

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE RETREAT BETWEEN THE AFRICAN COURT
ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS (AFCHPR) AND PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVES' COMMITTEE (PRC), INCLUDING AMENDMENT OF NIAMEY
DECISION RELATING TO THE BENEFITS OF JUDGES - EX.CL/1378(XLI)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the PRC adopted during its 44th Ordinary Session, held from 20 June to 8 July 2022, and the recommendations thereto relating to the status of judges of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (AfCHPR);
2. **CONGRATULATES** the PRC and the AfCHPR for the successful Joint Retreat organized on 10-11 March 2022 in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, and **TAKES NOTE** of the recommendations of the said retreat;
3. **REAFFIRMS** the central role of the AfCHPR as the continental judicial body to ensure the achievement of the objectives of the Constitutive Act of the Union to promote and protect human and peoples' rights;
4. **RECALLS** Decision EX.CL/Dec.1057(XXXV), and in particular Section C of the said decision "*on the harmonization of allowances and benefits for Organs of the Union*";
5. **DECIDES** to amend paragraph 14 of Decision EX.CL/Dec.1057(XXXV) to read as follows: "**Also Decides** to maintain the current terms and conditions of service with a view to ensuring harmonization of entitlements, allowances, benefits and conditions of service of all Judges of the African Court";
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission and the AfCHPR, within the framework of the ongoing institutional reform, to propose new entitlements and benefits for the judges of the AfCHPR;
7. **AUTHORIZES** the PRC, through the relevant Sub-Committee, to approve supplementary budget to cover expenses occasioned by the review of Decision EX.CL/Dec.1057 (XXXV);
8. **REQUESTS** the Commission and the AfCHPR to report to the Executive Council in February 2023 on the implementation of this decision.