

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL
COUNCIL (ECOSOCC)
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The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Annual Activity Report; the revised Framework Document on the AU Harmonized Accreditation Mechanism and the draft Institutional Framework on Diaspora Representation in ECOSOCC.

ON THE ACTIVITY REPORT OF ECOSOCC;

2. **TAKES NOTE** of the Commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of ECOSOCC in 2024 and the convening of the Second Session of the 4th Permanent General Assembly of ECOSOCC, scheduled for December 2024 as per Statutory Requirements;
3. **FURTHER TAKES NOTE** of the non-allocation of budget resources for the convening of the statutory Second Ordinary Session of the 4th Permanent General Assembly of ECOSOCC in 2024; a period when the Organ will be commemorating the significant milestone of its 20th anniversary
4. **RECOGNIZES** the potential adverse implications of the non-convening of the Statutory General Assembly of the Organ, including a possible recurrence of the governance and legal challenges experienced by the previous General Assembly, requiring the intervention of the Executive Council.
5. **REQUESTS:**
 - (i) the Commission to work with ECOSOCC to implement a solution via supplementary budget or virement to enable ECOSOCC to convene the Second Ordinary Session of the 4th Permanent General Assembly; in line with statutory requirements;
 - (ii) the support of AU Member States to work collaboratively with ECOSOCC in the commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of ECOSOCC, to showcase the commitment and support of the AU on popular and transformative participation of citizens in the age of poly crisis.

**ON THE INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORKS FOR EFFECTIVE CSO ENGAGEMENT
WITH THE AFRICAN UNION**

6. **TAKES NOTE** of the progress achieved in the institutional framework for the representation of diaspora CSOs in ECOSOCC and the AU Harmonized Mechanism for the Granting of Observer and Consultative status to Civil Society

Organizations and the amendments introduced by the Permanent Representatives Committee;

7. **URGES** ECOSOCC to continue consultations with Member States and report back to the Executive Council Session of February 2025.