

## DECISION ON THE ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL COUNCIL (ECOSOCC)

### The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Annual Activity Report; Task Force Report on the Harmonization of the OIO Investigation Report and In-Depth Study on the Effectiveness and Efficiency of ECOSOCC; framework documents on the AU Harmonized Accreditation Mechanism and the ECOSOCC National Chapter; and the ECOSOCC Strategic Plan 2023-2027.

#### 1. ON THE ACTIVITY REPORT OF ECOSOCC

2. **ACKNOWLEDGES** and congratulates the newly elected Bureau and Standing Committee of the 4<sup>th</sup> Permanent General Assembly of ECOSOCC.
3. **COMMENDS** the Government of the Republic of Zambia for the identification of a new standalone facility for the ECOSOCC Secretariat.

#### 4. REQUESTS

- i. The Commission to expedite the long overdue skills and competency-based assessment on already existing staff of ECOSOCC to determine whether they meet the requirements of the revised structure of the Organ.
- ii. ECOSOCC to undertake the recruitment of its remaining staff in the revised structure with the assistance of the Commission in line with AU Staff Regulations and Rules as well as the Merit Based Recruitment System (MBRS).
- iii. The Commission to engage relevant the relevant PRC Sub-Committee(s) to assess ECOSOCC's request for an increased program budget for 2023 upon submission of a signed partnership agreement and proof of funds from international partners.
- iv. The Commission to align the legal instruments which relate to ECOSOCC;
- v. The ECOSOCC to strengthen collaboration with the Commission and the Member States for a better participation of civil society in ECOSOCC activities;
- vi. The ECOSOCC to implement the Decisions of the Policy Organs, in particular on matters relating to budgetary reforms and sanctions;
- vii. The Commission to work with the ECOSOCC Secretariat to assess the feasibility of the ECOSOCC General Assembly resolution on the holding of an annual in-person coordination meeting focused on program implementation and policy advice so as to substantively engage General Assembly members in the program implementation of the organ.

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

5. **ENDORSES** the Institutional Framework on the Establishment and Operations of ECOSOCC National Chapters and **DIRECTS** the Commission to work closely with Member States when establishing its national chapters.
6. **DIRECTS** the ECOSOCC Secretariat to report on the progress of the Institutional Framework on Diaspora Participation in ECOSOCC at the 43rd Ordinary Session of the Executive Council;
7. **URGES** ECOSOCC to mobilize the diaspora for a better involvement of the latter for the development of the Continent and the participation of the diaspora in the Agenda 2063 as the 6th African region.

**3. ON THE HARMONISATION OF THE ECOSOCC IN-DEPTH STUDY AND OIO INVESTIGATION REPORT**

8. **DIRECTS** the ECOSOCC Secretariat, in consultation with the Commission, to initiate and prioritize a comprehensive and holistic review of the ECOSOCC legal instruments i.e. the Statutes and Rules of Procedures in accordance with the recommendations of the Task Force and report progress on the matter at the 43rd Ordinary Session of the Executive Council.