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RESOLUTION ON THE JOINT ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES AND THE PROPOSED ACTIONS TO STRENGTHEN THE INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFRICA-ARAB JOINT ACTION PLAN 2011-2016

We, the Leaders of African and Arab Countries,

Taking Note of the Joint Activity Report of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission and the Secretary General of the League of Arab States;

Reaffirming our commitment to the effective implementation of the Africa-Arab Partnership Strategy and Joint Action Plan 2011-2016, which we adopted during our 2nd Africa-Arab Summit, in October 2010, in Sirte, Libya;

Cognizant of the need to put in place necessary mechanisms to expedite the effective implementation of the Strategy and the Joint Action Plan;

Recognizing the urgent need to address the institutional challenges obstructing the smooth implementation of the Africa-Arab Partnership Strategy and Joint Action Plan 2011-2016;

1. **ENDORSE** the Joint Activity Report and the proposed actions to strengthen institutional capacity for the implementation of the Africa-Arab Joint Action Plan 2011-2016;
2. **CALL FOR** the rationalisation of the establishment of the joint institutions to avoid duplication of efforts and proliferation of mechanisms with financial impacts;
3. **UNDERScore** the need to strengthen cooperation in the areas of Trade, Investment, Transport, Communication and Energy;
4. **REQUEST** the African Union Commission and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States to incorporate the proposed activities to strengthen the institutional capacity of the partnership in their regular work plan and earmark the necessary budget for their implementation;
5. **ALSO REQUEST** the African and Arab Countries, their development financial institutions and their private sector and civil society to provide all the necessary financial and technical support for the implementation of the proposed activities;

6. **FURTHER REQUEST** the Coordination Committee for the Africa-Arab Partnership at the Ministerial level, to closely follow-up and monitor the implementation of the activities and report back to the 4th Africa-Arab Summit.

**RESOLUTION ON THE RATIONALIZATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION AND
FOLLOW UP MECHANISMS OF THE AFRICA-ARAB PARTNERSHIP**

We, the Leaders of African and Arab Countries,

Recognizing the need to improve the operationalisation of the implementation and follow-up mechanisms created by the Second Africa-Arab Summit for effective implementation of the Africa - Arab Partnership Strategy and Joint Action Plan 2011 - 2016;

1. **REQUEST** the Coordination Committee to undertake an in depth study on ways and means to activate and strengthen the partnership mechanisms, including the Partnership Committee, the Technical Committee and the Development Forum and submit its report to the Coordination Committee at the Ministerial level, as soon as possible, for its consideration for subsequent endorsement by the policy organs of both sides;
2. **DECIDE** to retain the Co-Chairs of the Third Africa-Arab Summit as members of the Coordination Committee at all levels, until the convening of the Fourth Africa-Arab Summit, in accordance with rules and procedures;
3. **CONVENE** the meetings of the Coordination Committee of the Africa-Arab Partnership at Ministerial level once a year and at the Senior Officials level every six months;
4. **ENCOURAGE** greater synergy between the Embassies of African Union Member States in Cairo and the League of Arab States.

**RESOLUTION ON THE OUTCOME OF THE 2ND JOINT AFRICA-ARAB
MINISTERIAL MEETING ON AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD
SECURITY IN RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA, 02 OCTOBER 2013**

We, the Leaders of African and Arab Countries,

Taking Note of the Report and Recommendations of the 2nd Joint Africa-Arab Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture Development and Food Security, held in Riyadh, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 02 October 2013:

1. **EXPRESS** gratitude to the Government and People of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for hosting the 2nd Joint Africa-Arab Ministerial Meeting on Agricultural Development and Food Security and **WELCOME** the convening of the Ministerial meeting;
2. **REAFFIRM** the importance of implementing the Riyadh Resolution adopted at the 2nd Ministerial meeting and **CALL UPON** the African Union Commission and the General Secretariat of League of Arab States to follow up on its implementation;
3. **WELCOME** the offer made by the Republic of Uganda to host in Kampala the Third Joint Africa-Arab Ministerial Meeting on Agricultural Development and Food Security in 2015.

**RESOLUTION ON STRENGTHENING THE AFRICA-ARAB
PARTNERSHIP ON MIGRATION**

We, the Leaders of African and Arab Countries,

Recalling the Decision Assembly/Africa-Arab/2(II), on the Africa-Arab Partnership Strategy which provided a framework for cooperation on migration, adopted in Sirte, Libya, in October 2010;

Taking Note of the on-going implementation of the Framework for Socio-Cultural Cooperation regarding Migration (the legal movement of persons), in particular the proposal for the establishment of an Africa-Arab Technical and Coordination Committee;

Reaffirming the importance of this issue especially labour migration, in bringing significant contribution to the economic growth and human development of both regions;

Emphasizing the need to promote and protect effectively the human rights and fundamental freedoms of those migrants irrespective of their migration status;

Further emphasizing the importance of dialogue and cooperation at regional and international levels to strengthen and harness the potential of migration for development, eliminate the exploitation of migrants and to prevent trafficking in persons as well as smuggling of migrants;

1. **ENDORSE** the establishment of an Africa-Arab Technical and Coordination Committee composed of the African Union Commission and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States to consider the issue of migration. This Committee should submit its reports to the Committee on Coordination of Joint Africa-Arab Partnership;
2. **AGREE** to establish an Africa-Arab Centre for exchange of information in order to minimize the infiltration of illegal migrants, including those who violate labour and residence regulations;
3. **REQUEST** both the African Union Commission and General Secretariat of the League of Arab States to facilitate the early operationalization of the Africa-Arab Technical and Coordination Committee in this regard;
4. **AGREE** to respect the human and fundamental rights of all migrants, taking into account international law and national legislations of each State;
5. **TAKE NOTE** of the conclusions of the Regional Seminar on Migrants and Refugees held in November 2013 in Sanaa, Yemen.

RESOLUTION ON THE AFRICA-ARAB CULTURAL INSTITUTE (AACI)

We, the Leaders of African and Arab Countries,

Cognizant of the role the Africa-Arab Cultural Institute could play in promoting the causes of Africa-Arab Partnership and assisting in the implementation of its projects;

In view of the fact that all the necessary preconditions have to be fulfilled and reliable and sustainable funding mechanism has to be put in place in order to enable the Institute carry out its tasks effectively;

Taking Note of the findings and recommendations of the African Union /League of Arab States Joint Review Team on the performance of the Africa-Arab Cultural Institute:

- 1. CALL UPON** the African Union and the League of Arab States to implement the short term recommendations of the Joint Review team on the performance of the Africa-Arab Cultural Institute and fulfill their financial obligations;
- 2. REQUEST** the Ministers of Culture of the Co-Chairs of the Third Africa-Arab Summit and the hosting country to play an advisory role for the promotion of the Institute;
- 3. ALSO CALL UPON** the Coordination Committee of the Africa-Arab Partnership to review the implementation of this Resolution and report back to the 4th Africa-Arab Summit in 2016.

**RESOLUTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AFRICA-ARAB JOINT
FINANCING COORDINATION MECHANISM**

We, the Leaders of African and Arab Countries,

Noting with concern the slow progress of implementing the Africa Arab Joint Action Plan since its adoption by the Second Africa-Arab Summit in 2010;

Re-affirming our determination and willingness to strengthen human capacity and mobilize financial resources needed for the implementation of the Africa-Arab Partnership Strategy and the Joint Action Plan, through the existing and new financial resources, including encouraging and benefiting from the massive means of the private sector;

1. **CALL UPON** the African Union Commission and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States and the existing financing institutions from both regions to set up a task force to coordinate their efforts in the implementation of the Africa-Arab Joint Action Plan and other projects;
2. **INVITE** the Development Financial Institutions to actively support and participate in implementing the Joint Action Plan;
3. **ALSO INVITE** the African Union Commission to submit bankable regional and continental projects for financing, through this Joint Mechanism;
4. **UNDERLINE** the need to leverage development financing from the capital market through the financial Institutions in the two regions;
5. **CALL UPON** the African Union Commission and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States to closely follow up the implementation of this Resolution.

**RESOLUTION ON AFRICA-ARAB ECONOMIC FORUM, KUWAIT,
11-12 NOVEMBER 2013**

We, the Leaders of African and Arab Countries,

Taking Note of the recommendations of the Africa-Arab Economic Forum held from 11 to 12 November 2013, in the State of Kuwait:

1. **EXPRESS** our thanks and gratitude to His Highness the Emir of Kuwait, the Government and people of the State of Kuwait for hosting the Africa-Arab Economic Forum and providing all the necessary facilities for its success;
2. **TAKE NOTE** the recommendations of the Africa-Arab Economic Forum and **CALL UPON** the Member States of the African Union and the League of Arab States, the African Union Commission, the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States and all stakeholders to take into consideration these recommendations;
3. **CALL** for the convening of the sessions of the Forum regularly prior to Africa-Arab Summits with the active participation of the Private Sector, to enhance Africa-Arab Cooperation and to boost the Trade Exchange and Investment between the two Regions;
4. **EMPHASIZE** that the focus of the Africa-Arab Economic Forum should be on enhancing cooperation to build productive capacities, which will be the basis for promoting Trade and Investment between the two regions;
5. **CALL UPON** the African Union Commission and the League of Arab States to organize the Forum under the sponsorship of the Member States of the two Organisations, the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) and the African Development Bank (AfDB);
6. **REQUEST** the African Union Commission and the General Secretariat of League of Arab States to closely follow up the implementation of this resolution.

**RESOLUTION ON
THE DATE AND VENUE OF THE 4TH AFRICA-ARAB SUMMIT**

We, the Leaders of African and Arab Countries,

Guided by the principle of rotation in hosting Africa-Arab Summits, and **Agreeing** that it is the turn of the African side to host the Fourth Africa-Arab Summit:

1. **REQUEST** the Chairperson of the African Union Commission to undertake consultations with Member States of the African Union with a view to identifying the country that will host the Fourth Africa-Arab Summit;
2. **DECIDE** that the Fourth Africa-Arab Summit will be held in Africa in 2016. The venue and the date will be known in due course;
3. **REQUEST** the Chairperson of the African Union Commission and the Secretary General of the League of Arab States, in collaboration with the concerned Host Country, to take all necessary measures to ensure the successful organization of the Summit;