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DECISIONS, DECLARATIONS AND RESOLUTION



**DECISION ON THE TWELFTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
OF TEN ON UN SECURITY COUNCIL REFORM
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The Assembly,

1. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec430 (XIX), **TAKES NOTE** of the Twelfth Report of His Excellency Dr. Ernest Bai Koroma, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone and Coordinator of the Committee of Ten Heads of State and Government on the reform of the United Nations (UN) Security Council;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the recent developments in the intergovernmental negotiations on the Security Council reform; in particular, the High-level meetings of the Committee of Ten Heads of State and Government at the levels of Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Permanent Representatives held in Freetown;
3. **REAFFIRMS** its strong commitment to the **Ezulwini Consensus** and **Sirte Declaration** containing the African common position on the reform of the UN Security Council; and **COMMENDS** the Committee of Ten Heads of State and Government for implementing the aspect of holding high-level meetings;
4. **WELCOMES** the efforts of the African Permanent Representatives to the UN in promoting and defending the continent's interest in the UN Security Council Reform process and **UNDERScores** the overriding need to ensure that the interest of Africa continues to be maintained and safeguarded at all times in the on-going intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council reform, and **REITERATES ITS CALL** for Africa to continue to speak with one voice and cohesively on all issues relating to the UN Security Council reform and related matters;
5. **REITERATES** its request that the African Permanent Representatives of the Committee of Ten to the UN in participating in the on-going intergovernmental negotiations on the UN Security Council reform, continue to liaise with other African Permanent Representatives to the United Nations, and to continue also, to dialogue with and engage other Member States and interest groups in the reform process, with a view to advocating, canvassing and promoting the African common position;
6. **ENCOURAGES** the African Permanent Representatives of the Committee of Ten to the UN to continue to build on and intensify efforts directed at building alliances in support of the African common position with diverse interest groups engaged in the intergovernmental negotiations and to seek any further guidance if necessary, in furtherance of its mandate;
7. **REQUESTS** the Committee of Ten to continue with its high-level meeting outside the margins of the Summit to discuss issues relating to the reform of the Security Council with a view to further building on the gains made so far;

8. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Committee of Ten in continuing to intensify efforts in advocating, canvassing and promoting the African common position to endeavour to reach out at the highest political levels for the purpose of garnering and galvanizing the necessary political will in support of the African common position;
9. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to continue to facilitate the activities of the African Permanent Representatives of the Committee of Ten to the UN in the intergovernmental negotiations on UN Security Council reform and related consultations thereon;
10. **REITERATES** that the Committee of Ten remains seized of this matter until Africa achieves its objectives on the reform of the UN Security Council, and requests the Committee to present a report to the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly in January 2014.

