

**DECISION ON THE ACTIVITY REPORT OF AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION ON
INTERNATIONAL LAW (AUCIL) – DOC. EX.CL/1442(XLIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the activity report of the African Union Commission on International Law (AUCIL) for the period July 2022-June 2023, and the recommendations contained therein;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the wide range of legal topics covered by studies being undertaken by the AUCIL and **COMMENDS** the AUCIL for the several studies on international law so far finalized;
3. **FURTHER TAKES NOTE WITH CONCERN** of the insufficient resources allocated to the AUCIL, which affects its effectiveness and **RECALLS** its Decision EX.CL/Dec.1176(XLI) requesting the PRC and the Commission to work closely with the AUCIL and provide it with necessary resources for the effective discharge of its mandate;
4. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec. 821(XXXV) that amended the Statute of the AUCIL and made possible the relocation of its Secretariat;
5. **ALSO RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.850(XXXVI) of the Assembly that adopted the structure of the AUCIL Secretariat and provided for the recruitment of fifteen staff members for phase 1 from 2023 to 2025;
6. **DECIDES** as follows:
 - i. **REQUESTS** the Commission to expedite the process of relocating the AUCIL Secretariat and present the report on the assessment missions to the Policy Organs in February 2024;
 - ii. **ALSO REQUESTS** the PRC to consider a supplementary budget to enable the AUCIL to hold its second ordinary session of the year 2023 as well as to enable the Commission to conduct the assessment missions for the hosting of the AUCIL Secretariat;
 - iii. **URGES** the PRC and the Commission to expeditiously implement the new structure of the AUCIL Secretariat and provide the AUCIL with necessary resources to hold its two ordinary statutory sessions;
 - iv. **COMMENDS** the AUCIL for the successful holding of the 9th Forum on the theme *“International Law, Business Law and Human Rights in Africa”* and **REQUESTS** the AUCIL to disseminate the outcomes of the Forum to Member States and other relevant stakeholders.