

## **RECOMMENDATION ON THE ACCELERATION OF THE REVIEW PROCESS OF THE PROTOCOL TO THE TREATY ESTABLISHING THE AFRICAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (AEC) RELATING TO THE PAN-AFRICAN PARLIAMENT**

### **The Pan-African Parliament (PAP),**

- 1. In accordance with** the provisions of Article 25 of the Protocol which stipulates that “Five years after the entry into force of this Protocol, a Conference of the States Parties to this Protocol shall be held to review the operation and effectiveness, as well as the system of representation at the Pan-African Parliament in order to guarantee the attainment of its aims and objectives, as well as its vision in light of the evolving needs of the African Continent”;
- 2. In accordance** with Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.223(XII) of January 2009 on the review process of the Protocol establishing the AEC relating to the PAP.
- 3. Considering** Decision EX.CL/Dec.667(XIX) of July 2011 on the report of the PAP which underscores the need to accelerate the review process of the Protocol of the PAP in order to enable it effectively carry out its mandate;
- 4. Noting** the road map presented by the Chairperson of the African Union Commission during his presentation at the 6th Ordinary Session that was held in Addis Ababa;
- 5. Recalls** that the consideration of all the provisions of the revised Protocol were adopted and validated without any reservation by Government Experts during the meeting held from 7 to 11 November 2011 in Addis Ababa;
- 6. Draws** the attention of the legal experts of the African Union and that of the Attorneys General and the Ministers of Justice of Member States to accelerate the review process of the Protocol during their meetings that will take place from 22 to 26 February 2012 and on 27 and 28 February 2012 respectively;
- 7. Calls on the** members of the PRC to include the consideration of the revised Protocol on the agenda of the next meeting of the Executive Council as soon as it is adopted by the legal experts of the African Union and the Attorneys General and the Ministers of Justice of Member States;

Addis Ababa, 20 January 2012