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African Union

## **Resolution on the development of a Model Police Law for Africa and a Model Treaty for Mutual Legal Assistance for police co-operation in Africa**

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### **THE PAN AFRICAN PARLIAMENT;**

**Noting** that the development of a Model African Law on Police and Model Treaty for Mutual Legal Assistance for police co-operation in Africa by the Pan-African Parliament will make a significant normative contribution to improving policing in Africa, and will complement other African Union and regional efforts to promote safety, security, democratic governance and human rights.

**Further noting** that a Model Law on Policing and Model Treaty for Mutual Legal Assistance for police co-operation in Africa are effective ways to promote review by Member States of existing policing legislation and bilateral treaties, and to encourage legislative reform, that governs the mandate, organisational structure, and performance of law enforcement agencies in African Union Member States.

**Confirming** that model police legislation and a Model Treaty for Mutual Legal Assistance for police co-operation in Africa must be based on democratic and civilian control, adherence to rule of law, and human rights compliant standards of policing.

**Recalling** that the Pan-African Parliament's legislative mandate makes it well placed to develop a Model African Law on Police and Model Treaty for Mutual Legal Assistance for police co-operation in Africa.

**Further noting** that the Model Law and Model Treaty for Mutual Legal Assistance for police co-operation in Africa can be adopted in whole or in part by African Union Member States, or used as a template to establish or review existing policing laws.

**Hereby mandates** the Committee on Human Rights and Justice, and with the technical support of its partners at the African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum, to develop a Model Police Law for Africa and a Model Treaty for Mutual Legal Assistance for police co-operation in Africa (including through necessary continental and regional consultations), and to provide the draft Model Police Law and Model Treaty for Mutual Legal Assistance for police co-operation in Africa for consideration by the Plenary of the Assembly.

**Adopted at Midrand, South Africa**

**18 May, 2017**