

DECISION ON THE OUTCOME OF THE 5TH RETREAT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD IN ADDIS ABABA ETHIOPIA ON 8 AND 9 DECEMBER 2016 Doc. EX.CL/1003(XXX)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Outcome of the Fifth Retreat of the Executive Council held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 8 and 9 December 2016 and the recommendations therein;
2. **REQUESTS** the Commission to develop a Roadmap based on the recommendations and report to the next session of the Executive Council through the Ministerial Follow-up Committee on Agenda 2063, including the following areas:
 - i) Establishment of a Continental Free Trade Area by end of 2017;
 - ii) Towards an African Commodities Strategy;
 - iii) Strengthening ownership of Agenda 2063;
 - iv) Development of a Made in Africa Brand Campaign;
 - v) Management of Africa's Strategic Partnerships in the interest of the Continent and Africa speaking with one voice ;
 - vi) Strengthening the core values of the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance;
 - vii) Accelerated Industrialization toward a continental target of 20% value addition by 2020, including measure to promote local content in mining contracts;
 - viii) Development of guidelines to promote and protect African investment and companies, including countries in political transition.
3. **REQUESTS** the Ministerial Follow-up Committee on Agenda 2063, chaired by Namibia (South) and consisting of Algeria (North), Burkina Faso (West), Cameroon (Central), and Rwanda (East) as well as the outgoing and incoming Chairpersons of the Executive Council, the AU Commission Chairperson, the Chairpersons of the RECs and the Executive Secretaries of the RECs, the CEO of the NEPAD Agency, the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and the President of the African Development Bank (AfDB), to report on the implementation of this Decision.