

**DECISION ON THE SCALE OF ASSESSMENT
AND CONTRIBUTIONS**
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The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Ministerial Committee on the Scale of Assessment and Contributions, **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained therein and **REQUESTS** the Commission to implement them;
2. **COMMENDS** Member States that were up to date with the payment of their contributions, and **ENCOURAGES** other Member States to pay their contributions in full and on time;
3. **ALSO COMMENDS** development partners for their contributions and **URGES** them to pay their contributions on time to enable the African Union to implement its projects and programmes;
4. **REQUESTS** Member States with accumulated arrears to fulfil their financial obligations immediately in order to avoid sanctions, in conformity with the regulations;
5. Pursuant to the relevant provisions of Article 35 (1), (2) (a) of the Rules of Procedure of the AU Assembly of Heads of State and Government, and that of the AU Financial Rules and Regulations, **APPROVES** that the sanctions stipulated for failure to pay be imposed on:
 - i) Central African Republic;
 - ii) Guinea Bissau;
 - iii) South Sudan;
6. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the fact that The Comoros has paid 50% of its arrears and its commitment to clear the remaining arrears by February 2018;
7. **WELCOMES** the strong gesture of commitment demonstrated by Libya in paying its 2017 contributions and The Sudan for paying its arrears in full and **ENCOURAGES** the two Member States to continue their efforts and settle their remaining balances dues;
8. **REQUESTS** the Commission to put in place, in collaboration with the Ministerial Committee, a mechanism for consultation and interaction with Member States that have difficulties in paying their contributions with a view to understanding the problems and undertaking missions to the Member States concerned so as to reach an agreement that will enable them to fulfil their financial obligations vis-a-vis the African Union;

9. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to fast-track the hiring of an expert/consultant to prepare a proposal on the scale of assessment applicable to the budget exercise 2019-2021 for the African Union, on the basis of the principles of capacity to pay, solidarity and equitable burden-sharing to avoid risk concentration;
10. **URGES** the Ministerial Committee on the Scale of Assessment and Contributions to further review the proposals related to the sanction regime by considering a simplified mechanism aligned with the principles of the future scale of assessment;
11. **REQUESTS** the Ministerial Committee on the Scale of Assessment and Contributions to report back at the next Executive Council Session in June/July 2018.