

**DECISION ON THE DRAFT MATRIX OF MODALITIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE 4TH JOINT RETREAT OF THE AUC AND
THE PRC IN HAWASSA, ETHIOPIA
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The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Matrix prepared by the AUC/PRC Working Group, the inputs from North African Region and from other Member States and **APPROVES** the conclusions of the 4th Joint PRC-AUC Retreat;
2. **STRESSES** the need to synchronize the Matrix with other reforms being undertaken at the level of relevant AU institutions including the PRC Subcommittees on Structure, Headquarters and Host Agreement, Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters and on the streamlining of the AU work methods and procedures;
3. **UNDERLINES** the need to ensure equitable distribution of AU institutions by regions and **REQUESTS** the Commission to develop criteria on this matter for consideration by the PRC Sub-Committee on Headquarters and Host Agreement in line with the Decision of Executive Council of 2009 on criteria on hosting AU Organs;
4. **DIRECTS** that a Committee of at least two (2) representatives from each region and the Office of the Legal Counsel be constituted to draft guidelines for ensuring fair geographical spread of AU Institutions, Organs and Specialized Agencies for submission to the AU Summit in January 2016.