

**DECISION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE THEME OF THE YEAR  
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**The Assembly,**

1. **WELCOMES** the theme of the year 2017: "Harnessing the Demographic Dividend through Investments in Youth";
2. **COMMENDS** H.E. Mr. Idris Deby Itno, Leader of the theme of the year 2017, for his commitment to African youth;
3. **WELCOMES** the successful organization of a Pan-African Youth Forum in N'Djamena, Chad from 29 June to 1 July 2017;
4. **COMMENDS** the African youth for their active participation in the Forum;
5. **TAKES NOTE** of the recommendations of the Forum and **REQUESTS** the Commission to ensure their implementation;
6. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the Progress Report of the Leader of the theme of the year 2017;
7. **FURTHER TAKES NOTE** of the Progress Report of the Commission on the Implementation of the theme of the year 2017;
8. **URGES** Member States which have not yet done so to ratify the African Youth Charter;
9. **REQUESTS** the Commission and the Pan-African Youth Union (PYU) to accelerate the implementation of their joint MoU which binds them;
10. **COMMENDS** Member States for the successful launch of the theme of the year 2017 in their respective countries and **REQUESTS** those which have not yet launched the theme to do so;
11. **TAKES NOTE** of the implementation by the Commission of the pilot projects on technical and vocational training and non-formal education within the framework of the implementation of continental strategies;
12. **WELCOMES** the proclamation of the period 2018-2027 as "African Decade for Technical, Vocational and Entrepreneurial Training, and Youth Employment" and the creation of the African Youth Fund;
13. **CALLS UPON** Member States to make available adequate resources for the leadership and the empowerment of African youth and the implementation of national plans for youth development;

**INVITES** the Leader of the theme of the year 2017 to follow-up on the conclusions of the  
**14.** Pan-African Youth Forum in N'Djamena;

**DECIDES** to institutionalize the Pan-African Youth Forum.

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