

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF
FIFTEEN MINISTERS OF FINANCE (F15) – Doc. EX.CL/1445(XLIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the meeting of the Committee of Fifteen Ministers of Finance (F15) held on the 10th July 2023.
 - a. **On the 2024 Africa Union Budget:**
2. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.578(XXV) of June 2015 in Johannesburg on the self-financing targets of the African Union that Member States shall finance: 100% of the Union's Operational budget; 75% of Union's Program budget; and 25% of Union's Peace support operations budget.
3. **RECALLS** Decision EX.CL/Dec.1186(XLI) of July 2022 in which the Executive Council decided, as part of the ongoing reform, to institute a moratorium on establishment of new structures and requested the F15 to provide technical inputs for the upcoming restructuring and rationalization of AU Organs and Offices outside Headquarters, as part of an exercise aimed at achieving a better Union aligned, efficient and effective.
4. **DIRECTS** the Commission to undertake a thorough analysis of the risks to the budgetary sustainability of the African Union, particularly with regard to the implementation of the reform and the new structure of the AU as well as the creation of new organs.
5. **STRESSES** on the need for the Commission to ensure prioritization of funding the programmes and activities of the African Union i.e., balance flexibility on meeting the annual financial obligations versus the prioritization of the effectiveness of the African Union.
6. **UNDERScores** that the Key Performance Indicators of most Organs and Departments need to be reviewed to address the recurring concern of the need to achieve tangible impact of AU programs at the national level with respect to the aspirations of Agenda 2063 and **URGES** the Commission to develop key performance indicators to monitor budget execution and performance considering financial implications of its activities and programs.
7. **REQUESTS** the Commission to align the resource mobilization efforts with the multi-year budget planning cycle and **TAKES NOTE** that it is necessary to ensure the link and consistency between the operational and program budget.
8. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission supported by the F15 Experts to conduct a study on AU special funds and report to the Policy Organs in February 2024 with recommendations on the rationalization of special funds.