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THE PAN-AFRICAN PARLIAMENT,

CONSIDERING Article 17 of the Constitutive Act of the African Union, which establishes the Pan-African Parliament;

CONSIDERING also Article 3 of the Protocol to the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community Relating to the Pan-African Parliament, and Rule 3 (a) of the Rules of Procedure of the Pan-African Parliament;

RECALLING the African Union Agenda 2063 Aspiration 1, which envisages a prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development, an Africa to speak a unity of purpose in advancing its position and interests on climate change and which participate in global efforts for climate change mitigation that support and broaden the policy space for sustainable development on the continent;

RECALLING also the Sustainable Development Goals/ SDGs, particularly goals 13, which require member states to take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

NOTING the report on the participation of the PAP in the Conference of the Parties (COP23) session which took place in Bonn, Germany from 6 – 17 November 2017;

DEEPLY CONCERNED by climate change impact, which is disrupting national economies and affecting lives, costing people, communities and countries dearly today and even more tomorrow requires a more and focused attention at the national, regional and continental levels;

ACKNOWLEDGING further the vital role which the Pan-African Parliament and its various Committees as well as National Parliaments can play in combating and minimizing negative effects of climate change, in particular through lawmaking and policy oversight on the Executive;

IN ACCORDANCE WITH Rule 5 (d) of the Rules of Procedures of the PAP, which authorises the PAP to make recommendations and formulate resolutions on any matter relating to the African Union and its organs, Regional Economic Communities and their respective organs, Member States and their organs and institutions,

NOW HEREBY RESOLVES THAT:

1. The PAP desk on climate change is hereby established.
2. The PAP desk on climate change shall provide technical support to Member States and serve as a centre for monitoring, evaluating and networking on climate change activities and issues at the national, regional, continental and international levels;
3. The PAP desk on climate change shall also take the responsibility for planning, coordination and participation of the PAP at the COPs.
4. The Clerk of the PAP in consultation with the Bureau of the Committee on Rural Economy, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment shall select members of the climate change desk.

Midrand, South Africa

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