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THE PAN-AFRICAN PARLIAMENT;

CONSIDERING Article 17 of the Constitutive Act of the African Union establishing the Pan-African Parliament to ensure the "full participation of the African people in the development and integration of the continent";

CONSIDERING also Article 3 of the Protocol to the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community Relating to the Pan-African Parliament and Rule 4 (a) of the Rules of Procedure of the Pan-African Parliament, which empower the PAP to facilitate regional cooperation, development and promotion of "collective self-reliance and economic recovery" as well as the implementation of the policies, objectives and programmes" of the African Union;

CONSIDERING further the report on the Workshop for Members of the Pan-African Parliament on the "Transport sector in Africa: Challenges and perspectives" held in Midrand, Republic of South Africa on 8th March 2017;

RECALLING the Africa Union's Vision to "build an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, an Africa driven and managed by its own citizens and presenting a dynamic force in the international arena and to have an integrated infrastructure of transport, ICT, tourism and energy that is safe, reliable, efficient and affordable, capable of promoting regional and continental integration and sustainable development of the continent";

CONVINCED that transport is a key sector which plays a crucial role in the achievement and attainment of the goals of poverty eradication and sustainable development;

RECOGNIZING that AU Agenda 2063 revives the aspirations of the people of Africa and her Diaspora to create a prosperous continent, with the means and resources to drive its own development with sustainable and long term stewardship of its resources by the year 2063;

RECOGNISING further that the attainment of the AU Agenda 2063 aspirations cannot be realized in isolation from the development of sound, efficient, affordable and durable transport infrastructure in Africa.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH Rule 5 (b), (c) and (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;

NOW HEREBY RESOLVES TO:

1. Take the lead in exercising its oversight role over the implementation of infrastructure projects under the African Union at the continental level, particularly those under NEPAD,
2. Develop structured liaison with legislative bodies for respective regional economic communities to monitor implementation of infrastructure projects at regional levels;
3. Undertake advocacy initiatives for national governments to focus on regional infrastructure development for the common good as a tool for enhancing regional integration and promoting intra-African trade;
4. Urge its Members to rally political will of Member States in supporting and financing infrastructure projects to open up the continent for rapid mobility of people, goods and services;
5. Spearhead regulatory reforms, harmonization of rules, tariffs and regulations on mobility of people, goods and services, with a view to reduce transit transport constraints and eliminate non-tariffs barriers that limit intra-African trade;

6. Formulate a clear legal framework on transport infrastructure development in Africa.

Adopted at Midrand, South Africa

18 May, 2017