

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE NEPAD HEADS OF STATE AND  
GOVERNMENT ORIENTATION COMMITTEE (HSGOC)  
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**The Assembly,**

1. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** of the Report by the outgoing Chairperson of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee, H.E. Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal;
2. **ENDORSES** the conclusions and recommendations of the 37th NEPAD HSGOC Summit;
3. **RECALLS** that the NEPAD vision and its programme, from inception, has been an intrinsic part of the African Union System and should remain so, and **CALLS UPON** the African Union Commission and AUDA-NEPAD Secretariat to continue to harmonize their work programmes to prevent duplication of roles;
4. **NOTES WITH APPRECIATION** the Progress Report presented on behalf of H.E. Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa as Chair of the HSGOC High-level Sub-Committee on the Presidential Infrastructure Champion Initiative (PICI). While commending the Presidential Champions for their commitment, **UNDERScores** the critical need for PICI projects to advance inter-connectivity among African Countries and sub-regions in order to address infrastructure deficits and boost intra-African trade. **TAKES NOTE** that Financing in Africa infrastructure reveals a gap of US\$90 Billion, thus, impeding the continent's ability to deliver on critical development objectives. In this regard, **CALLS FOR** the implementation of urgent measures aimed at unlocking access to finance, and **REQUESTS** AUDA-NEPAD to work closely with the African Development Bank (AfDB) in order to support the Africa Co-guarantee Platform (CGP) in view of increasing the amount of finance available to Africa for its infrastructure and trade by scaling up risk mitigation;
5. **TAKES NOTE** of Decision EX.CL/Dec.1063(XXXV) adopting the legal instruments of AUDA-NEPAD and **NOTES** the issues raised by some member states of the HSGOC and **DECIDES** that the principle of non-rotation of the 5 initiating Member States be retained;
6. **FURTHER NOTES** Decision Assembly/AU/691(XXXI) nominating the Chairperson of the Commission to Co-Chair the Steering Committee and **DECIDES** to replace the Chairperson of the African Union Commission with the Chairperson of the Union;
7. **REQUESTS** the Commission to amend all relevant AUDA-NEPAD legal instruments to include the decisions in paragraphs 5 and 6 above;

8. **HAVING ACKNOWLEDGED** the exceptional leadership, competency and continued improved performance of the AUDA-NEPAD under the auspices of Dr Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, **ENDORSES** the extension of his appointment until the appointment of a new Chief Executive Officer (CEO), and **URGES** the African Union Commission to complete the process of the appointment of the CEO for the AUDA-NEPAD by the next African Union Summit in January/February 2021 along the lines of the Maputo Declaration of July 2003, January 2008 AU Assembly Decision, in compliance with the African Union Staff Rules and Regulations, and **CALLS ON** Member States to encourage their citizens to submit applications for the post;
  
9. **ENDORSES** the election of H.E. Mr. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda, as HSGOC Chairperson, as well as the four (4) Vice Chairpersons for a single term of two years. The position of Vice-Chairperson and Rapporteur will be held by the outgoing Chairperson of the HSGOC, and the three other Vice-Chairpersons are nominated after regional consultations. **COMMENDS** H.E. President Macky Sall for the results achieved during his mandate and expresses its profound gratitude for his exceptional leadership as the Head of the HSGOC;
  
10. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.691(XXXI) and Article 7 of the AUDA-NEPAD Statute on the new membership of thirty-three (33) Member States as follows: eight (8) Heads of State and Government representing the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and five (5) Member States per region:

Central Africa	East Africa	North Africa	Southern Africa	West Africa
1. Cameroon	6. Kenya *	11. Algeria	16. Lesotho*	21. Benin
2. Chad	7. Mauritius	12. Egypt	17. Malawi	22. Mali
3. D R Congo	8. Rwanda	13. Mauritania	18. South Africa	23. Nigeria
4. Equatorial Guinea*	9. Sudan	14. Morocco*	19. Zambia	24. Senegal
5. Gabon	10. Uganda	15. Tunisia*	20. Zimbabwe	25. Togo*

Note: \* Newly elected members

REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES	
26.	ECOWAS
27.	ECCAS
28.	IGAD
29.	UMA
30.	COMESA
31.	SADC
32.	EAC
33.	CENSAD