financial mismanagement and make appropriate recommendations for consideration by the Executive Council through the PRC;
8. **FURTHER DIRECTS** the Commission to report on the implementation of this decision during the next Session in July 2017;

ON THE AUDIT OF COMMISSION BUDGET PERFORMANCE FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY - 30 JUNE 2016

9. **DIRECTS** the Commission to address the issues raised by the PRC including the following matters:
- i) Implementation of the decision on financing the Union should be pursued vigorously for funding the Union's programmes to ensure availability and predictability of funds;
 - ii) Engage Partners on Overall Programme Budget Support to the Union rather than financing of individual projects and/or budget lines;
 - iii) Put in place effective systems and measures to improve budget execution and performance;
 - iv) Strictly comply with the AU Financial Rules and Regulations with regards to approval of supplementary budget.
10. **URGES** Member States to honour their assessed contributions in a timely manner to enable the Commission implement its projects effectively and efficiently;

11. **DIRECTS** the Commission to report on the implementation of this decision during the next ordinary session in July 2017.



DECISION ON AFRICA'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS
Doc. EX.CL/992(XXX)iv

The Executive Council,

A. EVALUATION OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the PRC on “the Evaluation of the Strategic Partnerships,” and **EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** on the work done so far on the evaluation process;
2. **DIRECTS** the PRC, in collaboration with the Commission and the RECs, to hold special sessions within the next six months (February-July) to allow for an in-depth discussion and analysis of all aspects of Strategic Partnership in order to formulate appropriate proposals and recommendations to be submitted to the July 2017 Summit, taking into account the following;
 - i) The process of institutional and structural reform of the African Union led by H.E. Mr. President Paul Kagame;
 - ii) The criteria that will allow determining the dimension and importance of each partnership, among others, in terms of their benefits to the development of the continent and the implementation of Agenda 2063;
 - iii) Highlight the indicators relating to all the benefits Africa reaps from partnerships;
 - iv) The roles that the various entities of the African Union should play in the management and coordination of strategic partnerships;
 - v) The relevance of the formats of participation of Member States in the various partnerships;
 - vi) Strengthening the institutional capacity of the Commission (Partnerships Management and Coordination Division).
3. **FURTHER DIRECTS** the Commission to convey a correspondence to the Group of African Ambassadors in capitals where Africa has strategic partnerships, including those of New York and Geneva, to abide by all the relevant AU Policy Organs' decisions and common positions relating to Africa's Strategic Partnerships and **REQUESTS** Member States to instruct their Ambassadors in these countries to abide by AU decisions;
4. **REAFFIRMS** the right of all Member States without distinction to participate in all meetings, activities and events organized within the context of partnerships of which the AU is part as stipulated in paragraph 10 of the Executive Council

Decision EX.CL/Dec.877(XXVII) of June 2015 and Decision EX.CL/Dec.899(XXVII) of January 2016;

5. **DECIDES** that all Member States that do not comply with the provisions of the abovementioned decision will be deprived from the privilege of hosting the meetings in accordance with Article 23 of the Constitutive Act;
6. **REAFFIRMS** the central role of the PRC in collaboration with the African Diplomatic Corp in countries where the AU has strategic partnerships in leading the processes.

B. TOKYO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT (TICAD)

7. **EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** to:
 - i) the People and Government of the Republic of Kenya for the successful hosting of the first ever TICAD Summit in Africa, the TICAD VI Summit held in Nairobi on 27-28 August 2016;
 - ii) to the People and Government of Djibouti and the People and Government of the Islamic Republic of The Gambia for the successful hosting of the TICAD Senior Officials Meeting and the combined TICAD V Follow-Up and TICAD VI Preparatory Ministerial Meetings held in Djibouti and Banjul on 14-15 March 2016 and 16-17 June 2016, respectively.
8. **DIRECTS** the Commission, in collaboration with the PRC, to follow up on the implementation of the TICAD VI Implementation Plan as relevant to the three agreed upon priority areas in line with AU structural transformative Agenda 2063.

C. AFRICA-ARAB PARTNERSHIP

9. **EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** to:
 - i) the People and Government of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea for successfully hosting the 4th Africa-Arab Summit and pre-Summit meetings in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, from 17 to 23 November 2016;
 - ii) all AU Member States for the strong solidarity demonstrated during the Malabo Summit in defence of the principles and decisions of the African Union.
10. **DIRECTS** the Commission, in accordance with the principles and decisions of the AU, and in collaboration with the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States, to coordinate and follow up on the timely implementation of the Resolutions of the 4th Africa-Arab Summit especially:

- i) Resolution 10, which requested the two sides to engage in constructive discussions to define mutually acceptable and binding principles and criteria for the joint meetings of the Africa-Arab Partnership in a way that reflect their mutual interests and the potential of their strategic relations;
- ii) Resolution 7, which called for the convening of an extra-ordinary session of the Joint Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, within a period of six (6) months from the date of this Resolution to adopt the Action Plan.
- iii) To elaborate effective mechanism to evaluate and follow up the decisions on this Partnership.

D. AFRICA-KOREA FORUM

- 11. **EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** to the People and Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia for the successful hosting of the 4th Forum for Africa-Korea Cooperation that took place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 6-7 December 2016;
- 12. **REQUESTS** the Commission in close collaboration with the PRC and the Partner to implement the Addis Ababa Declaration and to determine the content of the Africa-Korea Framework of Cooperation 2017-2021 that both sides agree to implement within a period of six months from the date of adoption of the Addis Ababa Declaration;

E. AFRICAN UNION-EUROPEAN UNION

- 13. **TAKES NOTE** of the proposed date of November 2017 for the Fifth AU-EU Summit in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire; and **REQUESTS** the host Country in collaboration with the Commission to propose in due course the exact date of the Summit;
- 14. **URGES** Member States through the PRC to engage in internal consultations in order to kick start the necessary preparation process in collaboration with the Commission and the host country, as per the usual practice;

F. AFRICA-INDIA

- 15. **ENCOURAGES** the two sides to expedite the process of implementing the Declaration and framework for Cooperation as adopted by the 3rd Africa-India Summit that was held in Delhi, India, in 2015;

G. AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA COOPERATION FORUM

16. **REQUESTS** the Commission in collaboration with the PRC to engage in consultations with the South American side with a view to proposing new dates for the Summit that would be held in 2017;

H. AFRICA-TURKEY PARTNERSHIP

17. **REQUESTS** the Commission in collaboration with the PRC to:

- i) Engage with Turkey with a view to bringing the Africa – Turkey Economic and Business Forum as well as the Africa – Turkey Think Tank Forum under the framework of the Africa – Turkey Partnership and within the context of Agenda 2063;
- ii) Continue consultations with Turkey on the dates for holding the following meetings:
- 7th Senior Officials Meeting;
 - Think Tank Forum;
 - Ministerial Review Conference;
 - Other Africa-Turkey related events.

I. FORUM ON CHINA-AFRICA COOPERATION (FOCAC)

18. **INSTRUCTS** the PRC, in collaboration with Commission, to design mechanisms for the full involvement of the African Union in the effective management of this partnership;

19. **REQUESTS** the African and the Chinese sides to establish appropriate mechanisms that would expedite the implementation of the outcomes of the 2015 FOCAC Summit that was held in Johannesburg, South Africa.

J. THE FUTURE OF THE AFRICAN, CARRIBBEAN AND PACIFIC GROUP OF STATES (ACP) AND THE PROSPECTS OF ACP- EUROPEAN UNION (EU) RELATIONS FOR THE PERIOD POST-2020 (COTONOU AGREEMENT)

20. **MANDATES** the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation, in collaboration with the Commission, relevant AU Organs, the RECs and African experts and working closely with the African Group of Ambassadors in Brussels, to elaborate a Common African Position on Post-2020 Cotonou Agreement, which is coming to an end in 2020 and to communicate the outcome documents to Member States before the July 2017 Summit;

21. **REQUESTS** the Commission to convene an Extraordinary Session of the Executive Council should the matter require urgent decision by the Executive Council before the July 2017 Summit;

22. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the PRC to allocate the necessary budget resources for the implementation of this decision.



**DECISION ON THE 2016 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
CHAIRPERSON OF THE AU COMMISSION
Doc. EX.CL/994(XXX)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission for the Period January to December 2016 and the observations and comments made by the Member States;
 2. **EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** to the outgoing Commission for its sterling contributions towards the realization of the goals and objectives of the Union;
 3. **COMMENDS** the Commission for its efforts so far in the implementation of Agenda 2063 and its First Ten-Year Implementation Plan, and **CALLS UPON** the Chairperson of the Commission to utilize the resources available to speed up the implementation process;
 4. **CALLS UPON** all Member States to fully support the action initiated by the Government of the Republic of Mauritius at the level of the United Nations General Assembly with a view to ensuring the completion of the decolonization of the Republic of Mauritius and enabling the Republic of Mauritius to effectively exercise its sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago, including Diego Garcia;
 5. **ALSO CALLS UPON** all Member States to participate at the African Economic Platform scheduled to take place on 20-22 March 2017 in the Mauritius.
 6. **DIRECTS** the Commission to:
 - i) Transform the “Annual Report on Activities of the Commission” to an “Annual Report on the Activities of the Union and its Organs” as provided for in Article 8 (1)(t) of the Statutes of the Commission;
 - ii) Broaden the Indicators of the Gender Score Card for more inclusiveness;
 - iii) Prepare and submit a Progress Report on the implementation of the 2016 AU Theme: “The African Year of Human Rights with particular focus on the Rights of Women”;
 - iv) Expedite the establishment of the High Level Panel of Eminent Persons to champion the fast tracking of the Continental Free Trade Area (CFTA);
 - v) Develop a roadmap for the implementation of the Campaign to “Relegate the Handheld Hoe to the Museum” by 2025.
- A. ON EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE CURRENT AU CHAMPION ON NUTRITION**

7. **ACKNOWLEDGES** and **COMMENDS** the role of His Majesty King Letsie III of the Kingdom of Lesotho as AU Champion on Nutrition from 2014-2016;
8. **NOTES** that, in the light of the ambitious targets of the Ten Year Implementation Plan of Agenda 2063 on Hunger and Nutrition, there is a need for continuous advocacy on programmes in this area;
9. **RECOMMENDS** to the Assembly that the mandate of His Majesty King Letsie III, of the Kingdom of Lesotho as the AU Nutrition Champion be extended from January 2017 to January 2020.

B. ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SENDAI FRAMEWORK FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION IN AFRICA

10. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Fifth High-level Meeting and the Sixth Session of the Africa Regional Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction held in Balaclava, in the Republic of Mauritius from 22-25 November 2016 and **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained therein;
11. **ENDORSES** the Programme of Action for the Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 in Africa, and The 'Mauritius Declaration on the Implementation of the Sendai Framework in Africa';
12. **REQUESTS** the Commission in consultation with Member States and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to develop an Africa Position for the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, scheduled to take place in Cancun, Mexico in May 2017.

C. ON GRANTING THE PAN AFRICAN WOMEN'S ORGANISATION (PAWO) AND THE AFRICAN CAPACITY BUILDING FOUNDATION (ACBF) STATUS OF SPECIALISED AGENCY OF THE AU

13. **NOTES** that the Pan African Women's Organization (PAWO) is one of the first Pan African Organizations, established in 1962, and which played a critical role in mobilizing women in the struggles against colonialism and apartheid, in the development of the continent and the building of a non-sexist Africa;
14. **APPRECIATES** the continued role of the PAWO in the mobilization of women and men for the implementation of Agenda 2063, and for women and girls empowerment;
15. **FURTHER NOTES** the innovative and cutting edge support on capacity development provided by the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) in Africa, including the pivotal role in helping the Commission define the capacity imperatives for Agenda 2063;

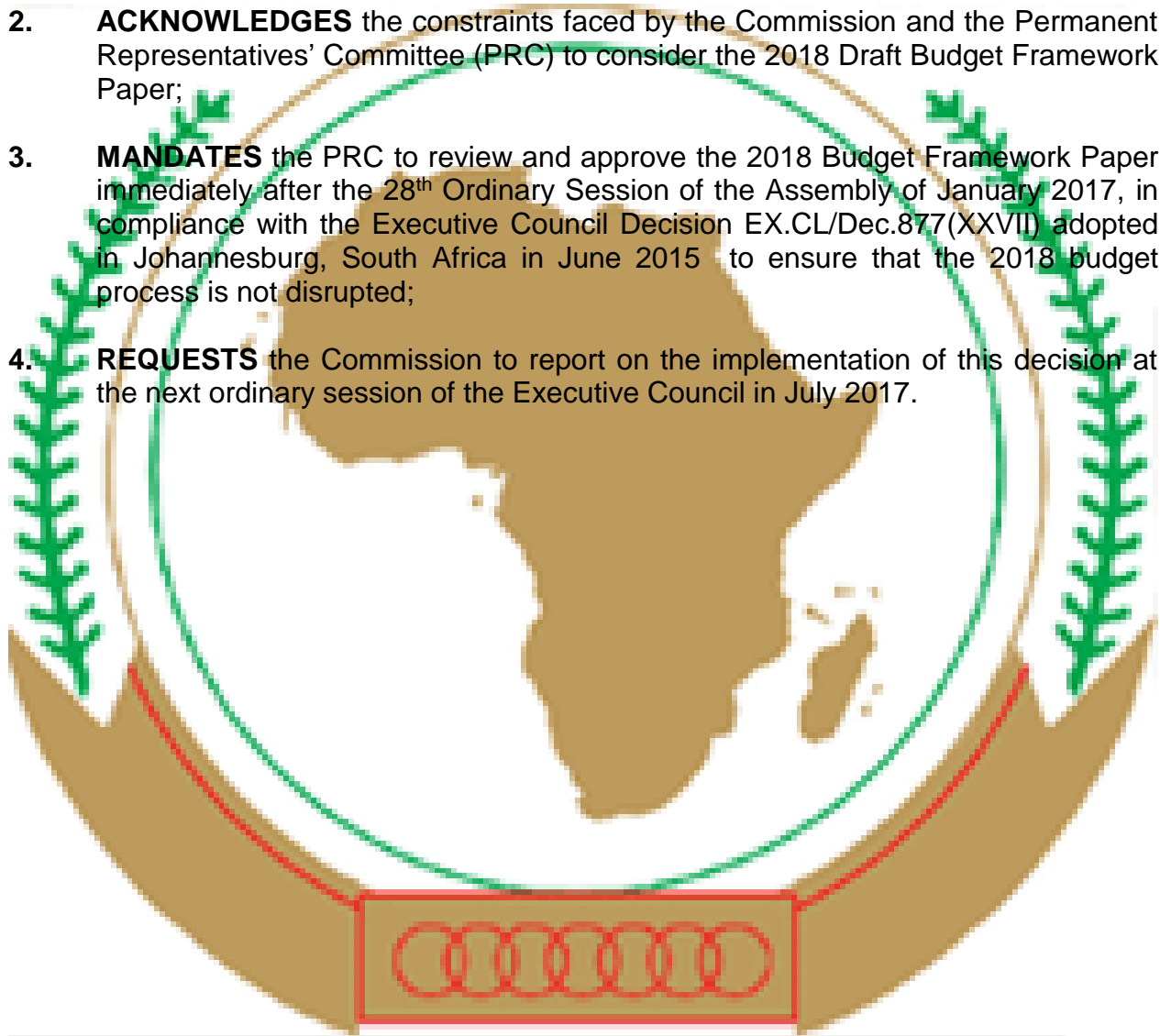
16. **RECOGNISES** the role of ACBF in establishing a strong accountability framework and coordinated platform for capacity development interventions on the continent;
17. **RECOMMENDS**, that the Summit agrees to grant specialized agency status to the Pan African Women's Organization (PAWO), the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF);
18. **REQUESTS** the Commission to carry out an assessment of the legal, structural and financial implications, as well as definition of criteria to grant the status of Specialized Agency to organizations, and submit a report to the Executive Council through the PRC in July 2017 Summit.



DECISION ON THE 2018 DRAFT BUDGET FRAMEWORK PAPER

The Executive Council,

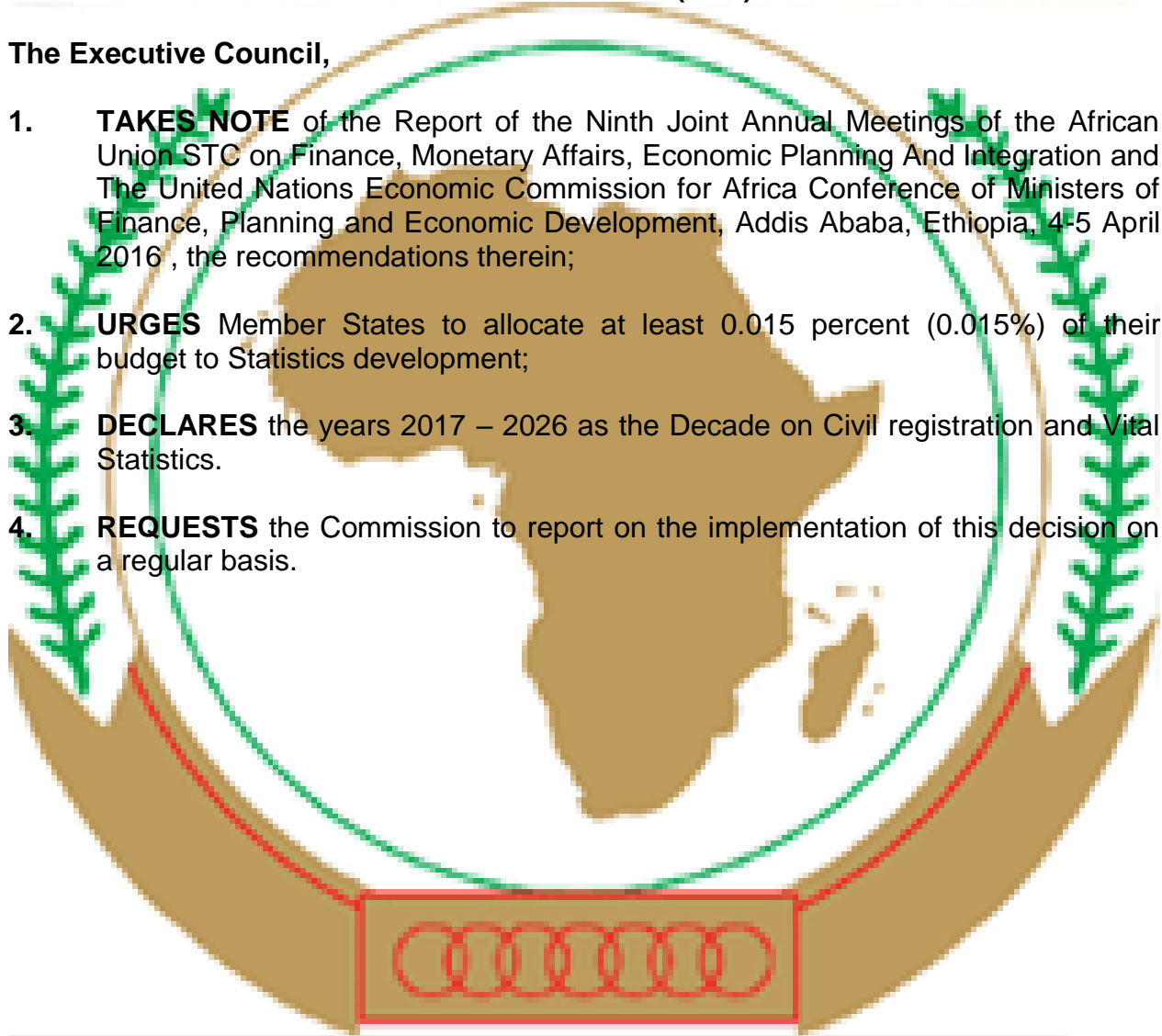
1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Draft 2018 Budget Framework Paper circulated to all Member States;
2. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the constraints faced by the Commission and the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC) to consider the 2018 Draft Budget Framework Paper;
3. **MANDATES** the PRC to review and approve the 2018 Budget Framework Paper immediately after the 28th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of January 2017, in compliance with the Executive Council Decision EX.CL/Dec.877(XXVII) adopted in Johannesburg, South Africa in June 2015 to ensure that the 2018 budget process is not disrupted;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report on the implementation of this decision at the next ordinary session of the Executive Council in July 2017.



**DECISION ON THE NINTH JOINT ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE AFRICAN UNION
STC ON FINANCE, MONETARY AFFAIRS, ECONOMIC PLANNING AND
INTEGRATION AND THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR
AFRICA CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF FINANCE,
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA, 4-5 APRIL 2016
Doc. EX.CL/995(XXX)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Ninth Joint Annual Meetings of the African Union STC on Finance, Monetary Affairs, Economic Planning And Integration and The United Nations Economic Commission for Africa Conference of Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 4-5 April 2016 , the recommendations therein;
2. **URGES** Member States to allocate at least 0.015 percent (0.015%) of their budget to Statistics development;
3. **DECLARES** the years 2017 – 2026 as the Decade on Civil registration and Vital Statistics.
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report on the implementation of this decision on a regular basis.



DECISION ON THE DRAFT LEGAL INSTRUMENTS
Doc. EX.CL/1013(XXX)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report and Recommendations of the Meeting of the Second Specialized Technical Committee (STC) on Justice and Legal Affairs held in Lomé, Togo from 1 to 9 September 2016;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the following Draft Legal Instruments:
 - i) *Draft Statutes of the African Union Mechanism for Police Cooperation (AFRIPOL);*
 - ii) *Draft Amendment to the Constitution of the African Civil Aviation Commission.*
3. **DECIDES** to recommend the above-mentioned Draft Legal Instruments to the Assembly for consideration and adoption, with amendment to Article 10 (4) of the *Constitution of the African Civil Aviation Commission* as follows:

The quorum for the Plenary shall be simple majority (fifty percent plus one) of Member States.



**DECISION ON THE RELOCATION OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE AFRICAN
COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF THE CHILD
(ACERWC)
Doc. EX.CL/997(XXX)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the assessment missions undertaken to the three (3) countries that offered to host the Secretariat of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC);
2. **WELCOMES** the consultations between Burkina Faso, the Kingdom Lesotho and the Republic of The Sudan on the matter with a view of reaching a consensus; and **ALSO WELCOMES** the withdrawal of the offer by Burkina Faso aimed at facilitating consensus;
3. **ENCOURAGES** the Kingdom of Lesotho and the Republic of The Sudan to continue consultations and **REQUESTS** the Commission to facilitate such consultations;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report to ordinary session of the Executive Council scheduled in January 2018.



**DECISION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION
ON HUMAN AND PEOPLE'S RIGHTS (ACHPR)
Doc. EX.CL/998(XXX)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Forty-First (41st) Activity Report of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR);
2. **AUTHORIZES** the publication of the Forty-First (41st) Activity Report of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR);
3. **URGES** Member States in which challenges have been identified to take the necessary measures to address these challenges; and other Member States, particularly those that are owing 3 Reports or more, and those that have never submitted a Report, to prepare and submit their Periodic Reports to the ACHPR;
4. **ENCOURAGES** Member States to comply with Decisions and Recommendations of the ACHPR, and inform the ACHPR of the measures taken in line with Rule 112 of the ACHPR's Rules of Procedure;
5. **CALLS UPON** the Commission, in collaboration of the PRC, to consider the modalities to secure the necessary resources for the financing of the ACHPR;
6. **EXTENDS** appreciation to The Gambia for hosting the ACHPR since 1989, and **URGES** The Gambia to comply with the various Decisions regarding the establishment of a Permanent Headquarters with the requisite facilities;
7. **WELCOMES** the offer by the Republic of Niger to host the 60th Ordinary Session of the ACHPR, and **CALLS ON** other States, in particular those that have not yet done so, to host Sessions of the ACHPR.

**DECISION ON THE 2016 ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE
AFRICAN COURT ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS
Doc. EX.CL/999(XXX)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Activity Report of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Court) for the period 1 January –31 December, 2016, and the recommendations therein;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** that 2016 marked the Tenth (10th) Anniversary of the operationalization of AfCHPR and **CONGRATULATES** the latter for its contribution since its establishment towards the promotion and protection of human rights on the continent;
3. **CALLS ON** the AfCHPR, in collaboration with the Commission and the PRC, to expedite the operationalization the Trust Fund for the Court, as well as the establishment of a Legal Aid Fund for African Union Human Rights Organs and submit a report thereof at the next session of the Assembly;
4. **CALLS UPON** Member States to comply with the Orders of AfCRHPR in accordance with the Protocol of the Court and **URGES** in particular the State of Libya to implement the Order of the Court¹;
5. **WELCOMES** the measures taken by both Burkina Faso and Tanzania to comply with the judgments of the AfCHPR, and **URGES** both States to take pursue the efforts undertaken to apply the AfCHPR's orders and report accordingly;
6. **URGES** Member States that have not already done so, to accede to the Protocol and deposit the declaration required under Article 34 (6) of the Protocol; and in this regard, **FURTHER URGES** the States concerned to accede to the Protocol and deposit the declaration as part of activities and their commitment to celebrate 2016 as African Year of Human Rights with particular focus on the Rights of Women and to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the AfCHPR;
7. **INVITES** State Parties that have not already done so, to appoint Focal Points for the AfCHPR from the relevant Ministries, to facilitate communication between the Court and State Parties;
8. **EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION** to the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania for the facilities it has placed at the disposal of the AfCHPR, and for the architectural designs for the construction of the permanent premises of the Court that have already been prepared, and **URGES** the Government of the United

¹ *Takes note of the reservation made by the State of Libya regarding para 4 of the Decision.*

Republic of Tanzania and the African Union Commission, in collaboration with the AfCHPR, to take steps to ensure the speedy construction of the premises;

9. **REQUESTS** the AfCHPR, in collaboration with the PRC and the AU Commission, to report on the implementation of this Decision at the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in July 2017.



**DECISION ON HOLDING AN EXTRAORDINARY
SESSION OF THE PAN-AFRICAN PARLIAMENT**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the request of the Pan-African Parliament (PAP) to hold an extraordinary session of the PAP with a view to appointing a Clerk and Deputy Clerk of Parliament as well as of the recommendation of the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) for the holding of an extraordinary session;
2. **AUTHORISES** the Pan-African Parliament to hold an extraordinary session on 6 March 2017 in accordance with the rules and principles governing the Pan-African Parliament session.
3. **REQUESTS** the PAP to report on the implementation of this Decision to the next ordinary session of the Executive Council in July 2017.



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE AFRICAN UNION
ADVISORY BOARD ON CORRUPTION
Doc. EX.CL/1000(XXX)**

The Executive Council

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the African Union Advisory Board on Corruption and the recommendations contained therein;
2. **URGES** States Parties to comply with Article 4 (1) and Article 20 (1) of the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption (AUCPCC), to provide the required information within sixty (60) days of the adoption of this Decision;
3. **REQUESTS** Member States which have not yet signed and ratified the Convention, to proceed to accede to and implement the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption and to submit a regular report on the implementation of the provisions of the Convention to the Advisory Board as provided for under Article 22 (7) of the Convention;
4. **INSTRUCTS** the AUABC to present annual reports to the Executive Council through the PRC;
5. **CALLS UPON** the States Parties to make firm commitments to provide their national anti-corruption agencies with adequate resources and independence;
6. **ALSO CALLS UPON** the States Parties to form stronger alliances with non-state actors in order to prevent and put an end to corruption;
7. **RECOMMENDS** to the Assembly that the date of **11th July** be declared **“African Anti-Corruption Day”**, to commemorate the adoption of the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption in Maputo, Mozambique on 11th July, 2003;
8. **FURTHER RECOMMENDS** to the Assembly to proclaim **the year 2018 “the African Anti-Corruption Year”** and with regard to the 2018 theme, **REQUESTS** the AUABC, in collaboration with the PRC and the AU Commission, to revisit the theme and make appropriate proposals to the next ordinary session of the Executive Council in July 2017.

**DECISION ON THE ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE AFRICAN RISK CAPACITY
AGENCY OF THE AFRICAN UNION (ARC AGENCY)
Doc. EX.CL/1001(XXX)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Activity Report of the African Risk Capacity Agency of the African Union and the recommendations therein;
2. **URGES** Member States that have not yet signed and ratified the Treaty to do so expeditiously;
3. **CALLS ON** ARC Agency Member States to support a closer collaboration of ARC Agency with national and regional insurance and reinsurance companies as well as international development institutions and partners to strengthen disaster risk response on the continent;
4. **ENCOURAGES** and **WELCOMES** the African Development Bank (AfDB) initiative to develop financial mechanisms to fund disaster insurance premiums for ARC Member States;
5. **COMMENDS** the efforts by the ARC in the pay outs to Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Malawi as a result of drought events in these countries and **ENCOURAGES** the ARC to move along the same vein with regard to other Member States affected;
6. **REQUESTS** the ARC Agency to broaden its scope of work to include hazards such as cyclones and floods to ensure that more Member States benefit.
7. **REQUESTS** ARC to report regularly to the Executive Council on its activities.

DECISION ON THE OUTCOME OF THE 5TH RETREAT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD IN ADDIS ABABA ETHIOPIA ON 8 AND 9 DECEMBER 2016
Doc. EX.CL/1003(XXX)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Outcome of the Fifth Retreat of the Executive Council held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 8 and 9 December 2016 and the recommendations therein;
2. **REQUESTS** the Commission to develop a Roadmap based on the recommendations and report to the next session of the Executive Council through the Ministerial Follow-up Committee on Agenda 2063, including the following areas:
 - i) Establishment of a Continental Free Trade Area by end of 2017;
 - ii) Towards an African Commodities Strategy;
 - iii) Strengthening ownership of Agenda 2063;
 - iv) Development of a Made in Africa Brand Campaign;
 - v) Management of Africa's Strategic Partnerships in the interest of the Continent and Africa speaking with one voice ;
 - vi) Strengthening the core values of the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance;
 - vii) Accelerated Industrialization toward a continental target of 20% value addition by 2020, including measure to promote local content in mining contracts;
 - viii) Development of guidelines to promote and protect African investment and companies, including countries in political transition.
3. **REQUESTS** the Ministerial Follow-up Committee on Agenda 2063, chaired by Namibia (South) and consisting of Algeria (North), Burkina Faso (West), Cameroon (Central), and Rwanda (East) as well as the outgoing and incoming Chairpersons of the Executive Council, the AU Commission Chairperson, the Chairpersons of the RECs and the Executive Secretaries of the RECs, the CEO of the NEPAD Agency, the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and the President of the African Development Bank (AfDB), to report on the implementation of this Decision.

**DECISION ON THE HOLDING OF THE TICAD VI MINISTERIAL
FOLLOW-UP MEETING IN 2017**

The Executive Council,

1. **WELCOMES** the offer of the Republic of Mozambique to host the TICAD VI Ministerial Follow-Up Meeting in Maputo in 2017;
2. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in close collaboration with the host country and Japan, to determine the exact date of the above-mentioned Ministerial Meeting and inform Member States in a timely manner;
3. **DIRECTS** the Commission, in close collaboration with the host country, to undertake the activities for the preparation of the Ministerial Meeting and report thereon to the PRC;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report on the implementation of this decision to the next ordinary session of the Executive Council in July 2017.



**DECISION ON THE DATE OF THE 5TH AFRICAN
UNION–EUROPEAN UNION SUMMIT IN 2017**

The Executive Council,

1. **RECALLS** its Decision EX.CL/Dec.930(XXX) of July 2016 accepting the offer by the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire to host the 5th AU-EU Summit in November 2017;
2. **RECOMMENDS** that the Assembly approve the dates proposed by the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire to hold the said Summit on 29 and 30 November 2017;
3. **DIRECTS** the Commission, in close collaboration with the host country and the Regional Economic Communities, to undertake activities for the preparation of the Summit and report thereon to the next ordinary session of the Executive Council in July 2017.



**DECISION ON UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO IMMUNIZATION AS A
CORNERSTONE FOR HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA
Doc. EX.CL/1002(XXX)Add.1**

The Executive Council recommends to the Assembly to:

1. **TAKE NOTE** of the proposal by the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia on “Universal Access to Immunization as a Cornerstone for Health and Development in Africa”;
2. **RECOGNIZE** that as the continent that has the youngest population of any region globally, developing the right policies and investments in health for youth including investments in immunization, will position Africa to move into new opportunities that emerge from a demographic dividend;
3. **RECALL** that Article 14 of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child stipulates that every child shall have the right to enjoy the best attainable state of physical, mental and spiritual health;
4. **ACKNOWLEDGE** that harnessing the demographic dividend through broad-based inclusive economic growth in Africa is dependent on a healthy population; and that strong immunization programmes are a cornerstone of robust health systems that help to achieve universal health coverage which is critical for Africa to achieve the economic and development goals set by Agenda 2063;
5. **RECOGNIZE** that the economic imperative and benefits of reducing vaccine-preventable diseases and consequential deaths will improve overall health, empower our future generation and allow every person to achieve his or her full potential;
6. **REAFFIRM** commitment to implement the Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Plan in Africa (PMPA) that will promote and invest in regional capacity for the development and production of vaccines;
7. **ENDORSE** the Ministerial Declaration on Universal Access to Immunization as a Cornerstone for Health and Development in Africa;
8. **CALL UPON** Member States to support the implementation of the Declaration to ensure and facilitate universal access to immunization by allocating adequate domestic resources and securing new investments to strengthen national immunization programmes as well as mount strong advocacy campaigns to achieve the Global Vaccine Action Plan goals and overall health care delivery systems;
9. **FURTHER CALL UPON** Member States in partnership with all relevant stakeholders, to negotiate with vaccine manufacturers to ensure and facilitate access to vaccines at affordable prices while increasing price transparency;

- 10. FURTHER REQUEST** the Commission, Member States, WHO and partners to facilitate the implementation of the Declaration and put in place a mechanism for follow up and regular reporting to the Summit to include a corresponding accountability framework.



**DECISION ON PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF AFRICAN
INVESTMENTS TO SUSTAIN INVESTMENT IN THE YOUTH**
Doc. EX.CL/1002(XXX)Add.2

The Executive Council recommends to the Assembly to:

1. **WELCOME AND TAKE NOTE** of the proposal of the State of Libya on the promotion and protection of African Investments to sustain investment in the Youth, which provides the youth with greater job opportunities, prevents illegal migration and alleviates their frustration;
2. **REITERATE** its support for the initiatives and strategies put in place at the continental, regional and national levels designed to support efforts for the implementation of Agenda 2063 of the African Union and its First Ten Year Implementation Plan and **CALL UPON** Member States to take firm and sustained steps for resource mobilization within the context of supporting, encouraging and protecting Africa-Africa investments in particular, investment owned by countries under exceptional circumstances;
3. **ENCOURAGE** Member States to adopt policies aimed at promoting the establishment of small and medium enterprises in support of the African youth thereby creating access to sustainable investment in the youth.



**DECISION ON AFRICAN CANDIDATURES
WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM
Doc. EX.CL/1004(XXX)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International System;
2. **ENDORSES:**
 - i) **for the position of Judge at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea**, during the elections scheduled for 2017, the candidatures of:
 - ***Mr. Boualem BOUGUETALA from the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria;***
 - ***Judge José Luis Jesus*** from the Republic of Cabo Verde;
 - ii) **for the position of Judge at the International Criminal Court**, during the elections scheduled for November 2017, the candidatures of:
 - ***Judge Solomy Balungi Bossa*** from the Republic of Uganda, in category A;
 - ***Mrs Reine Alapini Gansou*** from the Republic of Benin, in category B;
 - ***Ms Nthomeng Majara*** from the Kingdom of Lesotho, in category A.
 - iii) **for the position of member of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf for the period 2017-2022**, during the elections scheduled for June 2017 in New York, the candidature of:
 - ***Mr. Simon Njuguna*** from the Republic of Kenya;
 - ***Mr. Domingos de Carvalho Viana Moreira of the Republic of Angola;***
 - ***Dr Estevão Stefane Mahanjane of Republic of Mozambique***
 - iv) **for the position of Judge the International Court of Justice**, at the elections scheduled during the United Nations General Assembly in October/November 2017, the candidature of ***Judge Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf*** from the Federal Republic of Somalia.
 - v) **Chair of the 5th Committee of the 72nd United Nations General Assembly**, the candidature of **Mr. Tommo Monthe of the Republic of Cameroon.**

3. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** and decides to approve the following candidatures:
- i) **for the position of member of the Council of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)** during the elections scheduled for November 2017 in London, the candidature of the **People's Democratic Republic of Algeria**;
 - ii) **for the position of Vice-President of the 72nd United Nations General Assembly**, during the elections scheduled for 2017 in New York, the candidatures of:
 - **The Republic of Liberia**, for West Africa;
 - **The Republic of Zimbabwe**, for Southern Africa;
 - **The Republic of Madagascar**, for East Africa;
 - **The Gabonese Republic**, for Central Africa.
 - iii) **for the position of member of the United Nations Economic and Social Council**, during the elections scheduled for 2017 in New York, the candidatures of:
 - **The Republic of Ghana and the Togolese Republic**, for West Africa;
 - **The Republic of the Sudan**, for East Africa;
4. **Lastly, DECIDES:**
- i) **Concerning the candidature of the Arab Republic of Egypt for the position of member of the United Nations Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**, during the elections scheduled for November 2017 in New York, the Committee recommended that consideration of this candidature be referred to the African Group in New York, in accordance with its mechanism for candidatures, taking due account of the fact that the position should be filled by Central Africa, based system in force for the rotation of this position between the North Africa and Central Africa regions;
 - ii) Having observed that the allocation of seats within United Nations organs is disproportionate, the Committee requested that the African Group undertake advocacy for an increase in the number of seats allocated to Africa;
 - iii) **Concerning the position of Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau**, during the elections scheduled for October 2018 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, the Committee decided to take note of the candidature of **Dr. Cosmas Zavazava** from the Republic of Zimbabwe and to leave the position open, since the elections will only be held in October 2018;

iv) To take note of the candidature of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire to host the **United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Sub-regional Office for West Africa;**

v) **Concerning cases of non-compliance by Member States with Executive Council Decisions EX.CL/Dec.917 (XXVIII) taken at the Summit held in Kigali, Rwanda, in June 2016, as well as the Revised Rules of Procedure of the Committee:**

- To take note of explanations provided by these States which evoked poor communication between their Permanent Missions, their capitals and the Commission, for which they expressed regret and apologized to the Organization with a promise that such incidents would never happen again;
- To excuse these States for the reasons mentioned above, in addition to the inadequate popularization of the provisions of the revised Rules of Procedure of the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures within the International system;
- Also to inform Member States that such shortcomings would no longer be excused in the future and urged them all to cooperate in strengthening our mechanisms and to optimize chances for Africa to hold positions within the international system;
- That the Secretariat should organize a mission of the Chairperson of the Ministerial Committee to meet with the Permanent Missions of Member States to international organizations, in order to sensitize and brief them, as well as organize the different aspects and stages of management of African candidatures within the international system.

5. **REQUESTS** the Commission and Member States to disseminate the decisions taken by the policy organs of the African Union on candidatures within the international system and the common positions agreed on as soon as they have been adopted, to all African diplomatic missions in the world and urge them to respect the decisions:

6. **ALSO REQUESTS** Member States to direct their Representatives concerned to comply with the decisions of the Executive Council on elections in the international system and ensure regular monitoring with a view to improving the coordination of the African position;

7. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Ministerial Committee, in collaboration with the PRC and the Commission, as well as the African Groups in New York, Geneva and other capital cities, to reflect on appropriate mechanisms which will facilitate

monitoring and implementation of decisions, and make recommendations thereon to the next Council session scheduled in July 2017.



**DECISION ON THE CANDIDATURE OF DR. TEDROS ADHANOM GHEBREYESUS
TO THE POST OF DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION**

The Executive Council,

1. **RECALLS** its Decision EX.CL/Dec.917(XXVIII) adopted in January 2016 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on the candidature of H.E. Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, for the post of Director General of the World Health Organization (WHO);
2. **EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION** to all Member States for the unanimous support provided thus far to H.E. Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the sole African candidate, which has resulted in ensuring that the latter has been preselected and has been ranked first;
3. **URGES** all Member States to continue to provide their invaluable support to Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, in particular, during the election scheduled to take place at the 70th World Health Assembly to be held from 22 to 31 May 2017 at Geneva.



**DECISION ON THE 11TH REPORTS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE SOLEMN DECLARATION ON GENDER EQUALITY IN AFRICA (SDGEA)
Doc. EX.CL/1008(XXX)**

The Executive Council,

1. **ENDORSES** the two (2) reports on the implementation of the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa (SDGEA);
2. **CONGRATULATES** Member States which have so far submitted their reports on SDGEA and **APPEALS** to Member States that are yet to submit their baseline reports to urgently do so to enable the Commission monitor progress made;
3. **ALSO APPEALS** to Member States which have not yet done so, to sign and ratify/accede to the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa (the Maputo Protocol);
4. **CALLS ON** Member States to implement all the commitments made in the SDGEA.
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report regularly on the implementation of this Decision.



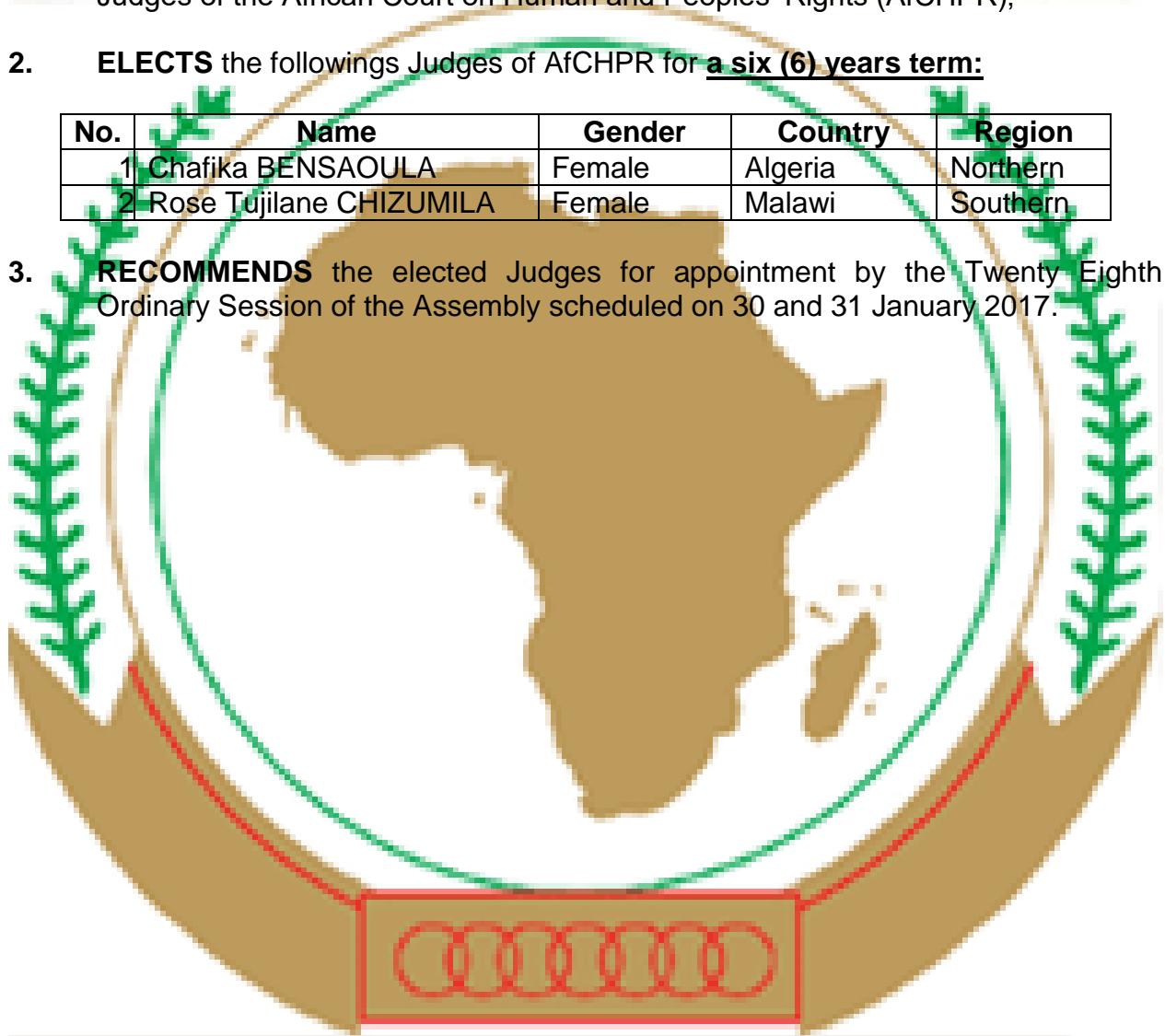
**DECISION ON THE ELECTION OF TWO (2) JUDGES OF THE AFRICAN COURT ON
HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS
Doc. EX.CL/1010(XXX)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Election of the two (2) Judges of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (AfCHPR);
2. **ELECTS** the followings Judges of AfCHPR for **a six (6) years term**:

No.	Name	Gender	Country	Region
1	Chafika BENSAOULA	Female	Algeria	Northern
2	Rose Tujilane CHIZUMILA	Female	Malawi	Southern

3. **RECOMMENDS** the elected Judges for appointment by the Twenty Eighth Ordinary Session of the Assembly scheduled on 30 and 31 January 2017.



**DECISION ON THE ELECTION OF ELEVEN (11) MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN
UNION ADVISORY BOARD ON CORRUPTION
Doc. EX.CL/1011(XXX)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Election of the Eleven (11) Members of the African Union Advisory Board on Corruption (the Board);
2. **ELECTS** the followings members of the Board for **a two (2)- year term:**

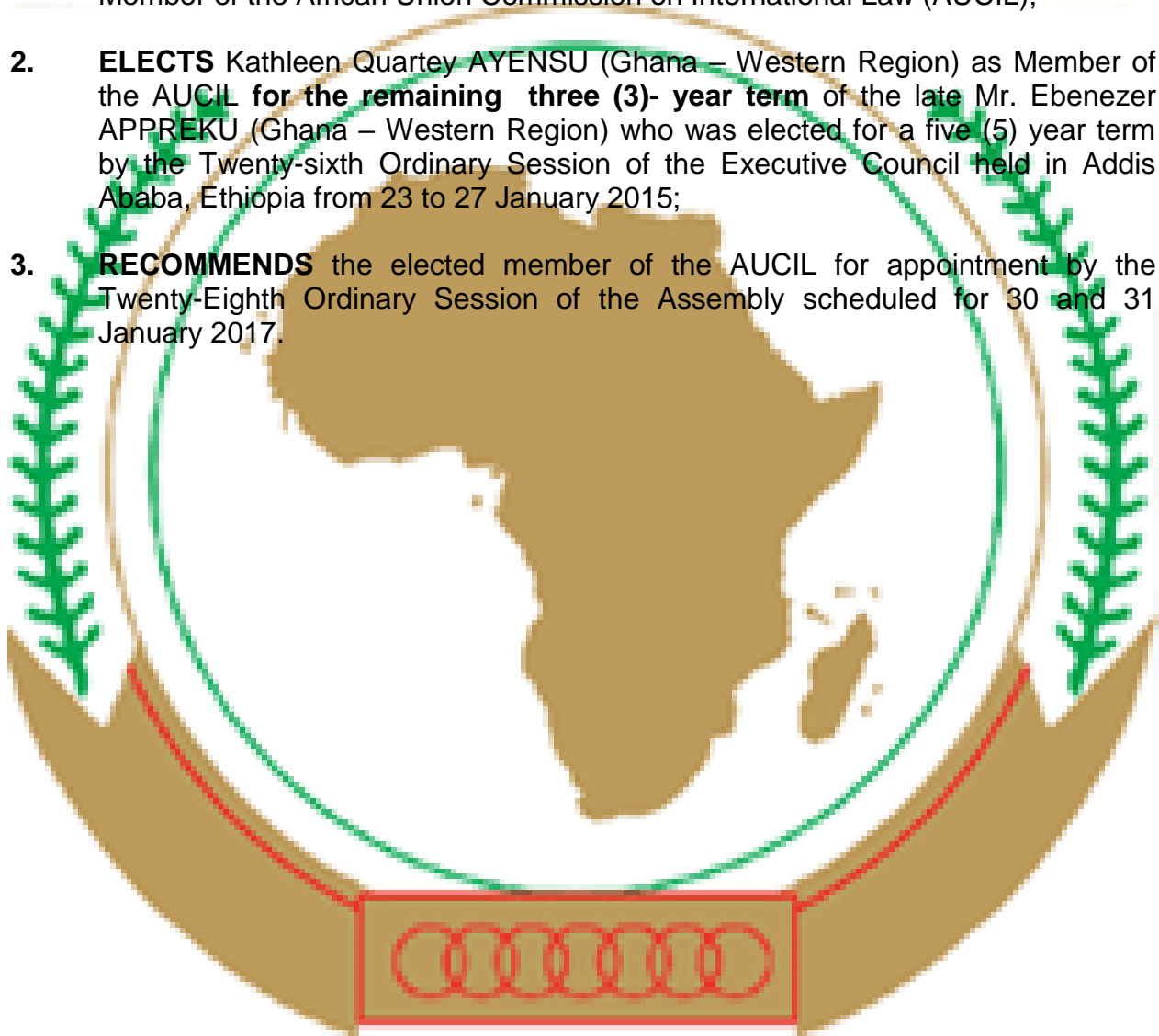
No.	Name	Gender	Country	Region
1	Begoto MIAROM	Male	Chad	Central
2	John Kithome TUTA	Male	Kenya	Eastern
3	Paulus Kalomho NOA	Male	Namibia	Southern
4	Florence ZIYAMBI	Female	Zimbabwe	Southern
5	Pascal BAMOUNI (Floating seat)	Male	Burkina Faso	Western
6	Daniel BATIDAM	Male	Ghana	Western
7	Elisabeth Afiavi GNANSOUNOU FOURN	Female	Benin	Western

3. **RECOMMENDS** the elected members of the Board to the Twenty Eighth Ordinary Session of the Assembly for appointment scheduled on 30 and 31 January 2017.
4. **FURTHER RECOMMENDS** that the remaining four (4) Members will be elected at the Thirty First Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in accordance with the Modalities on Implementation of Criteria for Equitable Geographical and Gender Representation in the African Union Organs adopted by the Executive Council in January 2016 in Decision EX.CL/Dec.907(XXVIII), as follows:
 - i) Two (2) Female Candidates, namely one (1) candidate from the Central Region and one (1) candidate from the Eastern region;
 - ii) Two (2) Candidates from the Northern Region, namely one (1) male candidate and one (1) female candidate.

**DECISION ON THE ELECTION OF ONE (1) MEMBER OF THE AFRICAN UNION
COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL LAW
Doc. EX.CL/1012(XXX)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Election of the One (1) Member of the African Union Commission on International Law (AUCIL);
2. **ELECTS** Kathleen Quartey AYENSU (Ghana – Western Region) as Member of the AUCIL **for the remaining three (3)- year term** of the late Mr. Ebenezer APPREKU (Ghana – Western Region) who was elected for a five (5) year term by the Twenty-sixth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 23 to 27 January 2015;
3. **RECOMMENDS** the elected member of the AUCIL for appointment by the Twenty-Eighth Ordinary Session of the Assembly scheduled for 30 and 31 January 2017.



**DECISION ON THE ELECTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE AFRICAN UNION
Doc. EX.CL/1009(XXX)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Election of the Commissioners of the African Union;
2. **ELECTS** the following candidates as Commissioners of the African Union:

No.	Name	Gender	Country	Region	Portfolio
a)	CHERGUI Smail	Male	Algeria	Northern	Peace and Security
b)	CESSOUMA Minata Samate	Female	Burkina Faso	Western	Political Affairs
c)	ABOU-ZEID Amani	Female	Egypt	Northern	Infrastructure and Energy
d)	ELFADIL Amira Elfadil Mohammed	Female	Sudan	Eastern	Social Affairs
e)	MUCHANGA Albert M.	Male	Zambia	Southern	Trade and Industry
f)	SACKO Josefa Leonel Correa	Female	Angola	Southern	Rural Economy and Agriculture

3. **RECOMMENDS** the elected AU Commissioners for appointment by the 28th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union;
4. **ALSO RECOMMENDS** that the remaining two (2) Commissioners will be elected at the Thirty-First Ordinary Session of the Executive Council and appointed during the Twenty-Ninth Ordinary Session of the Assembly in July 2017 as follows:
 - i) one (1) male from the Eastern Region; and
 - ii) one (1) female from the Central Region.