

**DECISION ON THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
THE CONTINENTAL CIVIL CAPACITY MECHANISM FOR DISASTER  
PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE**

**RECALLING** the report of the fourth (4th) session of the Specialized Technical Committee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Environment held from 13 to 16 December 2021 which adopted the report presented by the Commission on the establishment of the Mechanism and approved its establishment;

**RECALLING** the Communiqué of the 1042nd Session of the PSC-AU (PSC/AHG/COMM.1042/2021), held on 29 October 2021, which considered and adopted a proposal by the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria on the establishment of a "Continental Civilian Capacity Mechanism for Disaster Preparedness and Response";

**FURTHER RECALLING** Decision EX.CL/Dec.1144 (XL) §55 of February 2022 requesting the African Union Commission to convene a meeting of the national services of AU Member States responsible for civil defence and disaster response, with the objective of agreeing on the modalities, including the financial, legal and structural implications, for the establishment of the continental civil mechanism for disaster preparedness and response";

**RECALLING** Executive Council Decision EX.CL/1186(XLI) on the moratorium on creation of new structures;

**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the meeting of Member States on the establishment of the Continental Civilian Disaster Preparedness and Response Mechanism (3CMDPR) held from 7 to 9 December 2022 in Algiers, Algeria, in a hybrid format, to discuss and agree on the practical modalities for the establishment of the 3CMDPR and its plan of action;
2. **ENDORSES** the action plan for the establishment of the Mechanism;
3. **APPROVES** the survey tool for the assessment of AU Member States' capacities and capabilities for disaster preparedness and response at the national level;
4. **TAKES NOTE** of the election of the following members to the Bureau who will provide guidance to the process until the mechanism is operational:
  - **President** : **Algeria (Northern Africa)**
  - **1st Vice President:** **Kenya (Eastern Africa)**
  - **2nd Vice Chair** : **Congo (Central Africa)**
  - **3rd Vice-Chair** : **To be decided (Southern Africa)**
  - **Rapporteur** : **Ghana (Western Africa)**
5. **REQUESTS** the AUC to organize the first meeting of the Bureau of the Mechanism;

6. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the AUC to take all necessary actions for the review and validation of the draft statute on the establishment of the Mechanism by the Heads of Civil Protection and Disaster Management of Member States to be submitted to the 5<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the STC on Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Environment, scheduled for October 2023, for consideration and adoption;
7. **FINALLY EXPRESSES** its appreciation and gratitude to the Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria for its warm hospitality and for sponsoring the meeting of Heads of Disaster Management and Civil Protection Services of AU Member States, held from 7 to 9 December in Algiers, Algeria, on the establishment of Continental Civil Capacity for Disaster Preparedness and Response.