

**DECISION ON THE PROGRESS REPORT ON THE AFRICAN UNION RESPONSE
ON COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN AFRICA, BY H.E. CYRIL MATAMELA RAMAPHOSA,
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

The Assembly,

- 1. TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** of the report of the AU Health Commission on COVID-19, led by the AU COVID-19 Champion, H.E. Cyril Matamela Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa, on the progress made in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2. COMMENDS** H.E. President Cyril Matamela Ramaphosa for his leadership in Africa's response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and **ACKNOWLEDGES** the critical role of the AU Commission and the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) in their effective response to the pandemic.
- 3. RECOGNIZES** that disease threats require a multi-agency response through strong continental institutions including the Africa CDC and the Africa Medicines Agency (AMA).
- 4. ACKNOWLEDGES** that Africa's socio-economic recovery from the pandemic depends on the continent's ability to turn the current challenges into viable opportunities including through increasing the capacities and capabilities of the health workforce; initiating and expanding local manufacturing enterprises for all commodities required in pandemic response and particularly vaccines; and mobilizing appropriate technical and financial resources for preparedness and response.
- 5. ENDORSES** the Progress Report of the AU Health Commission on COVID19 including all its recommendations.
- 6. DECIDES** to extend the role of H.E. President Cyril Matamela Ramaphosa as the AU COVID19 Champion.
- 7. REQUESTS** the AU COVID19 Champion to present a progress report to the next session of the Mid-Year Coordination meeting as well as the next Assembly.
- 8. DIRECTS** the AU Commission and the Africa CDC to continue providing the required support to the AU COVID19 Champion in his role.
- 9. ALSO DECIDES** to remain seized on this matter