**DECISION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AFRICAN UNION WIDE
STRATEGIC PLAN**

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The Executive Council,

**1. TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Review of the 2009 - 2012 AUC Strategic Plan;

**2. AUTHORISES** the Commission to immediately start the process for preparation of the 2014-2017 Strategic Plan, working closely with the Sub-Committee on Programmes and Conferences. In that context, the Commission should take into consideration the recommendations of the Review Report on the Implementation of the 2009-2012 Strategic Plan, and in particular:

• The involvement of stakeholders such as Member States, other organs of the Union, the NEPAD Agency, the RECs and the Civil Society;

• The preparation of a detailed implementation plan for the new Strategic Plan;

• Preparation of a monitoring and evaluation framework for the Strategic Plan.

**3. REQUESTS** the Commission to submit on a regular basis, progress reports on the preparation of the Draft 2014-2017 Strategic Plan to the AU policy organs through the relevant PRC Sub-Committees;

**4. AUTHORISES** the Commission to approach Member States, Strategic Partners such as ECA, the ADB, other Development Partners for voluntary contributions, as well as material and technical support.