DECISION ON THE FOURTH REPORT OF THE AFRICAN UNION ADVISORY BOARD ON CORRUPTION DOC. EX.CL/746(XXI)

The Executive Council,

- **1. TAKES NOTE** of the Fourth Report of the African Union Advisory Board on Corruption (AUABC) on the progress made by each State Party in complying with the provisions of the AU Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption and the recommendations contained therein:
- **2. ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the activities undertaken by the AUABC from July 2011 to July 2012;
- **3. REQUESTS** AUABC to continue to continue to work closely with other AU organs and the RECs to promote and encourage the adoption of measures and actions by States Parties to prevent, detect, punish and eradicate corruption and related offences in Africa;
- 4. FURTHER REQUESTS the AUABC to carry out the necessary consultations with Member States and States Parties as well as their respective National Anti- Corruption Authorities regarding the status of ratification and compliance with the provisions of the Convention, domestication, reporting on progress made in implementing the Convention within a year of its ratification, thus enabling it to present a balanced report to the AU Policy Organs;
- **5. WELCOMES** the progress made in the implementation of Decision EX.CL/Dec.603 (XVII) on the Activities of the AUABC adopted by the Seventeenth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in Kampala, Uganda, requesting the Commission to fully operationalize the Secretariat for the Advisory Board on Corruption;
- **REQUESTS** the AUABC to submit financial and administrative issues to the PRC, through its Sub-Committee on Structures and the Sub-Committee on Administrative, Financial and Budgetary Matters in order to enable the AU Policy Organs to allocate adequate human, material and financial resources to the AUABC to enable the Board to fulfill its mandate in an efficient manner
- 7. **COMMENDS** States Parties that have submitted their reports to the AUABC and **URGES** those that have not yet done so to comply with the obligations set out in Articles 20 of the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption;
- **8. REQUESTS the** AUABC to carry out its missions in States Parties and to report on progress made by each State Party in complying with the provisions of the AU Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption, to the ordinary Session of the Executive Council in June/July 2013.
- **9. REQUESTS** the AUABC to take into consideration the geographical balance of the

membership of the Advisory Board;

10. ENCOURAGES the AUBC to actively engage with NGOs and Civil Service Organizations in carrying its activities.