

**DECISION ON THE CHALLENGES OF RATIFICATION/ACCESSION
IMPLEMENTATION OF OAU/AU TREATIES
Doc. EX.CL/1447(XLIII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Progress Report from the Ministerial Committee on the Challenges of Ratification/Accession and Implementation of OAU/AU Treaties, and the recommendations submitted therein;
2. **COMMENDS** the Member States for their speedy ratification / accession to the Treaty for the Establishment of the African Medicines Agency, resulting in its entry into force on 5 November 2021, as well as for the entry into force of the African Union Convention on Cybersecurity and Personal Data Protection on 8 June 2023;
3. **ENCOURAGES** all Member States to ratify/accede to all OAU/AU Treaties to ensure their universal ratification; entry into force and implementation;
4. **RECALLS** Executive Council Decision EX.CL/Dec.1068(XXXV) on the Report of the Ministerial Committee on the Challenges of Ratification/Accession and Implementation of OAU/AU Treaties;
5. **REITERATES** the request to AU Organs and the Commission in particular to:
 - a. ensure zero draft treaties are technically correct and coherent;
 - b. dedicate ample time to treaty making and consensus building through consultations; and
 - c. convene a meeting of Experts from Member States to develop AU Guidelines on Treaty Making and to review all the overlapping OAU/AU treaties and to submit them to the STCJLA for consideration in readiness for adoption by the relevant policy organ.
6. **REQUESTS** all Specialized Technical Committees (STCs) to include a standing agenda item, in their ordinary sessions, on the Status of Ratification/Accession of all OAU/AU Treaties under their competence; and the Office of the Legal Counsel to provide the necessary support in this regard.
7. **ENDORSES:**
 - a) The proposal to refer the matter on the status of AU Judicial Bodies to the Specialized Technical Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs (STC-JLA) for consideration and recommendations;
 - b) The Draft Reporting Templates for National Sectoral Committees (NSCs) and requests NSCs to submit biennial reports to the Standing Committee

of Experts in accordance with the adopted Reporting Templates annexed to this Decision; and

- c) The proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Ministerial Committee.