

**DECISION ON THE OUTCOME OF THE JOINT RETREAT BETWEEN THE PRC AND  
THE COMMISSION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF AU DECISIONS AND  
RATIONALIZATION OF WORK METHODS HELD IN DAKAR, DECEMBER 2022**

**The Executive Council,**

**Recalling** Assembly Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.582(XXV) of June 2015 on the streamlining of AU Summits and the Working Methods of the African Union with specific emphasis on the rationalization of the draft agenda of the annual summit, the reduction in the number of decisions, the determination of the legal, financial and structural implications of these decisions,

**Recalling also** Executive Council decision EX.CL/Dec.989(XXXII) of January 2018 requesting the Commission to include a detailed analysis on causes of the low implementation of decisions and the responsibilities of the Commission and Member States;

1. **WELCOMES** the holding and success of the 9<sup>th</sup> PRC/Commission retreat held in Dakar in December 2022;
2. **ALSO WELCOMES** the outcomes of this ninth PSC/Commission retreat;
3. **EXPRESSES CONCERN** about the challenges of implementing the decisions of the policy organs;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to prepare after each session of the policy organs a matrix for the implementation of the decisions of the said sessions and to present them to the PRC for follow-up on the implementation;
5. **DIRECTS** the AU Commission and the organs to accompany each draft decision with a presentation note that clearly indicates its added value, financial, legal and structural implications, and who is responsible for its implementation;
6. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission and the Organs to streamline the preparation of reports by focusing on strategic issues with a holistic and analytical approach to the issues addressed
7. **DIRECTS** the Commission to streamline side events according to the following criteria:
  - a) Any side event must be sponsored by a Head of State or Government;
  - b) Any side event must be related to the theme of the year;
  - c) No department or agency may propose more than two side events.
8. **ADOPTS** the recommendations of the Dakar Retreat (appended to the Retreat report); and

9. **REQUESTS** the Commission to consider the financial implications for the full implementation of this decision.