

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC SOCIAL  
AND CULTURAL COUNCIL (ECOSOCC)  
Doc. EX.CL/1031(XXXI)**

**The Executive Council,**

- 1. TAKES NOTE** of the Report of ECOSOCC and the recommendations contained therein;
- 2. CONGRATULATES** the newly elected leadership and outgoing leadership of ECOSOCC and **ENCOURAGES** the organ to effectively play its role and provide the expected advisory functions;
- 3. COMMENDS:**
  - i) ECOSOCC for the activities undertaken during the period under review including the operationalization of Cluster Committees;
  - ii) The Commission for its efforts that led to the successful outcomes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the ECOSOCC General Assembly including the mid-term elections.
- 4. EXPRESSES** concerns about the performance of ECOSOCC as an advisory role to the Union;
- 5. REQUESTS** the Commission:
  - i) in collaboration with ECOSOCC and Member States to implement the previous Executive Council Decisions EX.CL/Dec.833(XVII) on the establishment of a dedicated secretarial within CIDO and EX.CL/Dec.849(XXV) which calls for an in-depth study regarding the functioning of ECOSOCC since its inception to provide appropriate recommendations on modalities to revamp the operations of the organ, in line with the current reforms of the AU that would support the principle of Africa ownership;
  - ii) to submit the evaluation report on the relocation of ECOSOCC to the PRC for consideration as well as the structural, legal and financial implications of ECOSOCC relocation including the appointment of an interim director for onward submission to the Executive Council in January 2018.