

**DECISION ON THE MID-TERM IMPLEMENTATION REPORT OF THE AFRICAN  
UNION THEME OF THE YEAR FOR 2022 ON NUTRITION –  
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**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Mid-Year Report on the Implementation of the Roadmap of the African Union Theme of the Year for 2022 titled '*Strengthening Resilience in Nutrition and Food Security on The African Continent: Strengthening Agro-Food Systems, Health and Social Protection Systems for the Acceleration of Human, Social and Economic Capital Development*';
2. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the role played by the African Union Nutrition Champion, His Majesty King Letsie III, Head of State of the Kingdom of Lesotho, for engaging Heads of State and Government and other policy and decision-makers to elevate nutrition on continental and domestic agendas and strengthen the political will to address the complex root causes of malnutrition;
3. **TAKES NOTE** of the progress made in the implementation theme of the year action plan recommendations arising from key actions and stakeholder engagements, most of which call for Member states to prioritize increased domestic financial investment in food and nutrition security while promoting investments in multi-sectoral programming, and **CALLS** on the Commission and key stakeholders to adopt and develop a multisectoral policy framework and a nutrition investment target that will guarantee domestic resource allocation for nutrition programming;
4. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the planned activities inscribed in the roadmap on the theme of the year to be implemented in the second semester of 2022 and beyond and **CALLS UPON** the Commission to work closely with all Member States, Regional Economic Communities (RECs), African Union Development Agency (AUDA – NEPAD), Africa Development Bank (Africa Leaders for Nutrition Initiative), UN Agencies and partners in food and nutrition security to continue supporting the implementation of activities and programs in line with the AU theme of the year for 2022;
5. **FURTHER TAKES NOTE** with appreciation the ongoing preparations by the Arab Republic of Egypt to host COP 27 in November 2022, and to launch initiatives addressing Adaptation in Africa, including on agriculture and food security, and **ENCOURAGES** all Member States and the Commission to continue their support to the Arab Republic of Egypt for a successful hosting of the African COP;
6. **NOTING** the unprecedented needs due to the intersection of conflict, climate change, the coronavirus pandemic, and rising costs restricting access to food for

millions of people and **RECOGNIZING** that there are only three (3) years left to achieve the Malabo targets (10% and 5% stunting and underweight), the Africa Regional Nutrition Strategy (2016-2025), **DECIDES** that activities on the roadmap for the AU theme of the year for 2022 should continue;

7. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire and key stakeholders, to present a comprehensive report to the Assembly in February 2023 on the impact of the AU theme of the year for 2022 highlighting key achievements, challenges, and strategy for implementing the key recommendations arising from the AU theme of the year on nutrition beyond 2022.