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RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 1
ON THE JOINT ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFRICA ARAB PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY, THE JOINT AFRICA ARAB WORK PLAN 2014-2016, AND THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE 3RD AFRICA-ARAB SUMMIT

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 on the implementation of the Africa Arab Partnership Strategy, the Joint Africa Arab Action Plan 2011-2016, and the resolutions of the 3rd Africa -Arab Summit;

Expressing satisfaction with the process followed towards the implementation of the Africa Arab Summits Resolutions and, in this regard, ***Appreciating*** the efforts made by the African Union Commission and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States;

Expressing appreciation to Member States of the Coordination Committee of the Africa-Arab Partnership at Ministerial and Senior Officials levels for guiding and closely monitoring the implementation of the Decisions and Resolutions of the Kuwait Summit;

Underscoring the need for an urgent action to actualize the establishment of the institutions and structures envisaged by the Africa Arab Summits Resolutions;

HEREBY:

- 1. CALL UPON** Africa and Arab Member States, with the full participation of their development financial institutions, private sector and relevant civil society organisations to provide all forms of needed financial and technical support to implement the proposed Joint Africa Arab Action Plan;
- 2. EMPHASIZE THE NEED TO** rationalize and develop effective implementation and follow-up mechanisms for the Africa-Arab partnership, in line with the African Union Commission and the League of Arab States partnership mechanisms and institutional framework;
- 3. CALL UPON** the African Union Commission and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States to complete the needed procedures, in conformity with the Africa-Arab Summit Resolutions, pertaining to the following:
 - (i) Finalize the comprehensive study to activate and strengthen Africa Arab Partnership Mechanisms in all sectors and domains of mutual interest;

- (ii) Expedite the process of establishing Joint Africa- Arab Fund for Disaster Response;
- (iii) Expedite the process of establishing an African Arab Centre for the exchange of information on migration;
- (iv) Establish Working Group between the African Union Commission and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States on coordinating the implementation of the Social aspects of the Sustainable Development Goals;

4. REQUEST the Coordination Committee of the Africa-Arab Partnership to take all necessary measures to follow up on the implementation of the above mentioned procedures, in close collaboration with the Chairperson of the African Union Commission and the Secretary General of the League of Arab States.

**RESOLUTION 2
ON
THE COORDINATION FOR FINANCING AFRICA-ARAB JOINT PROJECTS**

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 on the implementation of the Africa Arab Partnership strategy, the joint Africa Arab action plan 2011-2016,

Underscoring the need for better coordination and cooperation in financing joint projects and activities, especially those included in the proposed Joint Africa Arab Action Plan,

HEREBY:

- 1. EMPHASIZE THE NEED** to strengthen the coordination efforts between Africa-Arab Financing Agencies to support the implementation of the agreed Joint Action Plan,
- 2. CALL UPON** the African Union Commission and the Secretariat of the League of Arab States to convene regular meetings between African and Arab financial Agencies, including the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA), the African Development Bank (AfDB); and other African and Arab Sub-regional financial institutions starting from 2017, to mobilize, coordinate and follow up on the financing and implementation of the proposed Joint Africa-Arab Projects.

**RESOLUTION 3
ON
FIRST JOINT MEETING OF AFRICA ARAB MINISTERS OF ECONOMY, TRADE
AND FINANCE**

WE, the Leaders of African and Arab Countries,

Welcome the convening of the first joint meeting of Africa and Arab Ministers of Economy, Trade and Finance on 21 November in Malabo Equatorial Guinea,

HEREBY:

1. **EXPRESS OUR PROFOUND GRATITUDE** to the Government of Equatorial Guinea for the generous hospitality and efficient organization which provided the most positive and favourable conditions for the convening of the meeting;
2. **TAKE NOTE** of the Recommendations of the first joint meeting of the Ministers of Economy Trade and Finance;
3. **DECIDE TO ORGANIZE** a Joint Africa Arab Meeting of Ministers in charge of Economic, Trade and Finance, on the margins of the Africa-Arab Summits, to evaluate and monitor the implementation of the projects, programs and activities provided in the proposed Action Plan, and to make appropriate recommendations on required policies to the Africa-Arab Summit for consideration and adoption;
4. **REQUEST** the African Union Commission and the Secretariat of the League of Arab States to follow up the implementation of the Resolution.

RESOLUTION 4
ON
THE 3rd JOINT AFRICA-ARAB MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON AGRICULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD SECURITY HELD IN KHARTOUM, SUDAN, FROM
31ST OCTOBER TO 2ND NOVEMBER 2016

WE, the Leaders of African and Arab Countries,

Taking Note of the Khartoum Declaration adopted by the 3rd Joint Africa-Arab Ministerial Conference on Agricultural Development and Food Security, held in Khartoum, Sudan, from 31 October to 2nd November 2016:

1. **EXPRESS** gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Sudan for hosting the 3rd Joint Africa-Arab Ministerial Conference on Agricultural Development and Food Security and **WELCOME** the outcome of the meeting summarized in the Khartoum Declaration;
2. **AGREE TO:**
 - (i) Fully implement the Africa-Arab Joint Action Plan (JAP) on Agricultural Development and Food Security;
 - (ii) Accelerate agricultural development in the Africa-Arab regions by promoting trade and attracting the much needed investments to the agricultural sector;
 - (iii) Establish an Africa-Arab Joint Coordination Mechanism for the implementation of JAP which shall replace the Facilitation Unit created by the First Africa-Arab Ministerial Conference on Agricultural Development and Food Security, in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, in February 2010 and support its work to facilitate the implementation of JAP
 - (iv) Work jointly for the attainment of food security in the Africa and the Arab regions by 2025;
 - (v) Create enabling environment for Africa, Arab, Regional and International Development and Funding institutions to adequately support the agricultural sector that would make the two regions food secure;
 - (vi) Make available funds necessary for the operationalization of the new coordination mechanism and implementation of its annual activities by the African Union Commission and the League of Arab States;

- (vii) Facilitate the trade and technology transfer in Agriculture between the Arab and Africa regions and remove all barriers to increase agricultural production to ensure food security in the two regions;
- (viii) Continue to deepen the cooperation between the two regions in Agricultural development and Food Security and to closely follow up the implementation of the Khartoum Declaration adopted by the 3rd Joint Africa-Arab Ministerial Conference on Agricultural Development and Food Security, held in Khartoum, Sudan on 31st October to 02nd November 2016;
- (ix) Organize Africa-Arab exhibitions on agricultural products every two years.

**RESOLUTION 5
ON AFRICA – ARAB CULTURAL INSTITUTE**

We, the Leaders of the Arab and African countries,

Cognizant of the important role of culture in promoting Arab-African Partnership, and strengthen the fraternity ties between our peoples and governments, and the crucial role that should be played by Africa–Arab Cultural Institute (AACI) ;

Taking note of the results of the Ministerial Meeting which was held in Kuwait on May 2016, with the participation of representatives from the State of Kuwait, and the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, the Republic of Mali, the League of Arab States, and the Director General of the Institute;

Taking note of the ongoing consultations between the African Union Commission and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States to enhance the performance of AACI in line with previous recommendations adopted in this regard;

Aware of the continued financial and technical problems faced by AACI;

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

1. **URGE** the African Union Commission and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States, to fully pay their statutory contributions to the Institute, and to prepare a comprehensive study, in collaboration with the Institute, on ways and means for the amelioration of the joint cultural cooperation, that includes a clear vision about the future role of the Institute, including diversification of its activities to include training, strategic studies, organization of workshops, symposiums and seminars;
2. **CALL UPON** AACI to intensify its communication with Africa and Arab Member States and their related cultural institutions, in order to popularize its work;
3. **ALSO CALL UPON** African and Arab counties and their organizations to provide voluntary technical and financial assistance in order to enable the Institute carry out its activities effectively.
4. **REQUEST** the Coordination Committee of the Africa Arab Partnership to follow-up closely the implementation of this resolution and to submit a progress report to the Fifth Africa Arab Summit, on the implementation of this resolution as well as on the performance of the Institute;
5. **URGE** AACI to broaden the scope of its activities and operations to cover all regions of Africa.

**RESOLUTION 6
ON THE DATE AND VENUE OF THE FIFTH 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 Arab side to host the Fifth Africa-Arab Summit:

1. **WELCOME** with appreciation the offer made by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to host the 5th Africa-Arab Summit;
2. **ALSO WELCOME** the decision of the League of Arab States accepting the offer made by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to host the Fifth Africa-Arab Summit in Riyadh; Saudi Arabia in 2019.
3. **REQUEST** the Chairperson of the African Union Commission and the Secretary General of the League of Arab States, in collaboration with the Host Country, to take all necessary measures to ensure the successful organization of the Fifth Africa Arab Summit.

**RESOLUTION 7
ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT AFRICA-ARAB ACTION PLAN
2017-2019/2021**

WE, the Leaders of African and Arab Countries,

Recalling the need to translate the commitments of the Malabo Declaration, adopted by the Summit, into concrete actions;

Recalling the fact that the Joint Action Plan 2011-2016, adopted by the 2nd Africa-Arab Summit held in Sirte, Libya in October 2010, was constrained by various challenges, which among others included, lack of resources earmarked for the implementation of the plan, absence of effective implementation and follow up mechanisms and non-involvement of the private sector, which contributed to its non-implementation and **Underlining** the need to overcome such challenges in order to ensure the success to the proposed Joint Action Plan;

Emphasizing the need to shift the orientation of the Africa-Arab Partnership Action Plan from a mere bilateral to a more regional and continental programs and projects as well as from a process to a more concrete undertakings that would tangibly benefit larger number of countries and citizens of the two regions;

Stressing the need to redirect the African-Arab Joint Action Plan to regional programs and projects that would benefit to the countries and peoples of both regions;

HEREBY:

1. **RECOGNIZE** the efforts by the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States and the African Union Commission to develop the draft African-Arab Joint Action Plan (2017-2019/2021);
2. **REQUEST** the Chairperson of the African Union Commission and the Secretary General of the League of Arab States to convene a Retreat of the Senior Officials on the proposed Action Plan;
3. **ALSO REQUEST** the Chairperson of the African Union Commission and the Secretary General of the League of Arab States to finalize a Joint Plan of Action and present it to an extraordinary Session of the Joint Council of Ministers of the Africa-Arab Partnership, within a period not exceeding six (6) months from the date of adoption of this Resolution;
4. **FURTHER REQUEST** the Joint Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, to convene an extra-ordinary session, within a period of six (6) months from the date of this Resolution to adopt the Action Plan.

**RESOLUTION 8
ON THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA) “JUSTICE AGAINST SPONSORS
OF TERRORISM ACT”¹**

WE, the Leaders of African and Arab Countries,

Recalling, the Charter of the United Nations, the Charter of the League of Arab States, the Constitutive Act of the African Union, and all international instruments emphasizing the principle of sovereignty and immunity of States under International Law;

Taking Note of the statements released by several states and International and Regional organizations after the adoption of the said American “Justice against Sponsors of Terrorism Act”;

1. **STRONGLY CONDEMN** terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, its supporters and sponsors;
2. **REAFFIRM** our commitment and adherence to the principle of sovereignty and immunity of states as recognised under international Law , in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, the Charter of the League of Arab States, the Constitutive Act of the African Union,
3. **EXPRESS** our deep concern that the USA “Justice against Sponsors of Terrorism Act” inter-alia purports to impose American domestic legislation to other States and entities, a matter that is a clear abuse of Universal Jurisdiction;
4. **CONDEMN** the said Act entitled “Justice against Sponsors of Terrorism Act”, which violates the principle of sovereignty and immunity of states under International Law, and has negative impacts on the patterns of relations between states;
5. **AFFIRM** our rejection of any attempt including any legislations that extend the application of domestic Laws of any state outside its National Jurisdiction;
6. **REAFFIRM** our rejection of any attempt that contradicts International Law , the provisions of the United Nations Charter and violation the established rules governing relations between states,
7. **ALSO REAFFIRM** our collective and individual commitments to combating and eradicating terrorism in all its forms in accordance with the relevant International and Regional Legal instruments, and **EMPHASIZE** the importance of international and regional cooperation in fighting terrorism, in accordance with International Law and relevant resolutions of the United Nations, decisions of the African Union and the League of Arab States;

¹ A reservation entered by the Republic of Iraq

8. **CALL UPON** the Security Council and the General Assembly of the United Nations to strive for a decision on the illegality of the said Act due its contradiction to the International Law.

RESOLUTION 9
ON THE IMMEDIATE LIFTING OF SANCTIONS IMPOSED BY THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA ON THE SUDAN

WE, the Leaders of African and Arab Countries,

Recalling the positions and resolutions of the African Union and the League of Arab States on our rejection of the unilateral sanctions unjustly imposed on the Sudan by the United States of America;

Reaffirming that such unilateral sanctions have negative impacts and serious consequences on the interest of the Sudanese people and their right to development;

Noting that these unilateral sanctions contravene the international law and the UN Charter which calls for respect for choice made by States and non-interference in their affairs as well as the peaceful settlement of disputes;

Recalling the joint letter sent by the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, the Secretary General of the League of Arab States and the Secretary General of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation to the American Secretary of State expressing their rejection of these sanctions and asking for their immediate lifting;

1. **EXPRESS** our full solidarity with the Republic of the Sudan in its suffering from the impact of the unilateral sanctions;
2. **REAFFIRM** that these unilateral sanctions have negative impacts and serious consequences on the people of the Sudan;
3. **CALL UPON** the United States of America to lift these unjust sanctions without any delay to enable The Sudan to continue with the process of nation building and development efforts.

**RESOLUTION 10 ON PRINCIPLES AND CRITERIA FOR THE PARTICIPATION IN
AFRICA-ARAB PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

WE, the Leaders of African and Arab Countries,

Noting the Decision of the 27th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council of the African Union EX.CL/Dec 877 (XXVII) endorsed by the Assembly of the Union in Johannesburg, South Africa, which reaffirmed the full right of all Member States of the African Union to take part in all partnership meetings in which the AU is a stakeholder;

Also Noting the Nouakchott Declaration issued by the 27th Ordinary Session of the Council of the League of Arab States at the Summit level, which welcomed the convening of the 4th Africa-Arab Summit in Malabo, in line with the principles and criteria that were adopted in the last Africa-Arab Summits of Sirte 2010 and Kuwait 2013.

- 1. REQUEST** the African Union Commission and the Secretariat of the League of Arab States to engage into constructive discussions to define mutually acceptable and binding principles and criteria for the joint meetings of the Africa-Arab Partnership in a way that reflect their mutual interests and the potential of their strategic relations;
- 2. ALSO REQUEST** the African Union Commission and the Secretariat of the League of Arab States to submit their recommendations to a Joint Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs to be agreed upon by both organisations in the near future.