

**DECISION ON THE OUTCOMES OF THE RETREAT OF  
THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD IN NAIROBI, KENYA ON 6-7 MAY, 2016  
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**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Outcomes of the Ministerial Committee Retreat held in Nairobi, 6-7 May 2016;

**On Streamlining the Working Methods of the Summit**

2. **REQUESTS** the Commission to formulate new proposals on streamlining the working methods of the Summit including opening and closing ceremonies;

**On African paradox**

3. **URGES** that the presentations on paradox be done to different audiences in order to engage continental leadership, different sectors and citizenry in the resolution of the paradox on the implementation of Agenda 2063;

4. **ALSO URGES** Member States:

- i) To focus on domestic resource mobilization, including the potential of a 1% increase in taxes for raising revenue for infrastructure, education, skills and other initiatives;
- ii) To advance the industrialization agenda, raising value addition to 30%, finalization of the continental commodity strategy, developing industries using smart protectionism.

**On the African integration index**

5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to organise a validation workshop comprising of the Commission, UNECA and AfDB with the RECs and NEPAD Agency , for presentation of the index to the Summit in January 2017;

**On Domestication and Popularisation of Agenda 2063 flagship projects**

6. **URGES** Member States, AU Organs and RECs to ensure popularization of Agenda 2063 amongst African citizens and all sectors;
7. **REQUESTS** the Commission to continue its technical domestication missions in Member States;

### **On Strengthening African Common Positions**

8. **STRESSES** the need for the Commission, other AU organs, Member States and AU representational offices in different capitals to respect AU decisions and play a more active role to foster unity of purpose on African common positions and **REQUESTS** Commission to give feedback to the next Executive Council meeting on the decision taken at Johannesburg Summit on the status of the AU Observer Mission to the United Nations;

### **On the Overall Recommendations of the Retreats of the Executive Council**

9. **REQUESTS** the Commission to elaborate a plan of action on the implementation of the recommendations of the Council Retreats and to submit a report thereon, through the Bahr Dar Ministerial Follow-up Committee on Agenda 2063 to the next ordinary session of the Executive Council in January 2017;
10. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to provide the financial implications of the recommendations adopted by Council at its Retreats with a view to ensuring implementation and realization of the objectives of Agenda 2063;

### **On the Bahir Dar Follow Up Committee on the Implementation of Agenda 2063**

11. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Bahir Dar Follow-up Committee on the implementation of Agenda 2063;
12. **APPROVES** the terms of reference of the Ministerial follow-up Committee.