

**DECISION ON THE 9TH WORLD WATER
FORUM FROM 21 TO 26 MARCH 2022, IN DAKAR, SENEGAL**

The Assembly,

- 1. APPRECIATES** that Africa is endowed with vast water resources including lakes, rivers, swamps and underground aquifers; water is important for social, economic and environmental development; **RECOGNIZES** water is key for livelihoods and sustainable development of our countries and continent;
- 2. RECALLS** the Sharm El-Sheikh Commitments for accelerating the achievement of Water and Sanitation Goals in Africa (Assembly/AU/ Decl.1 (XI)), adopted by the Assembly of the African Union at the Eleventh Ordinary Session held from 30 June - 1 July 2008 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt;
- 3. TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the 4th session of the Specialized Technical on Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Environment held virtually from 13-16 December 2021 and in particular containing the Report of the Preparation for the 9th World Water Forum;
- 4. URGES** Member States to support the Republic of Senegal on the planned 9th World Water Forum by actively participating in it;
- 5. ALSO URGES** the AUC, UN Agencies, Development Partners, the Civil Society Group and the Private Sector to mobilize and support the participation of the AU Member States at the 9th World Water Forum;