

**DECISION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AFRICAN
UNION STRATEGIC PLAN
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The Executive Council,

- 1. TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Chairperson on the Development of the African Union Strategic Plan presented by the Commission;
- 2. ACKNOWLEDGES** the collaboration between the African Union Commission, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and the African Development Bank in developing the new long-term strategic framework for the Continent;
- 3. ENCOURAGES** the three institutions to continue with the work on the formulation of an issue paper entailing a situational analysis of current challenges and prospects for the next 50 years.
- 4. REQUESTS** the Commission
 - i) to use the issue paper as a basis for consultations with key stakeholders, namely, Member States, RECs, AU Organs, the NEPAD Agency, civil society, the private sector, academia, research institutions and other Africa think-tanks;
 - ii) to present for consideration by the May 2013 meetings of the AU Policy Organs a Framework Document containing strategic objectives, outcomes and priorities to be pursued for the socio-economic transformation of the continent.