**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE NEPAD HEADS OF STATE AND
GOVERNMENT ORIENTATION COMMITTEE (HSGOC)
Doc. Assembly/AU/12(XXXIII)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** of the Report by the outgoing Chairperson of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee, H.E. Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal;
2. **ENDORSES** the conclusions and recommendations of the 37th NEPAD HSGOC Summit;
3. **RECALLS** that the NEPAD vision and its programme, from inception, has been an intrinsic part of the African Union System and should remain so, and **CALLS UPON** the African Union Commission and AUDA-NEPAD Secretariat to continue to harmonize their work programmes to prevent duplication of roles;
4. **NOTES WITH APPRECIATION** the Progress Report presented on behalf of H.E. Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa as Chair of the HSGOC High-level Sub-Committee on the Presidential Infrastructure Champion Initiative (PICI). While commending the Presidential Champions for their commitment, **UNDERSCORES** the critical need for PICI projects to advance inter-connectivity among African Countries and sub-regions in order to address infrastructure deficits and boost intra-African trade. **TAKES NOTE** that Financing in Africa infrastructure reveals a gap of US$90 Billion, thus, impeding the continent’s ability to deliver on critical development objectives. In this regard, **CALLS FOR** the implementation of urgent measures aimed at unlocking access to finance, and **REQUESTS** AUDA-NEPAD to work closely with the African Development Bank (AfDB) in order to support the Africa Co-guarantee Platform (CGP) in view of increasing the amount of finance available to Africa for its infrastructure and trade by scaling up risk mitigation;
5. **TAKES NOTE** of Decision EX.CL/Dec.1063(XXXV) adopting the legal instruments of AUDA-NEPAD and **NOTES** the issues raised by some member states of the HSGOC and **DECIDES** that the principle of non-rotation of the 5 initiating Member States be retained;
6. **FURTHER NOTES** Decision Assembly/AU/691(XXXI) nominating the Chairperson of the Commission to Co-Chair the Steering Committee and **DECIDES** to replace the Chairperson of the African Union Commission with the Chairperson of the Union;
7. **REQUESTS** the Commission to amend all relevant AUDA-NEPAD legal instruments to include the decisions in paragraphs 5 and 6 above;

**8. HAVING AKNOWLEDGED** the exceptional leadership, competency and continued improved performance of the AUDA-NEPAD under the auspices of Dr Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, **ENDORSES** the extension of his appointment until the appointment of a new Chief Executive Officer (CEO), and **URGES** the African Union Commission to complete the process of the appointment of the CEO for the AUDA-NEPAD by the next African Union Summit in January/February 2021 along the lines of the Maputo Declaration of July 2003, January 2008 AU Assembly Decision, in compliance with the African Union Staff Rules and Regulations, and **CALLS ON** Member States to encourage their citizens to submit applications for the post;

1. **ENDORSES** the election of H.E. Mr. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda, as HSGOC Chairperson, as well as the four (4) Vice Chairpersons for a single term of two years. The position of Vice-Chairperson and Rapporteur will be held by the outgoing Chairperson of the HSGOC, and the three other Vice­Chairpersons are nominated after regional consultations. **COMMENDS** H.E. President Macky Sall for the results achieved during his mandate and expresses its profound gratitude for his exceptional leadership as the Head of the HSGOC;
2. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.691(XXXI) and Article 7 of the AUDA- NEPAD Statute on the new membership of thirty-three (33) Member States as follows: eight (8) Heads of State and Government representing the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and five (5) Member States per region:

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| Central Africa | East Africa | North Africa | Southern Africa | West Africa |
| 1. Cameroon | 6. Kenya \* | 11. Algeria | 16. Lesotho\* | 21. Benin |
| 2. Chad | 7.Mauritius | 12. Egypt | 17. Malawi | 22. Mali |
| 3. D R Congo | 8. Rwanda | 13.Mauritania | 18. South Africa | 23. Nigeria |
| 4. Equatorial Guinea\* | 9. Sudan | 14. Morocco\* | 19. Zambia | 24. Senegal |
| 5. Gabon | 10. Uganda | 15. Tunisia\* | 20. Zimbabwe | 25. Togo\* |

Note: \* Newly elected members

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| REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES |
| 26. | ECOWAS |  |
| 27. | ECCAS |  |
| 28. | I GAD |  |
| 29. | UMA |  |
| 30. | COMESA |  |
| 31. | SADC |  |
| 32. | EAC |  |
| 33. | CENSAD |  |