

## DECISION ON THE USE OF KISWAHILI AS AN AU WORKING LANGUAGE OF THE AFRICAN UNION

### The Assembly,

1. **RECALLS** Assembly Decision /AU/ Dec.796(XXXIV), adopted at the 34th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union, held in February 2021, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, urging the African Union Commission to implement Assembly Decision on making Kiswahili a working language of the Union and to promote Kiswahili as a language of wider communication in Africa;
2. **APPROVES** the introduction of Kiswahili as a working language of the Union and language of wider communication in Africa;
3. **DIRECTS** the Commission to work out the modalities for its inclusion in the next budget of the Commission;
4. **URGES** Member States and the Commission to take all necessary measures to operationalise the use of Kiswahili as a working language of the African Union and language of wider communication in Africa by July 2023 at the latest.
5. **COMMENDS** the United Republic of Tanzania for their pledge of 250,000 USD towards implementation of this decision.