**DECISION ON THE 2018 DRAFT BUDGET FRAMEWORK PAPER**

The Executive Council,

**1. TAKES NOTE** of the Draft 2018 Budget Framework Paper circulated to all Member States;

**2. ACKNOWLEDGES** the constraints faced by the Commission and the Permanent Representatives’ Committee (PRC) to consider the 2018 Draft Budget Framework Paper;

**3. MANDATES** the PRC to review and approve the 2018 Budget Framework Paper immediately after the 28th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of January 2017, in compliance with the Executive Council Decision EX.CL/Dec.877(XXVII) adopted in Johannesburg, South Africa in June 2015 to ensure that the 2018 budget process is not disrupted;

**4. REQUESTS** the Commission to report on the implementation of this decision at the next ordinary session of the Executive Council in July 2017.