

AFRICAN UNION

الاتحاد الأفريقي



UNION AFRICAINE

UNIÃO AFRICANA

Addis Ababa, ETHIOPIA

P. O. Box 3243

Telephone: 517 700

Fax: 5130 36

website: [www. www.au.int](http://www.au.int)

**ASSEMBLY OF THE UNION
Twenty-Fourth Ordinary Session
30 - 31 January 2015
Addis Ababa, ETHIOPIA**

**Assembly/AU/Dec. 546-568(XXIV)
Assembly/AU/Decl. 1-7(XXIV)
Assembly/AU/Res. 1-2(XXIV)
Assembly/AU/Commitment(XXIV)**

**DECISIONS, DECLARATIONS
AND RESOLUTIONS**





**DECLARATION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SINGLE
AFRICAN AIR TRANSPORT MARKET
Doc. EX.CL/871(XXVI)**

WE, African Heads of State and Government, meeting in, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 30th and 31st January 2014, on the occasion of the 24th Ordinary Session of the Assembly;

Considering:

- i) the Constitutive Act of the African Union, adopted on 11 July 2000 in Lomé, Togo, in particular Articles 14, 15 and 16, which entrust the African Union Commission with a coordination mission in the Transport, Communication and Tourism sectors;
- ii) the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community, adopted in Abuja, Nigeria in June 1991;
- iii) the Declaration **Assembly/AU/Decl.2(XVIII)** of the Eighteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in January 2012, which adopted the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) as the single policy and strategic framework for the development of infrastructure in Africa;
- iv) the Executive Council Decision **EX.CL/Dec.826(XXV)** endorsing the report of the Third Session of the Conference of African Ministers of Transport (CAMT);
- v) the Executive Council Decision **EX.CL/Dec.821(XXV)** placing the implementation of the Yamoussoukro Decision on the Liberalisation of Air Transport Markets in Africa, i.e. the establishment of a single African aviation market in the context of the African Agenda 2063.

Mindful of the Decision **Assembly/AU/Dec.394 (XVIII)** adopted by the Assembly during its 18th Ordinary Session held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 29th and 30th January 2012 on boosting Intra-African Trade and Fast Tracking the Continental Free Trade Area;

Concerned by the slow pace in implementing the Yamoussoukro Decision on the liberalisation of air transport markets in Africa;

Aware of the political will show by a number of States in spearheading the liberalisation of the air transport markets throughout the continent and the need to encourage others to follow suit;

DECLARES TO:

1. Ensure the establishment of a Single African Air Transport Market for African airlines by 1st January 2017;
2. Support the initiative of Championing States to open their respective air transport markets immediately and without conditions;
3. Develop binding guidelines for negotiation of air services agreements between African States and Third Parties;
4. Encourage African airlines to enter into cooperation agreements amongst themselves;
5. Accelerate the ratification of the Constitution of the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC);
6. Eliminate all obstacles that may hinder the achievement of the objectives of the AU Agenda 2063 on boosting Intra-African Trade and Fast Tracking the Continental Free Trade Area as regard to air transport industry;
7. Provide resources to AFCAC to adequately carry out its activities as a Specialised Agency on aviation matters and as an Executing Agency of the Yamoussoukro Decision;
8. Promote the development of regional and continental aviation infrastructure and services in a holistic manner based on the policies and programmes of Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and through the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA);
9. Facilitate air connectivity by implementing the regulatory texts of the Yamoussoukro Declaration;
10. Harmonise legislation, promote free movement, remove all barriers and improve safety and security in air transport operations;
11. Encourage the establishment of regional safety and security oversight, strengthen search and rescue as well as accident investigation organisations;
12. Integrate in all national civil aviation programmes activities to combat and prevent pandemics;
13. Take specific measures to ensure the sustainable financing and appropriate management of the air transport sub sector and to create enabling conditions for national and foreign private investments;

- 14.** Ratify and speed up, the implementation of international conventions relating to aviation safety, security and the protection of the environment as well as regional agreements on market access, facilitation of transport of passengers and cargo by air;
- 15.** Promote and facilitate establishment of regional training institutions for technical and professional staff in the different civil aviation;
- 16.** Pursue the creation of a Human resources development fund for the civil aviation sector in Africa on the basis of the joint endeavour between AFCAC and ICAO;
- 17.** Promote research and development programmes for aviation infrastructure and air transport services in Africa;
- 18.** Ensure that Member States of the African Union and Regional Economic Communities strengthen inter-African and continental cooperation in the air transport sub sector; and
- 19.** Call upon the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, the African Development Bank, the European Union, the World Bank and other development partners to support the implementation of the Single African Air Transport Market under the AU Agenda 2063.

