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CONSIDERING Article 3 of the Constitutive Act of the African Union, on the objectives of the African Union, including promotion of popular participation and good governance and protection of human and peoples' rights;

CONSIDERING Article 3 of the Protocol to the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community relating to the Establishment of the Pan African Parliament, which provides that the Pan-African Parliament (PAP) shall, inter alia, facilitate the effective implementation of the policies and objectives of the AU; contribute to a more prosperous future for the peoples of Africa by promoting collective self-reliance and economic recovery; to promote peace, security and stability; and contribute to a more prosperous future for the peoples of Africa;

TAKING NOTE of the report of the Joint Workshop for the Committee on Transport, Industry, Communication, Energy, Science and Technology and the Committee on Education, Culture, Tourism and Human Resources on the "Role of Science Academies and the International Science Council in Africa" held in Midrand, South Africa, on 02 August 2016;

AWARE THAT Science can play a crucial role in life and welfare of the African people and future generations;

IN ACCORDANCE WITH Rule 5 (d) of the Rules of Procedure of the Pan-African Parliament, which empowers the PAP to, inter alia, organize debate, discuss, express an opinion, make recommendations and take resolutions on the objectives and on any matters relating to the African Union and its organs, Regional Economic Communities, Member States and their organs and institutions;

HEREBY RESOLVES TO:

- 1. Encourage Pan African Parliament's Permanent Committees to use academies of science for policy advice since the academies can help them at national, regional and international levels with policy matters, and can conduct studies on their priority areas, fundraise together and influence policies of member states;
- 2. Assist Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAF) in disseminating its policy maker's booklets, studies and other publications;
- 3. Contribute to raise awareness on the role of the science academies;

Adopted in Sharm El sheikh, Egypt, on 19 October 2016.