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## FINAL COMMUNIQUE

The 1st Ordinary Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Pan African Youth Union

The Pan African Youth Union (PYU) held the 1st Ordinary meeting of the Executive Committee from 6-7 April 2018 in Bamako, Republic of Mali, at the Columbus Hotel.

The members of the Executive Committee who attended the meeting are:

- ✓ Democratic Republic of Congo (President)
- ✓ Diaspora (Vice-President)
- ✓ Mali (Secretary General)
- ✓ Sudan (Deputy Secretary General/host country)
- ✓ Morocco (Deputy Secretary General / North Africa)
- ✓ Ghana (Deputy Secretary General / West Africa)
- ✓ Central African Republic (Deputy Secretary General / Central Africa)
- ✓ Diaspora (Deputy Secretary General)

The members of the Executive Committee excused are:

- ✓ Niger (Vice-President)
- ✓ Egypt (Vice-President)
- ✓ Madagascar (Vice-President)
- ✓ Uganda (Vice-President / East Africa)

The members of the Executive Committee absent are:

- ✓ Gabon (Vice-President / Central Africa)

The meeting had the following agenda:

1. Reform of the Pan African Youth Union
2. 2018-2020 Executive Committee Action Plan
3. Establishment of specialised commissions of the Pan African Youth Union

4. PYU Collaboration with the African Union
5. The African Youth Development Fund
6. AOB

#### Decisions taken

##### 1. Reform of the Pan African Youth Union

On the issue of the reform of the Pan-African Youth Union, the Executive Committee decided to set up a group of experts in collaboration with the African Union Commission in order to initiate the organizational reforms necessary for the proper functioning of the organization in accordance with its missions as stipulated in the statutes and internal rules.

The results of the work will be examined by an enlarged committee composed of the Representatives of the Executive Committee, a Representative from each region, coming from National Youth Councils and two representatives of international or regional youth organisations, two representatives of the Human Resources Science and Technology Department of the African Union Commission as well as experts in the field of youth.

The conclusions, suggestions and amendments of the committee will serve as a basis for the organisation of an extraordinary congress of the PYU which will be organised during the year 2019 with the collaboration of the AUC.

By this reform, the PYU wants to provide the means for good associative and democratic governance for the benefit of all African youth and its diaspora in order to reaffirm its role as a continental platform of the associative / youth movement.

This reform will be more global, more unifying, more participatory and more inclusive in accordance with the African Youth Charter, AU Vision 2063 and the and the UN 2030 Agenda (SGDs).

The Executive Committee mandates the Secretariat to take the necessary steps to discuss with the AUC about the above-mentioned points under the supervision of the President.

However, the Executive Committee will take the final decision.

##### 2. Development of the 2018-2020 Executive Committee Action Plan:

The 2018-2020 action plan is approved terms of reference of activities to be developed by the Secretariat.

### 3. Establishment of specialised commission of the Pan African Youth Union

The Executive Committee in order to improve the work of the PYU in the different Member States decided to create six following commissions from different African regions:

- Peace and Security;
- Education and competences;
- Entrepreneurship/Employment, Trade and Industry and economic participation;
- Health and lifestyle;
- Political participation;
- Civic participation.

The Executive Committee mandated the President in collaboration with the Secretariat of the PYU to appoint these commissioners that will lead the above-mentioned commissions.

The Commissioners will be answerable to the Executive Committee and will participate in all meetings of the Bureau without the right to vote. Their opinions are advisory.

The Secretariat will draft the Terms of references which will be validated by the Executive Committee in order to proceed to the designation of Commissioners.

### 4. PYU Collaboration with the African Union Commission

The Executive Committee of the Pan African Youth Union renews its commitment to work in close collaboration with the African Union Commission and urges the AUC to ensure effective, full and entire representation of young people in all matters related to the development of Youth in the African Union as stated in the provisions of the African Youth Charter and the Declaration of the Malabo Summit of June 2011 devoted to the empowerment of the youth.

### 5. The African Youth Development Fund

The Executive Committee congratulates the AUC for the steps taken in the framework of the operationalization of the African Youth Fund and instruct it to undertake it in conformity with decision Doc.Assembly / AU / 3 (XXIX) of the July 2017 Head of States summit on this fund, requesting the AUC to present to

the January 2018 Summit all the management instruments of the fund in accordance with the feasibility study of the Conference of African Ministers in charge of Youth of July 2008.

The Executive Committee invite the AUC to mobilize all AU partners to support the African Fund for the development of Youth.

6. The Executive Committee analysed the political, economic, social and cultural situation of the Continent through the following points:

The Executive Committee:

Congratulates, the President of Rwanda and the African Union President His Excellency Paul KAGAME, the President of the African Union Commission, His Excellency Moussa FAKI and all the African Union Member States that signed the Free Trade Area in Africa while calling for its ratification and implementation by Member States considering that this will contribute to the well-being of Africans according to the aspirations of the African Union Agenda 2063 for the Africa we want.

Congratulates, His Excellency George WEAH President of Liberia for his election, and also commands the Liberian people for the free, transparent, democratic and peaceful elections.

Congratulates, President-Elect of Sierra Leone His Excellency Julius MAADA BIO for his election.

Congratulates His Excellency President Uhuru KENYATA for his re-election and calls on the people of Kenya to unify in order to maintain peace and stability in the country.

Congratulates His Excellency Mr. Abdel Fatah Al-Sisi for his election as President of Egypt.

Congratulates the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo and the National Independent Electoral Commission of the DRC for the significant progress in the preparation of the presidential and legislative elections to be held in December this year. The Executive Committee calls on the Congolese youth to resist to any political manipulations and ensure young people's candidatures for enhanced political participation of the youth in accordance with article 11 of the African Youth Charter.

Thanks and congratulates His Excellency Joseph KABILA KABANGE, President of the Democratic Republic of Congo, the National Assembly, the Senate and the Congolese Government for the ratification of the African Youth Charter.

Congratulates the President of Mali, His Excellency Mr. Ibrahim Boubacar Keita and the Malian Government for the on going electoral process and recommends the participation of African Youth as observer to the elections.

Congratulates, the Malian National Youth Council for meeting with the Prime Minister, as well as for their advocacy missions for the holding of peaceful, transparent and credible elections.

Invites the Youth of Mali to participate fully, actively and responsibly in the elections by a massive vote to increase the participation rate for the legitimate institution.

Wishes the Malian people a good success in organising the upcoming elections.

Calls all the components of the Togolese people to a frank and inclusive dialogue for a lasting exit from the crisis that the country is going through.

Calls on Central Africa Youth to engage in the process of peace and reconciliation.

Encourages AU member states for efforts towards youth for demographic, digital and ecological transitions.

Addresses its deepest condolences to the South African people for the loss of Mama Winnie Madikizela Mandela, an icon of the anti-apartheid struggle.

Severely condemns the up scaling of terrorism, violent extremism and radicalism among the youth and calls them to the greatest civility the African Youth at the same time the EC urges African governments to provide environment favourable for Youth development so to decrease the vulnerability of Youth amidst this scourge.

Invites AU Members states to invest in education, training, skills development for the benefit of young people through the implementation of inclusive

development policies to curb irregular migration in order to promote equal opportunities for all the citizens.

Takes note of the report presented by the Deputy Secretary General of Sudan on the functioning of the Headquarter, and approves the recommendation submitted.

Urges, the government of Sudan to accompany the PYU in implementing the recommendation of the Deputy Secretary General of the host country Sudan in order to have a more operational Headquarter.

Urges, Member States elected within the Executive Committee, to honor their commitments by supporting their elected representatives including the Diaspora, in accordance with Article 37 of the PYU Statutes.

Approves in conformity with the proposal submitted by the Republic of Senegal at the 5th Ordinary Congress in Khartoum, to set up the regional office of the PYU West Africa in Dakar and request the Deputy Secretary General West Africa to take the necessary steps to commence engagements with the National Youth Council and the Government of Senegal under the guidance of the Secretary General.

Congratulates all Member states elected at the 5th Congress of the Pan-African Youth Union and thanks all Member States for their participation in the said Congress and the Government of Sudan for the warm welcome.

Deeply thanked the President of Mali, His Excellency Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, the Government as well as the Malian people for their hospitality and generous support for taking charge of the organisation of the first Ordinary Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Pan African Youth Union.

Welcomes and thanks the African Diaspora Youth for its involvement in the development and implementation of African policies enabling African Youth and African Diaspora Youth to build the Africa we want as stated in the African Youth Charter.

Thanks Russia for facilitating the participation of young people from at least 40 African countries in the 19th World Festival of Youth and Students in Sochi in October 2017.

Also thanks Russia for inviting African Youth to observe 2018 Russian Presidential election.

Thanks His Excellency President Emmanuel Macron for his engagement in the development of the African Youth in entrepreneurship.

Thanks and congratulates His Excellency President Field Marshall Omar El-Beshir of Sudan for hosting the headquarters of the PYU and for his constant support to African Youth.

Bamako, April 07, 2018

General Secretary



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