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DECISIONS

**DECISION ON THE REPORTS OF THE
SPECIALISED TECHNICAL COMMITTEES (STCs)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the reports of the Specialised Technical Committees (STCs) and adopts the recommendations contained in the reports;
 - A. **STC ON AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, WATER AND ENVIRONMENT**
2. **REQUESTS** the Commission for a study on the establishment for Responding to Emerging Pests in Africa in accordance with relevant AU regulations;
3. **ALSO REQUESTS** the PRC to establish a Sub-Committee on environmental issues.
 - B. **STC ON MIGRATION, REFUGEES AND INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS(IDPS)**
 - a) **On the Draft Protocol to the Treaty establishing the African Economic Community Relating to Free Movement of Persons, Right of Residence and right of establishment:**
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to:
 - i) convene a meeting of Member States Immigration Chiefs to develop, Guidelines and specifications for the design, production issuance and use of the African Passport as launched by Heads of State and Government in July 2016 in Kigali, Rwanda;
 - ii) submit to the PRC through its relevant Sub-Committees a proposal to reinforce the human resources capacity of the Commission to facilitate the realisation of the Implementation Roadmap, highlighting structural, financial and legal implications in accordance with AU rules and regulations;
 - iii) regularly provide a report on the status of implementation of the Protocol and its Implementation Plan.
 - b) **On Migration Policy Framework 2018-2030**
5. **ADOPTS** the revised Migration Policy Framework for Africa (MPFA) - 2018-2030 and the Plan of Action (2018-2030) annexed to the Migration Policy Framework;
6. **ENCOURAGES** Member States to align their policies to the Migration Policy Framework in order to facilitate proper migration management and governance;

C. STC ON EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

17. **ADOPTS** the common pedagogical contents developed on the basis of the General History of Africa and **REQUESTS** Member States to integrate them into their national curricula;
18. **TAKES NOTE** of the progress that the African Union High Level Panel on Emerging Technologies (APET) has made since its inception and its analysis of the first three emerging technologies on Gene Drive for control and elimination of malaria; Drones in the horizon: transforming Africa's agriculture; and Micro-grid: empowering communities and enabling transformation in Africa;
19. **REQUESTS** the African Union and Member States to harness these emerging technologies for development initiatives.
20. **ENDORSES** the proposal to operationalize the Africa Virtual and e-University as the open, distance and e-learning arm of the Pan African University;
21. **CALLS UPON** Member States to support the Pan-African Synchrotron initiative;
22. **TAKES NOTE** of the Skills Initiative for Africa as a continental programme for improving perspectives of young people in Africa through increased employment and income opportunities;
23. **ENDORSES** the Skills Initiative for Africa and the creation of World Skills Africa as programmes geared towards addressing skills shortages, mismatches and enhancing employment prospects for youth in Africa;
24. **URGES** Member States to contribute to the Continental Plan of Action for implementation of the Decade on Technical, Professional, Entrepreneurial Training and Youth Employment, and also develop National Implementation plans in line with the Assembly decision Assembly/AU/Dec.652 (XXIX) of July 2017.

D. STC ON THE PUBLIC SERVICE, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND DECENTRALIZATION

25. **COMMENDS** the Commission and the Republic of Congo for its leadership in the progress made on the implementation of activities of the STC 8 and the level of its operationalization from 2015 – 2016;
26. **TAKES NOTE** of the prevailing challenges in Public Service, Local Government, Decentralization and Urban Development;