

**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE AFRICAN UNION MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE
ON COUNTER-TERRORISM (AUMCCT)**

The Executive Council,

1. **RECALLS** the Declaration [Ext/Assembly/AU/Decl.(XVI)] and Decision [Ext/Assembly/AU/Dec.(XVI)] of the 16th Extraordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union on Terrorism and Unconstitutional Changes of Government in Africa, held on 28 May 2022, in Malabo, Republic of Equatorial Guinea, which established the AU Ministerial Committee on Counter-Terrorism (AUMCCT) to serve as a high-level coordination, monitoring, evaluation and follow-up mechanism of the implementation of the commitments made in the Declaration;
2. **TAKES NOTE** of the Draft Terms of Reference of the AUMCCT and **COMMENDS** the Peace and Security Council and the Commission for their formulation to ultimately ensure the implementation of the Decision and Declaration of the 16th Extraordinary Session of the Assembly;
3. **STRESSES** the importance of the establishment of the AUMCCT to contribute to the timely, efficient and robust response to the persistent threat and acts of terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism in Africa; and **RAISES** the need to ensure coordinated and harmonized actions in AU counter-terrorism efforts;
4. **EMPHASIZES** the essence for the newly established AUMCCT to work closely with the Peace and Security Council as the standing decision-making Organ for the prevention, management, and resolution of conflicts in Africa in order to ensure coordination, coherence, complementarity and synergy in the fight against terrorism and violent extremism; in this regard, **REITERATES ITS CALL** to the PSC to reactivate its Sub-Committee on Counter-Terrorism;
5. **DECIDES** to refer the Draft Terms of Reference to the Peace and Security Council and the Permanent Representatives' Committee for further consultations and consideration before they are submitted to the Executive Council in July 2024.
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission to provide Member States with the necessary technical support for this process, and **URGES** regional deans to facilitate consultations on the matter at the regional level.