The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the comprehensive report and **COMMENDS** the Commission for conducting transparent and inclusive consultations;

2. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.823(XXXV), in particular paragraph 4: "**TAKES NOTE** of the concern of the Member States from the North African region regarding regional representation in the membership of the Peace and Security Council, and **DIRECTS** the Commission, in full consultation with AU Member States, to present a comprehensive report to the upcoming Executive Council, with concrete consensual proposals to amend Article 5(1) of the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council";

3. **OBSERVES** the lack of consensus on the amendment of Article 5(1) of the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council in accordance with paragraph 4 of Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.823(XXXV);

4. **TAKES NOTE** of the desire of some delegations to continue consultations and **DIRECTS** the Commission to facilitate the said consultations and to submit a final report to the 42nd Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in February 2023;

5. **RECOMMENDS** to the Assembly to determine the way forward.