

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE AU COMMITTEE OF TEN (C-10) HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT ON THE REFORM OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL, BY H.E. JULIUS MAADA BIO, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE**

**The Assembly,**

1. **ADOPTS** the 23<sup>rd</sup> Report of the Committee of Ten Heads of State and Government on the Reform of the United Nations Security Council;
2. **RECALLS** Decisions Assembly/AU/Dec.564(XXIV),  
Assembly/AU/Dec.573(XXIII), Ext/Assembly/AU/Dec.1(IV)  
Assembly/AU/Decl.2(V), Assembly/AU/Dec.617(XXVII),  
Assembly/AU/Dec.724(XXXII), Assembly/AU/Dec. 819 (XXXV);
3. **REITERATES** the need to reform the United Nations to conform to the present geopolitical realities, in particular, the need to rectify the historical injustice done to Africa by addressing Africa's non-representation in the Permanent category and its gross under-representation in the Non-permanent category of the United Nations Security Council;
4. **ACKNOWLEDGES WITH APPRECIATION** the progress made by the Committee of Ten in advocating and canvassing support for the Common African Position as espoused in the Ezulwini Consensus and the 2005 Sirte Declaration on the United Nations Security Council Reform;
5. **WELCOMES** in that regard, the growing momentum of the support and legitimacy of the Common African Position on the reform of the United Nations Security Council;
6. **REAFFIRMS** its firm commitment to the Common African Position espoused in the Ezulwini Consensus and the Sirte Declaration as the only viable option for Africa's full representation at the UN Security Council;
7. **REITERATES** that full representation of Africa in the United Nations Security Council means:
  - i) Not less than two (02) Permanent seats with all the prerogatives and privileges of Permanent membership including the right of veto;
  - ii) Five (05) Non-permanent seats;
  - iii) That the African Union reserves the right to select its representatives for election to the UN Security Council to act in its name and on its behalf;
8. **REQUESTS**

- i) The Committee of Ten Heads of State and Government to continue to reach out at the highest political levels, including with the five Permanent members of the UN Security Council, with a view to advancing the Common African Position on the reform of the United Nations Security Council;
  - ii) The Committee of Ten to also continue to intensify its engagement with other Interest and Regional Groups and stakeholders with a view to building on progress made in advancing the Common African Position on the reform of United Nations Security Council;
  - iii) All African Union Member States, to reflect in their respective National statements at the opening of the 78<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly in September 2023, a concise common language to advance the Common African Position, and to reiterate the call for a comprehensive reform of the United Nations Security Council;
  - iv) African Union Member States to include the issue of the United Nations Security Council reform among their foreign policy priorities in their engagements with non-African partners, in particular, the need to correct without further delay, the historical injustice that the African continent continues to endure;
  - v) The Committee of Ten to prepare for appropriate “engagement” in the IGN process in accordance with the common African position, guided by the 2015 Framework Document; and
  - vi) Para 81 previous decision Dec 62/557
9. **REITERATES** the firm commitment to preserve Africa’s unity and solidarity on all aspects of the United Nations Security Council reform process, including participation within and outside the intergovernmental negotiations, **AND** to continue to speak cohesively with one voice in unity of purpose on all aspects of the reform process;
10. **ALSO REITERATES** that the African Union Member States in New York with dual membership should withdraw such membership from all other Interest Groups, in order to further consolidate the Common African Position as contained in the Ezulwini consensus and the Sirte Declaration;
11. **DECIDES** that Common African position on the reform of the UN Security Council shall be a strategic item on the Assembly’s Agenda and Workplan, and this regard, **REQUESTS** the Commission to continue to facilitate the work of the Committee of Ten;

12. **FURTHER DECIDES** to increase the allocation in the commission's Budget for the purpose of funding and facilitating the activities of the Committee of Ten on UN reforms;
13. **ALSO DECIDES** that the Committee of Ten remains seized of its mandate until Africa achieves its objectives on the reform of the United Nations Security Council.