

**DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HIGH COUNCIL OF LOCAL  
AUTHORITIES AS A CONSULTATIVE ORGAN WITHIN THE  
AFRICAN UNION GOVERNANCE ARCHITECTURE  
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**The Executive Council,**

- 1. TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the representation of Local Authorities within the African Union governance architecture;
- 2. COMMENDS** the Republic of Senegal for hosting and providing support to the series of consultation on the matter and the Commission for the work so far achieved;
- 3. NOTES** the wide support of Member States towards the establishment of a High Council of Local Authorities as an institutional framework which would ensure the popular participation, facilitate the involvement of African people at the local level in African Union policy making, implementation and evaluation processes, and contribute towards the realization of the vision of an African Union of peoples;
- 4. RECOMMENDS:**
  - i) To the Assembly the adoption of the report submitted by the Commission as well as the establishment of the proposed High Council of Local Authorities as an African Union consultative organ;
  - ii) That the Commission explore with interested Member States, stakeholders and partners the submission of a sustainable financing mechanism for the effective and efficient operation of the proposed African Union High Council of Local authorities for consideration by the Assembly in its June/July 2015 Ordinary Session;
  - iii) That the Commission develop and submit for consideration by the Assembly in June/July 2015 the Draft Statutes and comprehensive budget of the proposed Council of Local Authorities.