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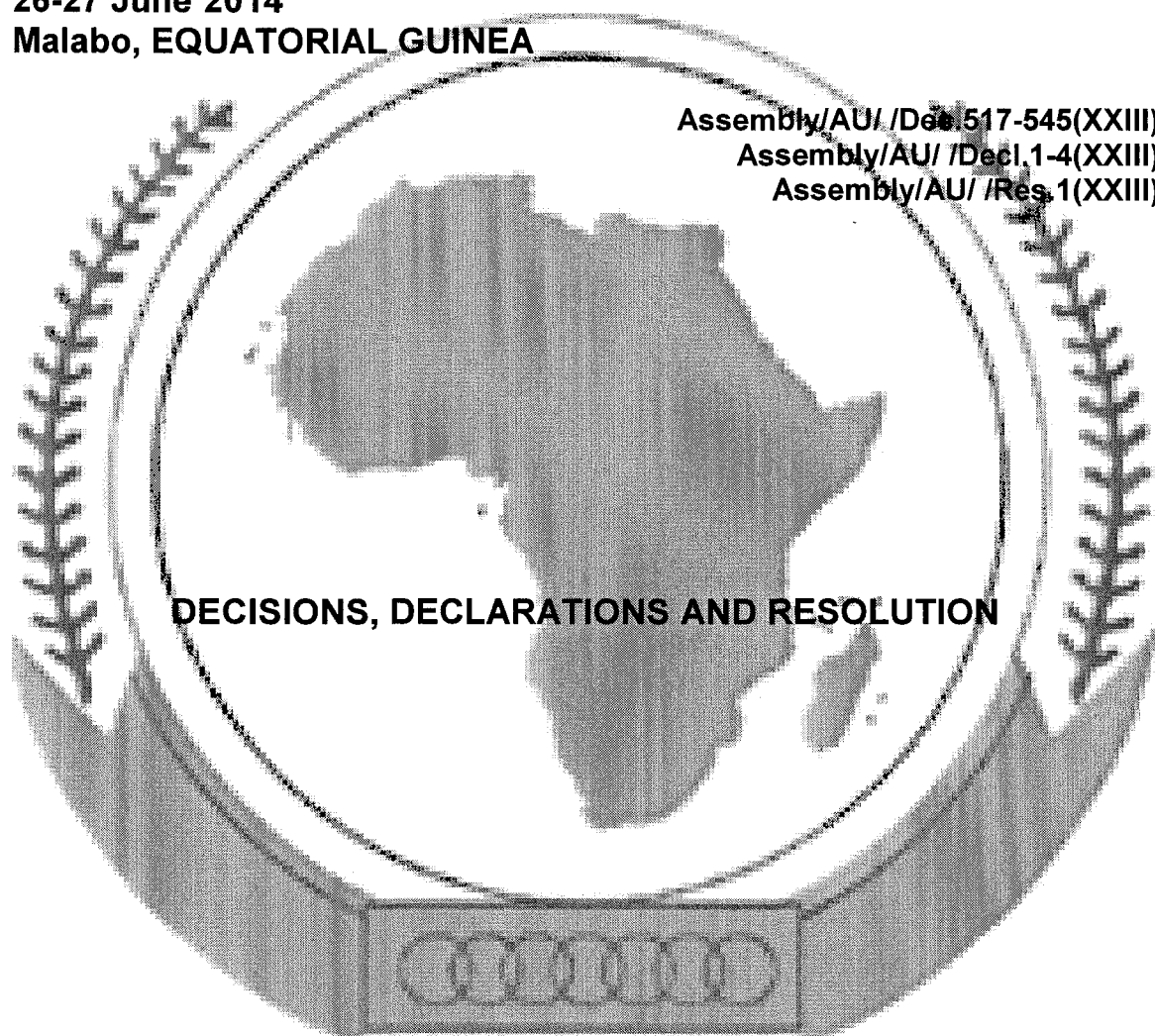
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**DECISIONS, DECLARATIONS AND RESOLUTION**

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT  
ORIENTATION COMMITTEE (HSGOC) ON NEPAD  
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**The Assembly,**

1. **NOTES WITH APPRECIATION** the report by the Chairperson of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC), H.E. Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal;
2. **ENDORSES** the conclusions of the Thirty-First Session of the HSGOC;
3. **HIGHLIGHTS** the contributions of NEPAD to the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) in its decade of existence, **NOTING** that CAADP had matured into an agenda for socio-economic transformation and recognized global brand impacting on the continent's development through the strong expression of reclaimed ownership of agricultural policy by Member States and African citizens;
4. **ENDORSES** the CAADP Results Framework as a tool to enhance evidence-based planning, monitoring and learning by Member States in the pursuit of agricultural-led economic growth and inclusive development. **REQUESTS** the NPCA to support the capacity strengthening in Member States to internalize and use the CAADP Results Framework, and develop necessary programmes on afforestation, irrigation and post-harvest loss;
5. **NOTES** that in the face of globalization and its impact on food and nutrition security and livelihoods, Africa should embrace food sovereignty and regional trade preference strategies to attain food self-sufficiency and enhanced regional cooperation. **IN THIS REGARD, URGES** NPCA, AUC and RECs to work with Member States to develop the requisite national and regional strategies, policies and programmes;
6. **APPRECIATES** the programmatic work of NPCA in mainstreaming climate change into CAADP national investment plans and **REQUESTS** the Agency to increase technical and coordination support to Member States to build resilience and adaptive capacity in responding to the impacts of climate change and variability, as well as design climate smart agricultural investment programmes and support the sharing of best practices and lessons on climate smart agriculture;
7. **FURTHER ENDORSES** the NEPAD Programme on Agriculture Climate Change with its components on gender empowerment, support to small-holder farmers and the establishment of an African Climate Smart Agriculture Coordination Platform through which NPCA will collaborate with Partners including RECs and Non-Governmental Organisations targeting 25 million farm households by 2025;

8. **WELCOMES** the innovative partnership between NPCA and major International NGOs to strengthen grassroot adaptive capacity to climate change and boost agricultural productivity. **SPECIFICALLY REQUESTS** the NPCA in collaboration with FAO to provide technical assistance to Member States in the implementation of the NEPAD Climate Smart Agriculture programme and the African Development Bank and development partners to provide support to Member States for investments in climate smart agriculture;
9. **COMMENDS** the on-going implementation actions by the NPCA in promoting NEPAD programmes on food security and nutrition, gender empowerment, sustainable land and water management **WHILE EMPHASIZING** the need to ensure that Africa's growth trajectory provides opportunities for the youth and foster rural transformation. **DIRECTS** NPCA to upscale the implementation of the Rural Futures Programme with a stronger emphasis on youth employment. **FURTHER AGREES** that the AUC and NPCA should develop policies on labour-market relationship favourable to foster youth employment and invest in practical actions targeting skills development and making agriculture more attractive to the African youth;
10. **WARMLY WELCOMES** the announcement by the Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of a grant of USD 4 million to support the NPCA in facilitating the implementation of the Agency's job creation programme for the youth in the agriculture sector;
11. **ACKNOWLEDGING** the multi-sectorial nature of Agriculture and its central role in driving rural transformation, **REQUESTS** NPCA through its Rural Futures Programme to provide technical support to strengthen alignment between agricultural and national development policies and rural development programmes;
12. **RECOMMITS** to the CAADP Maputo Decision and **IN RECOGNIZING** the continued need to support Member States to effectively monitor the 10% target in agriculture budget allocation, **REQUESTS** the NPCA in collaboration with FAO to undertake a study and develop guidelines to help Member States improve the quality of resource allocation to agriculture to determine the real value and relativity to the GDP size;
13. **RECALLS** the Decisions Assembly/AU/Dec.488(XXI) and Assembly/AU/Dec.508(XXII) and **NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the outcomes of the Dakar Financing Summit for Africa's Infrastructure held in Dakar, Senegal on 15 June 2014 under the distinguished leadership of H.E. Macky SALL, President of the Republic of Senegal and Chairperson of HSGOC, which promoted the strengthening of innovative synergies between the public and private sectors to mobilize pan-African and global financial investments for infrastructure development in the continent;
14. **ACCORDINGLY ENDORSES** the Dakar Agenda for Action adopted by the Summit to move forward the financing for Africa's infrastructure and **VALIDATES** the policy

conclusions and recommendations of the NEPAD-ECA Study on Domestic Resource Mobilization (DRM) for implementing NEPAD programmes and projects which served as the basis for the Summit;

15. **WELCOMES IN PARTICULAR** the *Africa50* initiated by the AfDB as an investment platform designed significantly to narrow the infrastructure financing gap; the setup of the Continental Business Network (CBN) on Infrastructure Financing coordinated by NPCA and the Summit organizing partners; improvement measures to promote policy certainty, legal and fiscal stability towards enabling environment; the continued political determination of African Leaders to support the implementation of high impact national and cross-border projects and infrastructure project preparation and financing for the projects showcased at the Summit as a first step towards implementing the PIDA priority action plan by 2020;
16. **REAFFIRMS** the strong linkage between the Presidential Infrastructure Champion Initiative (PICI) and the priority projects presented at the Dakar Financing Summit as mutually reinforcing and impetus to further accelerate PIDA implementation. **URGES** Member States, development finance institutions and partners to increase funding support for infrastructure project preparation, especially the NEPAD Infrastructure Preparation Facility (IPPF) hosted by the African Development Bank;
17. **CONSEQUENTLY REQUESTS** the NPCA to design the appropriate modalities to implement the Dakar Agenda for Action and thereafter report regularly to the HSGOC on progress being made. **FURTHER URGES** the NPCA in conjunction with the RECs, AfDB, UNECA, UNDP, World Bank and the NEPAD Business Groups Foundation to strengthen engagement with the private sector on taking forward the Dakar Agenda based on the conclusion to setup the Continental Business Network. **UNDERScores** the intrinsic linkages between skills development and modern infrastructure driven by science, technology and innovation, **NOTING** the need for the HSGOC to prioritize policy actions in this regard towards PIDA and PICI implementation;
18. **HIGHLY COMMENDS** the HSGOC Chairperson and the Government of Senegal for successfully hosting the Financing Summit and **EXTENDS DEEP APPRECIATION** for the high level participation of H.E Yayi Boni, President of the Republic of Benin; H.E Goodluck Jonathan, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; H.E Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, President of the Republic of Mali and H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Chairperson of the AU Commission, with the support of NPCA Chief Executive Officer, Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, President of African Development Bank; UNECA Executive Secretary and the World Bank Vice President for Africa;
19. Based on the assessment of reform of the Africa Partnership Forum (APF), **RECALLS** the Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.508(XXII) on the need to establish a new umbrella partnership formation and **APPRECIATES** the efforts by NPCA and NEPAD Steering Committee to this effect;

20. **APPROVES** the establishment of the proposed Africa Global Partnership Platform as a new partnership mechanism premised on Africa's regional integration agenda and a coalition-building forum comprising AU Member States represented in the NEPAD HSGOC, NPCA, AU Commission, RECs, lead regional institutions and Africa's major trade, investment and aid partners countries from the G8, G20 and OECD;
21. **IN RE-EMPHASIZING** the rationale for the partnership vehicle to reflect the changing global political and economic architecture, especially the pivotal role of the G20, **WELCOMES** the platform as an Africa-owned and led 'umbrella formation' bringing together the continent's existing international partners to concretely support Africa's transformation under the auspices of the AU, thereby fostering greater coherence in the continent's partnerships. **RE-AFFIRMS** that the new platform will not replace the existing bilateral partnership arrangements, but serve to complement them;
22. **ENDORSES** the terms of reference prepared by the NPCA and submitted through the NEPAD Steering Committee, highlighting the proposed rationale, objectives, format and membership of the platform, **WHILE NOTING** that the new platform will engage on issues of economic cooperation of strategic nature to Africa, globalization and the defined priorities embodied in the African Union, NEPAD and Agenda 2063;
23. **HEREBY MANDATES** the HSGOC Chairperson with the support of the NPCA Chief Executive Officer and NEPAD Steering Committee to formally approach the identified and potential partner governments and institutions to determine their interest and readiness to join and nominate appropriate senior level officials to the Platform. **ALSO REQUESTS** NPCA Chief Executive Officer to engage Germany as the current G7 Presidency on possibly revamping the G7-Africa partnership outreach during its term and **CALLS UPON** the Governments of Senegal, South Africa and Mauritania to approach Australia as the current G20 Presidency on the proposed G20-Africa partnership track possibly through the G20 Development Working Group;
24. **NOTES AND WELCOMES** the launch of the African Innovation Outlook-2 Report by the NPCA which captures the status of science, technology and innovation in the African Union Member States and requested Member States, the AU Commission, and NPCA along with the private sector and development partners to increase the roll-out of the surveys to all African countries.



**MALABO DECLARATION ON ACCELERATED AGRICULTURAL  
GROWTH AND TRANSFORMATION FOR SHARED  
PROSPERITY AND IMPROVED LIVELIHOODS  
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**We**, the Heads of State and Government of the African Union, having met at our Twenty Third Ordinary Session of the AU Assembly in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, from 26-27 June 2014, on the Theme of the African Year of Agriculture and Food Security: *"Transforming Africa's Agriculture for Shared Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods through Harnessing Opportunities for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development, also marking the tenth Anniversary of the Adoption of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP)"*.

**Recalling** our previous Decisions and Declarations on agriculture and food and nutrition security, in particular the 2003 Maputo Declaration on Agriculture and Food Security in Africa [Assembly/AU/Decl.7 (II)]; the 2004 Sirte Declaration on the Challenges Of Implementing Integrated and Sustainable Development in Agriculture and Water in Africa [Ex/Assembly/AU/Decl. 1 (II)]; the 2009 Sirte Declaration on Investing in Agriculture for Economic Growth and Food Security [Assembly/AU/12 (VIII)]; the 2007 Decision on Abuja Special Summit of the AU on Fertilisers [Assembly/AU/Dec.117 (VII)]; the 2007 Decision on the Abuja Summit on Food Security in Africa [Assembly/AU/Dec.135 (VIII)]; among others.

**Acknowledging** the persistent efforts made in implementation of the CAADP at national and regional levels, and the positive growth performance that our agricultural sector has been registering in recent years.

**Also acknowledging** the challenges faced in the implementation of many of those Decisions and Declarations, in particular on progress made in attaining the minimum targets of public investment in agriculture that should demonstrate Africa's ownership and leadership to the achievement of goals as enshrined in the 2003 Maputo commitments.

**Recognising** the dire situations that obtain with regard to Africa's capacity to generate analyse and manage data and information to facilitate evidence based policy development and tracking of progress of implementation, and hence **affirming** our commitment to enhance such a capacity.

**Noting with Concern** that the results of the Cost of Hunger Study in Africa (COHA) conducted by the AUC revealed the degree to which child under-nutrition influences health and educational outcomes; the additional barrier it has on children's ability to achieve their full potential; and the impact it has on national productivity.

**Concerned** that a significant proportion of our population still remains vulnerable to the challenges of economic marginalization, hunger and malnutrition, despite the positive achievements registered recently in agriculture and economic growth; and **reiterating** our resolve to ending hunger and improving nutrition consistent with our 2013 Decision

on Renewed Partnership for a Unified Approach to End Hunger in Africa by 2025 under the CAADP Framework [Assembly/AU/Dec.490-516(XXII)].

**Reaffirming** our resolve towards ensuring, through deliberate and targeted public support, that all segments of our populations, particularly women, the youth, and other disadvantaged sectors of our societies, must participate and directly benefit from the growth and transformation opportunities to improve their lives and livelihoods.

**Reflecting** that hunger and malnutrition are major causes of poverty and underdevelopment in Africa by causing poor health, low levels of energy, and mental impairment, all leading to low productivity and low educational attainment all of which can in turn lead to even greater hunger and malnutrition, thereby creating a viscous cycle.

**Noting** the progress made towards alignment, harmonisation and coordination of initiatives and activities of stakeholders and partners with our priorities as defined in the National and Regional Agricultural and Food Security Investment Plans that have been developed through the CAADP process, and **stressing** on the significance of sustaining this momentum.

**Concerned** that there is limited progress made in agro-industries and agribusiness development, which hampers value addition and competitiveness of our products in trade both local, regional, and international; and undermines the potential of the sector in transformation and generation of gainful employment opportunities for the growing African youth and women, hence **reaffirming** our resolve to the achievement of goals as provided in our Decision on 2010 Abuja Declaration on Development of Agribusiness And Agro-Industries In Africa [Assembly/AU/Decl.]

**Also concerned** over the heavy and growing dependence of our production systems and consumption patterns on external factors (weather, global markets, amongst others,) and their associated vulnerabilities to such external factors as climate variability and change as well as to global economic and political shocks.

**Stressing** the significance of enhancing conservation and sustainable use of all of our natural resources including land, water, plant, livestock, fisheries and aquaculture, and forestry, through coherent policies as well as governance and institutional arrangements at national and regional levels, to realise their huge potential to generate wealth, social benefits and contribute to the development of our economies.

**Recognising** the importance of multi-sectoral engagement and co-ownership of this agricultural transformation agenda within our public sectors, including infrastructure, energy, trade, industry, health, science and technology, education, hence the importance of putting in place a coherent inter-sectoral coordination of the efforts and initiatives for optimising resource use, synergy and maximising outcome and impact.

**Further recognising** the complementary roles and responsibilities that should be enhanced among the relevant stakeholders, including public, private, civil societies, farmers, pastoralists, fishers, in driving this agricultural transformation agenda.

**Welcoming** the Resolutions of the African Union Joint Conference of Ministers of Agriculture, Rural Development, Fisheries and Aquaculture, held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 01 to 02 May 2014, endorsed by the Executive Council, and in particular their recommendations calling for our Assembly to consider adopting commitments along specific and concrete priorities.

We hereby adopt the following Declaration:

**I. Recommitment to the Principles and Values of the CAADP Process**

1. We recommit to the key principles and values that define the CAADP process which include, among others:
  - a) the pursuit of agriculture-led growth as a main strategy to achieve targets on food and nutrition security and shared prosperity;
  - b) the exploitation of regional complementarities and cooperation to boost growth;
  - c) the application of principles of evidence-based planning, policy efficiency, dialogue, review, and accountability, shared by all NEPAD programs;
  - d) the use of partnerships and alliances including farmers, agribusiness, and civil society; and
  - e) support implementation at countries levels, and regional coordination and harmonisation.

**II. Commitment to Enhancing Investment Finance in Agriculture**

2. We commit to enhance investment finance, both public and private, to agriculture; and to this end we resolve:
  - a) to uphold our earlier commitment to allocate at least 10% of public expenditure to agriculture, and to ensure its efficiency and effectiveness;
  - b) to create and enhance necessary appropriate policy and institutional conditions and support systems for facilitation of private investment in agriculture, agri-business and agro-industries, by giving priority to local investors;
  - c) to fast-track the operationalization of the African Investment Bank, as provided for in the Constitutive Act of the African Union, with a view to



mobilizing and disbursing investment finance for priority agriculture related investment projects.

### III. Commitment to Ending Hunger in Africa by 2025

3. We commit to ending hunger in Africa by 2025, and to this end we resolve:

a) to accelerate agricultural growth by at least doubling current agricultural productivity levels, by the year 2025. In doing so, we will create and enhance the necessary appropriate policy and institutional conditions and support systems to facilitate:

- sustainable and reliable production and access to quality and affordable inputs (for crops, livestock, fisheries, amongst others) through, among other things, provision of 'smart' protection to smallholder agriculture;
- supply of appropriate knowledge, information, and skills to users;
- efficient and effective water management systems notably through irrigation;
- suitable, reliable and affordable mechanization and energy supplies, amongst others.

b) to halve the current levels of Post-Harvest Losses, by the year 2025;

c) to integrate measures for increased agricultural productivity with social protection initiatives focusing on vulnerable social groups through committing targeted budget lines within our national budgets for:

- strengthening strategic food and cash reserves to respond to food shortages occasioned by periodic prolonged droughts or other disasters/emergencies;
- strengthening early warning systems to facilitate advanced and proactive responses to disasters and emergencies with food and nutrition security implications;
- targeting priority geographic areas and community groups for interventions;
- encouraging and facilitating increased consumption of locally produced food items, including the promotion of innovative school feeding programs that use food items sourced from the local farming community.

- d) to improve nutritional status, and in particular, the elimination of child under-nutrition in Africa with a view to bringing down stunting to 10% and underweight to 5% by 2025.

**IV. Commitment to Halving Poverty by the year 2025, through Inclusive Agricultural Growth and Transformation**

- 4. We resolve to ensure that the agricultural growth and transformation process is inclusive and contributes at least 50% to the overall poverty reduction target; and to this end we will therefore create and enhance the necessary appropriate policy, institutional and budgetary support and conditions:
  - a) to sustain annual agricultural GDP growth of at least 6%;
  - b) to establish and/or strengthen inclusive public-private partnerships for at least five (5) priority agricultural commodity value chains with strong linkage to smallholder agriculture;
  - c) to create job opportunities for at least 30% of the youth in agricultural value chains;
  - d) to support and facilitate preferential entry and participation for women and youth in gainful and attractive agri-business opportunities.

**V. Commitment to Boosting Intra-African Trade in Agricultural commodities and services**

- 5. We commit to harness markets and trade opportunities, locally, regionally and internationally, and to this end we resolve:
  - a) to triple, by the year 2025, intra-African trade in agricultural commodities and services;
  - b) to create and enhance policies and institutional conditions and support systems:
    - to simplify and formalize the current trade practices;
    - to fast-track the establishment of Continental Free Trade Area (CFTA) and transition to a continental Common External Tariff (CET) scheme;
    - to increase and facilitate investment in markets and trade infrastructure;
    - to promote and strengthen platforms for multi-actors interactions;

- to strengthen and streamline the coordination mechanism that will facilitate the promotion African common position on agriculture-related international trade negotiations and partnership agreements.

**VI. Commitment to Enhancing Resilience of Livelihoods and Production Systems to Climate Variability and other related risks**

6. We commit to reduce vulnerabilities of the livelihoods of our population through building resilience of systems; and to this end we resolve:

- a) to ensure that, by the year 2025, at least 30% of our farm, pastoral, and fisher households are resilient to climate and weather related risks;
- b) to enhance investments for resilience building initiatives, including social security for rural workers and other vulnerable social groups, as well as for vulnerable ecosystems;
- c) to mainstream resilience and risk management in our policies, strategies and investment plans.

**VII. Commitment to Mutual Accountability to Actions and Results**

7. We commit to a systematic regular review process, using the CAADP Results Framework, of the progress made in implementing the provisions of this Declaration; and to this end we resolve:

- a) to conduct a biennial Agricultural Review Process that involves tracking, monitoring and reporting on progress;
- b) to foster alignment, harmonization and coordination among multi-sectorial efforts and multi-institutional platforms for peer review, mutual learning and mutual accountability;
- c) to strengthen national and regional institutional capacities for knowledge and data generation and management that support evidence based planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

**VIII. Strengthening the African Union Commission to support delivery on these commitments**

8. We will strengthen the capacity of the African Union Commission to help it fulfil the growing roles and mandates we have been ascribing to it, through this Declaration as well as other relevant previous Declarations and Decisions; and to this end we invite the Chairperson of the Commission to submit a proposal with a view to enhancing the institutional capacity of the lead Department as well as other relevant units, for consideration and approval by the January 2015 Ordinary Session of the Executive Council.

**IX. A Call for Action**

9. We commit to an expedient process of translation of these commitments into results; and to this end we call upon:

a) the AU Commission and NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) to develop an implementation strategy and roadmap that facilitates translation of the 2025 vision and goals of Africa Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation into concrete results and impacts, and report to the January 2015 Ordinary Session of the Executive Council for its consideration;

b) the AU Commission to fast-track the operationalization of the African Investment Bank;

c) the AU Commission and RECs to facilitate the acceleration of economic integration to boost intra-Africa trade in food and agriculture;

d) the AU Commission and NPCA, in collaboration with partners:

- to develop mechanisms that enhance Africa's capacity for knowledge and data generation and management to strengthen evidence based planning and implementation;
- to institutionalize a system for peer review that encourages good performance on achievement of progress made in implementing the provisions of this Declaration and recognize biennially exemplary performance through awards;
- to conduct on a biennial basis, beginning from year 2017, Agricultural Review Process, and report on progress to the Assembly at its January 2018 Ordinary Session.

e) the African stakeholders, including farmers, pastoralists, fishers, private sector operators in agriculture, agribusiness and agro-industries, civil society organisations, and financial institutions, to rally behind the realization of the provisions of this Declaration and take advantage of the huge opportunities that it presents;

f) the African Agricultural Research and Knowledge Institutions to vigorously support the realization of this agenda through an integrated and coherent manner, building on national systems and capacities;

g) the Development Partners to rally and align their technical and financial support in a harmonized and coordinated manner to support the implementation of the provisions of this Declaration.

## DECLARATION ON NUTRITION SECURITY FOR INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

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**Recalling** the OAU Resolution AHG/Res.224 (XXIX) of 1993 that recognised the seriousness of the African Food and Nutrition Situation and the efforts of Member States towards alleviating the challenge;

**Further Recalling** the Maputo Declaration on Agriculture and Food Security in Africa [Assembly/AU/Decl.7(II)] of 2003 that called for increased stakeholder collaboration and increased food production;

**Mindful** that food security without improved nutrition will not deliver the desired inclusive socio-economic outcomes; as the number of those affected by hunger and malnutrition has continued to increase over the past few years;

**Stressing** that Agriculture and Food Security are key determinants of child nutrition that require coordinated and comprehensive responses from other sectors, including health, education, labour, social protection, and coordinated collaboration with the development partners, private sector, the academia, civil society and communities;

**Noting** that human capital is the engine for the economic and structural transformation of Africa, and that the first 1000 days provide the window of opportunity for children which can influence the cognitive and physical capacity of all children with life-long consequences;

**Recognizing** that as a continent efforts need to be enhanced to address childhood under-nutrition, in order to continue to reduce the prevalence of childhood stunting, but also in order to reduce the absolute numbers of stunted children in Africa;

**Noting** the multi-country study on the Cost of Hunger in Africa (COHA) being led by the African Union Commission and the Economic Commission for Africa, in collaboration with the World Food Programme, to quantify the aggregate social and economic impacts of chronic hunger in Africa;

**Noting With Concern** that the results of the study on the Cost of Hunger in Africa (COHA) revealed the degree to which child under-nutrition influences health and educational outcomes; the additional barrier it has on children's ability to achieve their full potential; and the impact it has on national productivity;



**Acknowledging** the current efforts being made by stakeholders such as: (i) coordination of efforts through the African Task Force on Food and Nutrition Development (ATFFND) (ii) generation of evidence through the Cost of Hunger Study; (iii) Africa's Renewed Initiative for Stunting Elimination (ARISE 2025), a direct outcome of the COHA study; and (iv) nutrition advocacy initiatives by the African Nutrition Champion, His Majesty King Letsie III of Lesotho;

**WE hereby:**

1. **REAFFIRM** our commitment to end hunger by 2025 through strengthening our development policies as an effective investment in the human capital of our countries;
2. **COMMIT** to ending child stunting bringing down stunting to 10% and underweight to 5% by 2025 and in particular, focusing on the first 1000 Days as the only window of opportunity during which permanent and irreversible physical and mental damage would be avoided; and **COMMIT** to positioning this goal as a high-level objective in national development plans and strategies, and to establish long-term targets that give all children equal chance for success, by eliminating the additional barriers imposed by child under-nutrition;
3. **CALL UPON** Member States, who have not yet done so, to consider participation in the study on the Cost of Hunger in Africa and **REQUEST** the Commission, UNECA, WFP, UNICEF and other Development Partners to expedite the successful completion of the study, including wide dissemination of the results at country and regional levels;
4. **REQUEST** the Commission, the REC and Development Partners to facilitate the establishment of a continental-wide mechanism to monitor progress towards the elimination of child under-nutrition in Africa;
5. **COMMIT** to continue the dialogue and strengthen advocacy efforts in support of improved nutrition including through supporting the AU Champion.