

DECISION ON THE INAUGURAL AFRICAN ECONOMIC PLATFORM

The Executive Council,

1. **RECALLS** that the African Economic Platform, one of the Flagship Projects in the First Ten Year Implementation Plan, is a forum for regular engagement between the political leadership, business leaders and the private sector, universities and intellectuals, on the implementation of Agenda 2063 and issues of economic transformation and industrialization;
2. **WELCOMES** the offer by the Government of the Republic of Mauritius to host the Inaugural Platform in Mauritius during the period 19 to 22 March 2017;
3. **URGES:**
 - i) The Commission, working with the Government of Mauritius and the African Union Foundation, to ensure the organization of a successful Inaugural Platform;
 - ii) Member States to mobilise their business and academic sectors to ensure maximum participation by all stakeholders in the African Economic Platform (AEP).