

RECOMMENDATION ON THE AFRICAN UNION BUDGET FOR 2015

CONSIDERING the provision of Article 11(2) of the Protocol to the Treaty establishing the African Economic Community which states that the pan African Parliament shall “ discuss its budget and the Budget of the Community and make recommendation thereon prior to its approval by the Assembly”,

Noting with concern the low execution of the African Union Budget by the various organs and that more than 66% of the Operational Budget is financed by five countries with very little input from the rest of the member States;

Observing the low contribution level of member States has affected the operations of the African Union, as a consequence more than 95% of the Programme Budget is dependent on partner funds

Further observing the delay in adopting the proposals for Alternative Financing of the African Union since 2011;

The Pan-African Parliament Recommends that:

1. All organs of African Union should improve the execution rate of their budgets.
2. The African Union systems and regulations should be reviewed and strengthened to ensure that member States timously and regularly pay their contributions.
3. That, all member States must include a budget line on their contribution dues to the AU which must be debated and adopted in National Parliaments.
4. The proposals for alternative funding especially those by the “Obasanjo Panel” be at the next Summit of Heads of State at Malabo in June 2014 so as to avoid overdependence of partners to finance Programme Budget of the Union.
5. The Budget performance report for the previous year should be brought to the Parliament at least one month before the presentation of the Budget on the floor of Parliament.
6. All organs of the African Union especially the Parliament must be fully involved in the budget preparation cycle to ensure all interests of the African people are addressed.

Done in Midrand, 11 March 2014