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DECISIONS, DECLARATIONS AND RESOLUTION



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
ORIENTATION COMMITTEE ON THE NEW PARTNERSHIP
FOR AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT
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The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** of the Report by the Chairperson of the New Partnership for Africa' Development (NEPAD) Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC), H.E. Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia;
2. **ENDORSES** the conclusions of the Twenty-Fifth NEPAD HSGOC Meeting convened as a special session focusing on mobilizing domestic resources for NEPAD implementation in commemoration of the Tenth Anniversary of the adoption of NEPAD in Lusaka, Zambia in July 2001;
3. **WELCOMES IN PARTICULAR** the Tenth Anniversary of NEPAD as a key milestone and unique occasion to deeply reflect on the mixed results over the past decade, lessons learned and the future of NEPAD within the context of Africa's development;
4. **REAFFIRMS** the continued relevance and uniqueness of the vision, sector priorities and core values enshrined in NEPAD as the flagship programme of the African Union (AU) to help realize Africa's development goals and **APPRECIATES** the inspiring leadership and foresight of NEPAD initiators to ensure that Africa takes its rightful place in the global system;
5. **NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the substantial progress made in the integration of NEPAD into the structures and processes of the AU pursuant to Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.282(XIV) of the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2011 and **COMMENDS** the Chairperson of the Commission and the Chief Executive Officer of the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) for working to strengthen NPCA's institutional capacity to deliver on its mandate;
6. **REITERATES** the urgent need for Member States to adequately fund NPCA and its programmes to ensure the delivery of its mandate given the current financing constraints and **REQUESTS** the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Structural Reforms to finalize consideration of the structure of NPCA and make appropriate recommendations to the Assembly, through the Executive Council in January 2012;
7. **ALSO ENDORSES** the implementation of key NEPAD regional and continental programmes and projects as reflected in the Activity Report for the period January to June 2011 specifically noting the progress on African Science Technology and Innovation Indicators (ASTII); strategic engagement on rural

futures; technical support to Regional Economic Communities (RECs) under the Partnership for African Fisheries (PAF); National Agriculture and Food Security Investment Plans (NAFSIPs) under CAADP; Orphan Crops initiative; support for African Mining Vision on natural resources management; NEPAD-OECD Africa Investment Initiative; institutional development support to RECs under the Capacity Development Strategic Framework (CDSF) and the launch of the second phase of NEPAD Spanish Fund for African women empowerment;

8. **APPRECIATES** progress recorded to date relating to the implementation of the AU-NEPAD Presidential Infrastructure Champion Initiative through the work of HSGOC High Level Sub-Committee under the leadership of H.E. Jacob Zuma, President of the Republic of South Africa and **NOTES** the technical coordination led by the Commission and NPCA on the seven (7) prioritized projects while highlighting the need for enhanced coordination and sustained engagement with relevant countries and RECs;
9. **UNDERScores** the historic opportunity for Africa to individually and collectively, scale-up the mobilization of additional domestic resources in support of NEPAD implementation to advance ownership, self-reliance and development effectiveness particularly noting the innovative forms of development finance including the broadening of the tax base, public-private partnerships (PPPs), sub-regional levies for multi-country projects, tackling illicit capital flows, climate financing and capital market options;
10. **STRESSES** the need to transform existing political will on domestic development finance into concrete policy responses and actions. **ACCORDINGLY REQUESTS** the Commission and NPCA in conjunction with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and other partners to recommend appropriate mechanisms on domestic resource mobilization and present to the next HSGOC for consideration;
11. **WELCOMES** the outcomes of the G8-Africa Partnership Summit held in Deauville, France in May 2011 relating to shared values and responsibilities in consolidating the continent's good progress in peace and security, economic growth with mutual accountability as the main pillars of the partnership;
12. **COMMENDS** the finalization of Africa's first assessment report on the G8-Africa partnership commitments arising from the close collaboration between AUC and NPCA and **ALSO WELCOMES** the newly established practice of negotiating G8 joint declaration on Africa initiated under the French Presidency of the G8 and **URGES** the continuation of this practice;
13. **REAFFIRMS** full support for the G20 Seoul Development Consensus on Shared Growth as the new development paradigm and its consistency with the NEPAD vision and **REITERATES** Africa's call for adequate and effective representation in the G20 and the underlined desire to continuously and constructively engage the G20 High Level Infrastructure Panel on creative financing and investment options

for the continent's infrastructure projects with the expressed position that the public sector remains the major player in infrastructure development;

14. **RECOGNIZES** the invaluable opportunity provided by upcoming global processes to convey the African voice and consensus on development policy issues including Climate Change and Aid Effectiveness;
15. **WELCOMES** the hosting of the Seventeenth Conference of the Parties (COP 17) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) by the Government of the Republic of South Africa in December 2011 signifying Africa's key interests in the global discourse on climate change and the joint coordination of the Continent's preparations for the Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Busan, Korea by the Commission and NPCA under the Africa Platform for Development Effectiveness (APDev) and in liaison with African stakeholders and regional institutions including African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) and **REITERATES** the need for Africa to present unified positions at these global events.

