

RECOMMENDATION ON THE ADVOCACY, RATIFICATION AND DOMESTICATION OF THE AFRICAN CHARTER ON DEMOCRACY, ELECTIONS AND GOVERNANCE

The Pan-African Parliament (PAP),

- 1. In accordance with** the provisions of the Protocol to the Treaty establishing the African Economic Community (AEC) relating to the PAP in its Articles 3 and 18 which calls on the Parliament to “*Promote the principles of Human rights and democracy in Africa and encourage good governance and accountability in Member States; which mandates it to work in close collaboration with the Parliaments of Regional Economic Community (RECs) and the National Parliaments or other deliberative organs of Member States*”;
- 2. In accordance** with Decision EX.CL/Dec. 526(XVI) of the Executive Council which calls on the PAP to support the efforts of the AUC and carry out advocacy and sensitization of Member States in order that they accelerate the signing/ratification/membership process of OAU/AU treaties;
- 3. Congratulating** the efforts of the African Union Commission and the Parliament on having deposited the ratification instruments of 15 countries and the entry into force of the Charter on 15 February 2012;
- 4. Encourages** the States that have not yet done so to ratify the Charter;
- 5. Recommends** to the 17 States that have ratified the Charter to take the necessary measures to include it in the national legal order notably by the domestication of these provisions;
- 6. Calls on** the States that have ratified the Charter but have not deposited it to do so;
- 7. Recommends** to the Civil Society and the media to play an active role in disseminating the Charter at the national level.