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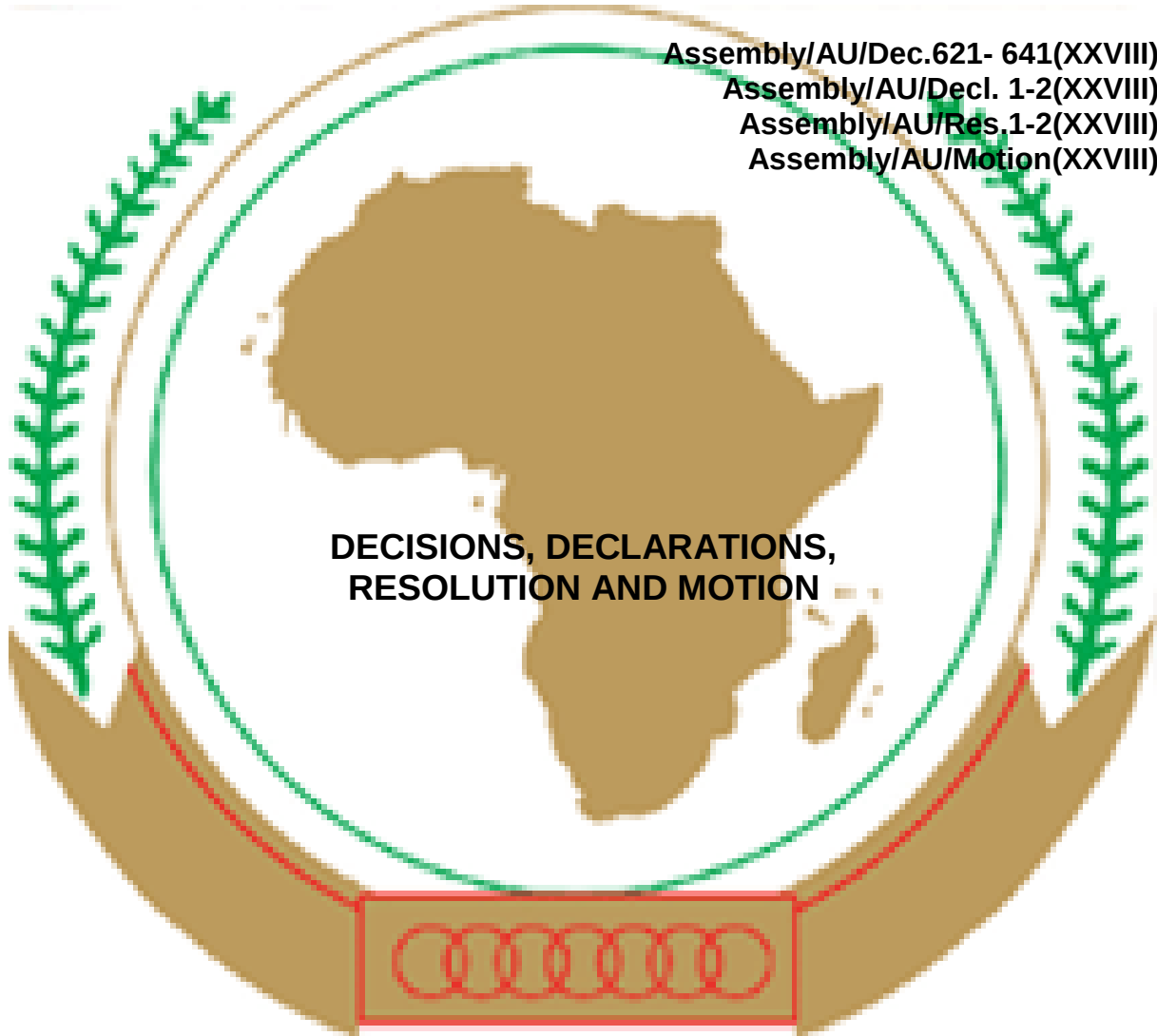
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**DECISIONS, DECLARATIONS,
RESOLUTION AND MOTION**

**DECISION ON AFRICA'S ENGAGEMENT IN THE GLOBAL
CLIMATE CHANGE NEGOTIATIONS AT COP22
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The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Coordinator of the Committee of the African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC), H.E. Abdel Fattah El Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt on climate change action in Africa and preparation for Global Climate negotiations; and **ENDORSES** the recommendations and key messages contained therein;
2. **CONGRATULATES** the Kingdom of Morocco on successfully hosting the Twenty-second Conference of the Parties (CoP22) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC); and **WELCOMES** the entry into force of the Paris Agreement under the Convention on 4 November 2016 and the successful convening of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA 1) at CoP22 in Marrakesh;
3. **EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** to the African Ministerial Conference on Environment (AMCEN) as well as the Commission, and the African Group of Negotiators (AGN) for representing the interests of Africa in the climate change negotiations and the constructive manner in which they have advanced the UNFCCC process; **URGES** AMCEN, the Commission and AGN to continue to maintain the unity of the group and to continue to represent African interests in the UNFCCC process; **CALLS ON** the AGN in collaboration with the Commission to continue to provide the necessary technical support and advice to CAHOSCC through AMCEN;
4. **COMMENDS** the Commission, the African Development Bank, and the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA), as well as the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) for the establishment and the effectiveness of the Africa Pavilion and the Africa day at CoP22;
5. **WELCOMES** progress on the African Adaptation Initiative (AAI) and the Africa Renewable Energy Initiative (AREI); **COMMENDS** the work done by the co-leaders of the AREI and technical working groups of AAI in collaboration with other relevant partners; and **URGES** Developed Countries to support the implementation of these two initiatives launched by H.E President Abdel Fattah El Sisi the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Coordinator of the CAHOSCC at CoP21 along with the High Level Work Programme on Climate Change Action in Africa (WPCCAA), The Phase 2 ClimDev-Africa and the African Environmental Partnership Platform (AEPP) launched at CoP22 through the provision of new and additional resources;
6. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the progress made in advancing the AREI by the co-leaders along with the Coordinator of Renewable Energy in the African continent and **COMMENDS** the ongoing efforts in the operationalization of the initiative in accordance with the previous decisions of the Summit of the African Union;and

STRESSES the importance of ensuring full coordination and cooperation with the AMCEN and the CAHOSCC in this regard;

7. **WELCOMES** the convening of the meeting of the African Heads of States and Government in Marrakesh on 16 November 2016 at the invitation of His Majesty Mohamed VI, King of Morocco, under the title “the first African Summit of Action”, on the margins of CoP22; and **TAKES NOTES** of its outcomes including the establishment of three commissions dedicated to Sahel region, Chaired by the Republic of Niger, the Congo Basin region, chaired by the Republic of Congo, the Island States, chaired by the Republic of Seychelles; and **STRESSES** the importance of ensuring full coordination and cooperation with the AMCEN and the CAHOSCC in this regard;
8. **REQUESTS** the AGN in collaboration with the Commission and AMCEN to elaborate a High-Level Framework for Monitoring and Evaluating Climate Support in the context of jointly mobilized annual USD 100 billion goal by 2020 by Developed Countries with a view to enhancing the scale, country-driven and ownership of action in Africa, and strengthening outcomes to address climate change and sustainable development.

