

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE PAN AFRICAN PARLIAMENT (PAP)
INCLUDING OUTCOME OF THE PRC-PAP RETREAT HELD IN JOHANNESBURG,
SOUTH AFRICA, DECEMBER 2022**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Activity Report of the Pan-African Parliament, including the Resolutions and Recommendations adopted during its October 2022 Ordinary Session;
2. **COMMENDS** the PAP for the resumption of work following the June 2022 elections of the Bureau;
3. **APPRECIATES** the activities implemented by the Pan-African Parliament within a short time period in 2022, in spite of limited budgetary resources, especially the proposed Model Law on Food and Nutrition Security, in furtherance of the African Union theme of the Year 2022;
4. **WELCOMES** the institutionalization of collaboration between the PAP and other AU organs, such as the African Union Commission, NEPAD, APRM, PRC and the African Commission on Human and People's Rights, which will enable policy coherence, rationalization of resources and effective complementarity within the African Union institutional architecture;
5. **REQUESTS** the Pan-African Parliament to work closely with National and Regional Parliaments to expedite the harmonization of national legislative and policy frameworks to create an enabling environment for the realization of the African free trade and free movement of persons, in line with the African Union 2023 Theme of the Year;
6. **ALSO REQUESTS** PAP to continue the positive progress realized and to focus on dialogue and consultation with a view to contributing to the handling of issues such as the principle of rotation pending the entry into force of Malabo Protocol of 2014;
7. **ENCOURAGES** the PAP to increase its visibility with the peoples of Africa to popularize the continental organization;
8. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the PAP to work with the PRC, PAPS and other relevant Africa Union stakeholders to realize the universal ratification, domestication, and implementation of the African Charter on Democracy, Elections, and Good Governance;
9. **CONGRATULATES** the PAP and the PRC for holding a successful joint Retreat, in Johannesburg on 19 - 20 December 2022, in line with Executive Council Decisions EX.CL/Dec.1174(XLI) and EX.CL/Dec.1028(XXXII);

10. **ENCOURAGES** Member States that have not yet done so, to consider ratifying the Malabo Protocol of 2014 and **URGES** the African Parliamentarians to strengthen advocacy with their respective Member States through their National Parliaments for the ratification of the PAP Protocol;
11. **TAKES NOTE of** the conclusions and recommendations arising from the joint Retreat;
12. **ALSO REQUESTS** the PRC, through the relevant Sub-Committee to reconsider the 2023 budget of the PAP in order to enable the Parliament to meet its institutional and operational needs and to effectively fulfil its mandate;
13. **REQUESTS** the PRC and the Commission to consider the recommendation with financial, legal and structural implications and to report on progress on the implementation of this Decision at the next Session of the Executive Council.