

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE 3RD ORDINARY SESSION
OF THE AU CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR
MINERAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
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The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the 3rd Ordinary Session of the AU Conference of Ministers Responsible for Mineral Resources Development held from 13 to 17 December 2013 in Maputo, Mozambique, and **ENDORSES** the Maputo Declaration on “Leveraging the Africa Mining Vision for Africa’s Renaissance: towards broader ownership”;
2. **REAFFIRMS** AU’s commitment within the context of Agenda 2063 to harness the potential of the Africa Mining Vision to achieve Africa’s industrialization, transformation, and integration into the global economy;
3. **RECALLS** that an Action Plan for implementing the Africa Mining Vision was endorsed by Decision EX.CL/Dec.714(O<I) of July 2012 which also endorsed the Declaration calling for the establishment of a Minerals Development Centre;
4. **TAKES NOTE** of the on-going continental efforts towards establishing the African Minerals Development Centre (AMDC) as an implementing arm of the Africa Mining Vision (AMV) and **REDIRECTS** the AUC to expedite the process of institutionalizing the AMDC as a permanent structure;
5. **URGES** the Commission to develop a financing mechanism to enable Member States to make financial contributions to the AMDC through various means in order to ensure its ownership, governance and sustainability;
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission to broaden Public-Private Partnerships or the successful and effective implementation of the Action Plan of the Africa Mining Vision and the Accelerated Industrial Development of Africa (AIDA) within the context of Boosting Intra-African Trade and the establishment of the Continental Free Trade Area;
7. **URGES** Member States under the coordination of the Ministry responsible for minerals development to establish appropriate inclusive institutional frameworks comprising of other relevant Ministries and stakeholders to ensure optimization of mineral resources management at national and regional levels for broad-based development;
8. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with RECs, UNECA and AfDB to submit to the Assembly every two years, progress reports on the implementation of the Action Plan of the Africa Mining Vision.