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We, African Union Ministers in charge of Energy, meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 16 November 2012 on the occasion of the second session of the Conference of Energy Ministers of Africa (CEMA) organized by the African Union Commission;

1. Guided by the Decision adopted by the 12th AU Summit held in February 2009 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to develop renewable energy resources in order to provide clean, reliable, affordable and environmentally friendly energy; the November 2010 Maputo Declaration of the First Conference of African Ministers in charge of Energy to promote clean energy in a joint effort with others; and the January 2012 Addis Ababa Decision of the 18th AU Summit approving the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa and the institutional architecture for its implementation and inviting the Commission to ensure its speedy implementation;

2. Considering the Report of Experts meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 14-15 November 2012 taking into account the outcomes of the second All Africa Energy Week which addressed the critical issue of Renewable Energy for Sustainable Development: From Potential to Infrastructures and Services;

3. Noting that 2012 has been declared the International Year of Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL) by the United Nations Secretary General with three main objectives to be achieved by the year 2030, namely: (i) universal access to modern forms of energy, (ii) doubling the share of renewable in the total energy mix; and (iii) doubling the rate of energy efficiency improvements.

4. Recognizing the significant potential of renewable energy to accelerate socio-economic development of Africa, contribute significantly to universal access to modern energy and energy security and address climate change mitigation and adaptation.

5. Commending the AfDB President announcement, on the margin of the Rio+20 Conference in June 2012, to commit 1 billion US dollars a year to finance access to energy projects in Africa;

6. Also noting the proposal made by AfDB President to AfDB Governors to establish an “Infrastructure Bond” that targets 5% of the half trillion US dollars of African Central banks reserves to finance high return Infrastructure projects including PIDA.

7. Therefore, have agreed the following:

- Support the proposal for the UN General Assembly to declare a decade of Sustainable Energy for All and call on the UN General Assembly to proclaim the ten-year period beginning on 1 January 2014 the United Nations Decade of Sustainable Energy for All;

- Take all necessary measures at national and regional levels to accelerate the implementation of the PIDA Energy Priority Action Plan that gives first priority to renewable energy development
 - Decide to endorse the special resolutions on the implementation of the PIDA Energy Priority Action Plan; on the Sustainable Energy for All; on the African Energy Information System and Database, on Bioenergy Policy Framework and on Investment Financing and the Role of Public-Private Partnership in the Development of Renewable Energy
 - Adopt rules of procedures of our Conference for better coordination of our efforts to find solutions to African energy sector issues;
 - Strengthen with adequate political support and resources the Framework of the All-Africa Energy Week, the Pan-African Investment Forum organized under our auspices, by effectively establishing the technical secretariat, and decide the holding of experts progress review meetings every other year, alternatively to the statutory meeting of CEMA.
 - Support AUC/NPCA/AfDB partnership to coordinate and facilitate the implementation of SE4ALL Initiative in Africa;
 - Set-up a mechanism to stimulate and acknowledge the efforts made by African countries, Institutions and Research Centres to accelerate the development of renewable energies on Africa continent;
 - Endorse the conclusions and recommendations of the Ministerial Roundtable held on November 15th, 2012 in Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia;
8. **Express** our sincere gratitude to all Institutions and Development partners for their announcement to effectively support African efforts to accelerate the development of renewable energies in Africa;
9. **Express** our sincere gratitude to the African Union Commission for for all the measures taken to make this session a complete success.
10. **Request** the AUC to consult, in coordination with the chair of CEMA, with countries in West, Central and North Africa, which did not yet host a CEMA ordinary meeting, to determine the host country of the next AAEW/PAIF/CEMA meeting.
11. **Finally, express** our satisfaction at the spirit of responsibility, frankness and conviviality that characterized the proceedings of this session.

Done at Addis Ababa, on 16 November 2012