

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE COORDINATOR OF THE COMMITTEE OF  
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(CAHOSCC)**

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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. William Ruto, President of the Republic Kenya;
2. **EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** to the Republic of Kenya for coordinating the work of- CAHOSCC and for the outstanding achievements in providing political direction and maintaining the unity of Africa as well as leading the continent during the 27<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties (COP27) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties serving as the Conference of the Parties to its Kyoto Protocol (KP) and 4<sup>th</sup> session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement;
3. **TAKES NOTE** with appreciation of the political guidance and preparatory meetings convened by the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) and meetings of the African Group of Negotiators on Climate Change (AGN) in preparation for COP27;
4. **CONGRATULATES** H.E Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, H.E. Sameh Shoukry, the President of COP27, and the people of Egypt for hosting a successful COP and delivering critical decisions to advance climate action and implementation;
5. **CONGRATULATES** the United Arab Emirates on being endorsed as the incoming host country for the 28<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference of Parties (COP28) to the UNFCCC; **WELCOMES** the United Arab Emirates as the host of CoP28 and **COMMITTS** to support UAE towards a COP that delivers ambitious outcomes that accelerate climate action across the globe;
6. **CONGRATULATES** H.E. Mr. Denis Sassou N’Gusso, President of the Republic of Congo and Chairperson of the Congo Basin Climate Commission,
7. **WELCOMES** and **SUPPORTS** the initiative taken by the President of the Republic of Congo, on behalf of the Congo Basin Climate Commission, to launch the World Decade of Afforestation and the Preservation of the Planet, and to host, in June 2023 in Brazzaville, the “Amazon/Congo/Bornéo-Mékong, Summit of the Three

Basins and the World Decade of Afforestation” summit under the auspices of the African Union and the United Nations.

8. **RECALLS** the Assembly Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.723 (XXXII) and Assembly/AU/Dec.764 (XXXIII) requesting the Commission to Organise and African Climate Summit and calling upon African Union Member States to offer to host the proposed summit. In this regard, **WELCOMES AND APPROVES** the offer by Kenya to host the said Summit from 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 in Nairobi, Kenya;
9. **ACKNOWLEDGES WITH APPRECIATION** the role of H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the African Union Commission in coordinating and setting up climate change events at COP27, which promoted case studies and climate actions for Africa and thus elevated the profile of our continent;
10. **EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** to the African Group of Negotiators led by the Republic of Zambia for presenting the interests of Africa in the climate change negotiations, and **URGES** the Group to continue to represent the interests of Africa, in close consultation with Member States to ensure Africa speaks with one voice;
11. **WELCOMES** the decisions of COP27 and CMA 4 that recognises the limited access to early warning systems and call for scaled-up public grants for sub-Saharan Africa and for developed country Parties to provide additional resources in line with these decisions;
12. **URGES** the AGN to continue to work with Parties and the incoming COP28 presidency to reach decisions that recognise the special needs and special circumstances of Africa under the Paris Agreement;
13. **TAKES COGNISANCE** of the decision of COP27 that acknowledges the impacts of climate change exacerbated by the global energy and food production crises, and **CALLS** for additional resources up to \$4 trillion per year investments in renewable energy;
14. **STRESSES** the need for swift operationalisation of the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA) under the Glasgow-Sharm-el-Sheikh work programme at COP26, and **URGES** Parties to work on delivering a substantive milestone outcome at COP28 that facilitates enhancing adaptation action and implementation and increasing the ability of Parties to adapt to adverse impacts of climate change through provisions of additional finance for adaptation;
15. **DEEPLY REGRETS** the inadequacy of adaptation financing for responding to the worsening climate change impacts in developing countries and **FURTHER STRESSES** the need for developed countries to deliver on their commitment to double adaptation finance by 2025 as decided in 1/CMA3 paragraph 18;

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16. **EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN** over the adverse impacts of climate and extreme weather events on people, nature, and infrastructure, particularly in Africa, and **STRESSES** the urgent need to scale up the provision of finance, capacity building and technology for enhancing adaptive capacity and building resilience;
17. **REGISTERS DEEP REGRET** over the unfulfilled pledges of the USD100 Billion Goal by 2020, and recognises its impacts for delivering ambitious climate action and implementation, **URGES** developed country Parties to not only honour their pledges as soon as possible but also to increase climate finance to developing country Parties to restore trust in the multilateral process of addressing climate change;
18. **URGENTLY CALLS** for the launching of the work by the Transitional Committee to operationalise the Loss and Damage fund by COP28, and **FURTHER URGES** the Committee to be guided by the previous COP decisions while defining institutional arrangement, governance, and eligibility. the establishment of the Loss and damage financing mechanism and fund calls for swift operationalization of the fund;
19. **APPROVES** the submission by the AU Legal Counsel on the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) for the African Union to participate in the proceedings initiated by Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law (COSIS) and **AUTHORIZES** the PRC to adopt the necessary budget for the implementation of these activities;
20. **URGES** developed country Parties to provide enhanced climate finance for climate action highlighting the needs of developing countries reaching up to \$6 trillion for the pre-2030 period, and **STRESS** our call to developed country Parties to allocate new financial resources, representing progression and highest possible ambition from previous efforts to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, in particular, the Green Climate Fund in the context of its replenishment this year;
21. **WELCOMES** the establishment of a work programme on just transitions pathways in the context of Article 2 of the Paris Agreement, **RECALLS** its call for the recognition of the multiple forms and stages of Just Transitions, and **URGES** Parties to consider just transitions, including pathways to low emissions and climate-resilient development in the different IPCC sectors, and in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication while recognising the need for scaled-up climate finance for the transitions and transfer of technology and capacity building for the creation of new and quality jobs;
22. **WELCOMES** the progress of the first global stocktake that assessed the collective progress towards achieving the three goals of the Paris Agreement; (i.e the long term temperature goal, the global goal on adaptation and the climate finance goal) and **URGES** all Parties to progress towards reaching outcomes and