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82nd SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The 82nd Session of the Executive Committee of the African Parliamentary Union (UPA) was held in N'Djamena (Republic of Chad), at the Palais de la Démocratie, headquarters of the National Transitional Council. The Honourable Mrs. Mabel Memory CHINOMONA, President of the Senate of Zimbabwe, Vice-President of the Executive Committee of the UPA, chaired the proceedings.

Delegates from the parliaments of the following countries took part in the proceedings of this session: Algeria, Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Gambia, Ghana, Equatorial Guinea, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Chad and Zimbabwe.

The President of the Youth Organization for the European and African Union attended the proceedings as an observer.

OPENING SESSION

Sunday, October 6, 2024 (12:00 p.m.)

At the opening session of the 82nd Session of the Executive Committee, the Vice-President of the UPA Executive Committee, Mrs. Mabel Memory CHINOMONA, was joined by Mr. Epainete Djanrang SENDE, 5th Vice-President of the National Transitional Council of Chad, President of the Organizing Committee, Mr. Mahamat Oumar MALLOUM, Member of the National Council of Chad, Rapporteur of the Executive Committee, and Mr. IDI Gado Boubacar, Secretary General of the UPA.

Mr. Epainete Djanrang SENDE, 5th Vice-President of the National Transitional Council of Chad, President of the Organizing Committee, delivered the following words of welcome:

Right Honorable MABEL MEMORY CHINOMONA, President of the Senate of Zimbabwe, representing the President of the Executive Committee of the African Parliamentary Union, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, Speakers of National Assemblies, Mr. Secretary General of the Union of the African Parliamentary Union, Ladies and Gentlemen, members of the Executive Committee of the African Parliamentary Union, Honorable African parliamentarians, dear colleagues,

It is a great pleasure and an inestimable honor for me to speak on behalf of the Organizing Committee and in my own name, on the occasion of the opening ceremony of the 82nd session of the Executive Committee of the African Parliamentary Union to extend to each of you a cordial welcome to this great and sumptuous Palace of Democracy, seat of the National Transitional Council.

Right Honorable MABEL MEMORY CHINOMONA, President of the Senate of Zimbabwe, representing the President of the Executive Committee of the African Parliamentary Union,

In the context of organizing this Session, the Organizing Committee has worked tirelessly to make the stay of the various delegations in Chad and the activities in the Chamber pleasant; however, you may notice here and there certain inadequacies inherent in any human work.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I would like to ask for your indulgence for any inconvenience that these inadequacies may cause.

We remain at your disposal throughout the work.

I thank you for your kind attention.

Applause

The President of the Senate of Zimbabwe, Deputy President of the Executive Committee, Mrs. Mabel Memory CHINOMONA, delivered the following address:

*Mr. First Vice-President of the National Transitional Council of Chad,
Rt Honorable Presidents,
Ladies and Gentlemen Members of the Executive Committee,
Honorable Parliamentarians,
Mr. Secretary General of the APU,
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

On behalf of the President of the Executive Committee of the African Parliamentary Union, His Excellency Mr. Adama Bictogo, who was unable to travel to N'Djamena due to a very busy national schedule, and on behalf of the Honorable Parliamentarians, I would like to thank Mr. First Vice-President of the Transitional National Council of the Republic of Chad for his welcome and his wishes for the success of our proceedings.

I would also like, on behalf of all of you, to say how happy we are to be in N'Djamena, in the Republic of Chad, for the 82nd session of the Executive Committee after having been in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, last June. We are thus responding to the kind invitation of the National Group of Chad and, still on behalf of all of you, you will allow me to express to the authorities of this country and to the President of the Republic of Chad, His Excellency Mr. Mahamat Idriss Déby Itno, to the National Transitional Council and its Speaker, His Excellency Mr. Haroun KABADI, as well as to the people of Chad, our gratitude and sincere thanks for the warm and fraternal welcome and the means made available to us to ensure the best conditions for the holding of our annual sessions.

Our thanks also go to the General Secretariat for the good preparation of these meetings in N'Djamena.

*Mr. Vice-President,
Honorable parliamentarians,*

During this session, we will have to evaluate the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the 45th Conference that we held in Abidjan in December 2023. We will also have to examine the annual work program, the draft budget for 2025, and the amendments to the APU Statutes and Rules. Finally, it will be up to us to prepare the 46th Conference of the African Parliamentary Union which will open at the end of our work.

Regarding the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Conference, we note with satisfaction that APU was able to convene its Executive Committee in Abidjan. Similarly, it was able to reply and take part in international activities for which it has a role, as is the case with the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the United Nations Office on Counter-Terrorism.

The annual programme for 2025 should reflect our priorities by continuing our action to strengthen our Union as an instrument of cooperation between African national parliaments and coordinator of our activities at the regional and international levels. We wish to develop these actions so that African parliamentarians are better able to contribute effectively to the security and human development of our African continent.

*Mr. Vice-President,
Honourable parliamentarians,*

N'Djamena will be an opportunity for us to ensure that APU has its operating budget for 2025 in order to continue its activities in the interest of our respective parliaments. We must ensure that we meet our financial obligations to APU in order to protect it from difficulties that could hamper its operation. I ask member parliaments that have contribution arrears to put a stop to this process of accumulating unpaid contributions in order to resume payment of the annual contribution that is included in the budget. The issue of arrears can be resolved a posteriori. It is time for APU to recover all of its annual budgetary resources from its members' contributions, a guarantee of its sustainability.

In accordance with the decisions of our last conference, a process has begun to make amendments to the APU Statutes and Rules. This is how proposals for amendments were presented by National Groups and we will therefore have to examine the results of the work of the Committee on this issue.

As for the agenda of the 46th Conference, we decided at our last session in Abidjan that we would examine two themes, namely: "*Meeting the challenges of peace and security, in particular by promoting the involvement and empowerment of youth in African countries*", and "*The economic development of African countries through the development of natural resources, the diversification of the economy and industrialization*".

You will see that these two themes are closely linked because there is no development and security without the involvement of youth and the development of natural resources. Of course,

Africa's delay in terms of development is partly attributable to conflicts and governance that is not adapted to the economic, social and security situation.

I would not like to draw your attention further on issues that we will have to debate during our work in N'Djamena.

I hope that our work will be fruitful and contribute to moving our continent towards greater progress and well-being for our populations.

I thank you and declare open the 82nd Session of the Executive Committee of African Parliamentary Union.

Applause

Suspension of the session (12:20)

Resumption of the session (1:00 p.m.).

The President announced the resumption of the session and invited the delegates to observe a minute of silence in memory of the mother of the President of the National Assembly of Côte d'Ivoire, President of the Executive Committee of the UPA, who recently passed away.

She then invited the Secretary General to read out the draft agenda for the 82nd Session of the Executive Committee.

The Secretary General read out the following draft agenda:

Draft agenda

1. Consideration of the implementation of the decisions and recommendation of the Conference.
2. Consideration and adoption of the annual work programme for 2025.
3. Consideration of the Draft Budget for the financial year 2025.
4. Consideration and adoption of the amendments to the Statutes and Rules of procedure
5. Preparation of the draft agenda of the 46thConference.
6. Draft agenda of the 83rd Session of the Executive Committee.
7. Date and venue of 83rd Session of the Executive Committee.

The members of the Executive Committee discussed whether or not to keep item 4 on the agenda.

It was recalled that the Amendments Committee met on 5 October 2024, and that it was appropriate to take note of the report of said Committee.

The members of the Executive Committee also added an item on the appointment of two Auditors for the 2024 financial year, after item 3 on the Budget.

The agenda was adopted unanimously.

EXAMINATION OF AGENDA ITEMS

Item 1: Consideration of the implementation of the decisions and recommendation of the Conference

The Secretary general submitted the following report :

IMPLEMENTATION OF APU DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

At the 81st Session of the Executive Committee held on June 4 and 5, 2024 in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, the General Secretariat presented a report on the activities carried out after our last conference, which focused on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the 45th Conference which took place on December 14 and 15, 2023 in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. This report will focus on the activities carried out after the 81st Session of the Executive Committee.

It will therefore be structured around two points, namely a brief reminder of the report presented at the last Session of the Executive Committee held in Abidjan, on the one hand, and the activities carried out after this session.

1. BRIEF REMINDER OF THE REPORT PRESENTED AT THE 81st SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(a) Activities carried out after the 81st Session of the Executive Committee

1. Results of the work of the 80th Session of the Executive Committee and the 45th Conference, Abidjan, 11-15 December 2023

The General Secretariat transmitted the results of the work of the 45th Conference of the APU to all national Parliaments, members and non-members of the Union, as well as to international and interparliamentary organizations. As a reminder, these were the resolution on "*The fight against insecurity and terrorism, factors of instability and recession*", the resolution on "*The development of intra-African trade with a view to the effective implementation of the African integration*

agenda", the resolution of the Committee of Women Parliamentarians of the UPA on "*Promoting the role of African women in stimulating intra-African trade*", the "*Abidjan Declaration on the Gaza crisis*" and the motion of support for the people of Niger.

The report of the work of the 80th session of the Executive Committee and the Report of the Abidjan work were also transmitted to the member parliaments.

2. Preparations for the 81st Session of the Executive Committee

As a host country for the 81st Session could not be determined during the work of the 80th Session, the 81st Session was held in Abidjan, at the Headquarters of the Union, in accordance with the provisions of Article 42 of the APU Rules of Procedure , with the support of the National Assembly of Côte d'Ivoire.

This is the place to renew our thanks to His Excellency Mr. Adama Bictogo, Speaker of the National Assembly of Côte d'Ivoire, President of the APU Executive Committee for the support provided in the organization of this session in Abidjan, following the 80th Session and the 45th Conference of the APU.

3. Call for contributions

In February 2024, the General Secretariat issued a call for contributions addressed to all member parliaments. This call was accompanied by a statement of arrears owed by the parliaments concerned.

(b) Summary of the participation of APU in inter-parliamentary and international activities

The activities relating to the participation of APU in inter-parliamentary and international meetings, mentioned on the occasion of the 81st Session of the Executive Committee, are set out in more detail in the report of the General Secretariat which will be presented to the 46th Conference. The PAU took part in the following activities:

- the 148th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and related meetings, from 23 to 27 March 2024. The PAU General Secretariat organized the Meeting of the African Geopolitical Group.
- the 18th Conference of the Parliamentary Union of the OIC-PUIC Member States, from 2 to 5 March in Abidjan.
- the 5th Meeting of the Coordination Mechanism of Parliamentary Assemblies in the fight against terrorism and "Parliamentary political dialogue on the protection of religious sites and symbols", Istanbul (Turkey), 8-9 May 2024.

2. ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT AFTER THE 81ST SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2.1 Preparations for the 82nd Session of the Executive Committee and the 46th Conference of the UPA

Following the decision of the National Transitional Council of Chad to host the 82nd Session of the Executive Committee and the 46th Conference of APU, the Secretary General carried out a working mission to N'djamena from 11 to 13 June 2024, in order to examine with the parliamentary authorities of Chad the practical arrangements for preparing these sessions. The conclusions of the discussions between the two parties were the subject of an Agreement between the National Council of Chad and the African Parliamentary Union, which sets out the obligations of each party.

This is the place to renew our thanks to the Chadian parliamentary authorities for having accepted that these sessions be held in N'djamena and for all the facilities they have offered so that these sessions are held in the best possible conditions.

Special thanks are extended to His Excellency Haroun KABADI, Speaker of the Transitional National Council, to the Honorable ALI-KOLOTOU Tchaïmi, Deputy-Speaker of the TNC and to the National Group of APU of Chad led by the Honorable Mahamat Omar Malloum.

2.2 The Global Conference of Women Parliamentarians, Doha 26-27 June 2024

The United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), with the support of the Shura of the State of Qatar and in collaboration with APU, organized on 26 and 27 June 2024 in Doha, Qatar, the Global Conference of Women Parliamentarians on the theme: "The role of women parliamentarians in the development, implementation and monitoring of legislation, policies and strategies to combat terrorism and prevent violent extremism".

Several African women parliamentarians, representatives of United Nations Agencies and Civil Society Organizations were able to take part, in person or online, in this important meeting.

The conference aimed to:

- support and promote the leadership, full and equal participation of women parliamentarians in the development, implementation and monitoring of legislation, policies and strategies to combat terrorism and violent extremism;
- promote the integration of the gender dimension in the development, implementation and monitoring of policies and strategies to combat terrorism
- facilitate the creation of a Network of Women Parliamentarians on the fight against terrorism and the prevention of violent extremism.

2.3 The Universal Forum for Women's Leadership, Strasbourg, 11-12 July 2024

The European Cooperation System, in partnership with the European Parliament and in collaboration with APU, organized in Strasbourg, France, the Universal Forum for Women's Leadership on the central theme "Political emergence and political and economic impact: the axes of all possibilities for women's leadership in a changing world".

Several women parliamentarians took part in this event.

The conclusions of the forum reported:

- Recommendations of the women's working groups on education and training, on the political involvement of women and leadership, the fight against violence against women, solidarity through networking, media coverage and political control, training and awareness-raising, economic independence of women;
- identification of the difficulties encountered by women leaders;
- major announcements of the forum, including the idea of:
 - creation of an international networking platform for women around the world;
 - creation of the African Association of Women Senators.

2.4 Implementation of reforms within APU

In order to give new momentum to APU and optimize its operation, reforms have been initiated. Their implementation required initiating a process of revision of the Union's texts, which is currently underway.

Furthermore, measures have been taken to implement the decisions of the 81st Session relating to the operation of APU.

2.4 Statement on Mali

A Statement was issued condemning in the strongest terms the terrorist attack perpetrated on September 17, 2024 in Bamako, Mali, which caused dozens of deaths.

Through this statement, APU presented its condolences to the families of the victims and wished a speedy recovery to the injured. It expressed its support for the institutions of the Transition and the Malian people and sent them its encouragement in their fight against terrorism.

The interventions of the members of the Executive Committee focused on the content of the report, considering that the decisions and recommendations had been implemented by the Secretary General.

They took note of and welcomed the UPA Declaration on Mali that the Secretary General published, following the terrorist attack of September 17, 2024 in Bamako. They considered that the UPA, faced with such a tragedy, could not remain indifferent and must therefore provide its support to the authorities and the people of Mali.

Finally, the members of the Executive Committee stressed the need for national parliaments to work together with their respective governments to meet the needs and expectations of the populations.

Following its observations, the Executive Committee unanimously adopted the report presented by the Secretary General.

Item 2 : Consideration and adoption of the annual work programme for 2025

The Secretary general submitted the following annual work programme :

ANNUAL WORK PROGRAM FOR 2025

The annual work programme for 2025 mainly focuses on:

- activities relating to the statutory meetings of the African Parliamentary Union,
- meetings in partnership with other organisations, and
- participation in inter-parliamentary and international conferences.

(a) Sessions of the African Parliamentary Union (APU)

For the programming of the next statutory meetings of the APU, the President of the Executive Committee and the Secretary General have renewed their call to Member Parliaments to offer to host a future session of the APU. We hope that this call will be fulfilled during the current N'Djamena sessions.

1. The 83rd Session of the Executive Committee

In accordance with the Statutes of the Union, the 83rd Session of the Executive Committee should be held around May 2025. The venue of this session is the subject of an item on the agenda of the current N'Djamena session.

2. The 84th Session of the Executive Committee and the 47th Conference of the Union.

In accordance with the Statutes of the Union, the Conference is held once a year in ordinary session. For 2025, the 47th Conference will be preceded by the 84th Session of the Executive Committee. These sessions should be held around November 2025. The venue of this event is the subject of an item on the agenda of the N'Djamena conference.

(b) Relations with the Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union (AIPU)

1. Afro-Arab Parliamentary Conference

It is still planned that the 15th Afro-Arab Parliamentary Conference will be held in a country in the Arab region. It should be noted that consultations with the new management of the General Secretariat of the AIPU will be conducted for this purpose.

2. Participation in the annual sessions of the Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union (AIPU)

The APU will take part in the annual conference of the Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union scheduled for 2024. This participation is part of the cooperation and exchange relations with this organization and will help preserve this relationship and develop it through the reactivation of Afro-Arab parliamentary activities.

(c) Relations with the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

1. 150th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

The APU will take part in the 150th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union scheduled for 5-9 April 2025 in Tashkent (Uzbekistan) and will be responsible for organizing the meeting of the African geopolitical group on this occasion.

2. 151st Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

The APU will take part in the 151st Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union scheduled for October 2025. The venue has not yet been set. On the sidelines of this conference, the APU will organize the meeting of the African geopolitical group.

(d) Relations with the United Nations Office for Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)

The APU will continue its cooperative relations with the United Nations Office for Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) through the organization of parliamentary meetings or the establishment of support programs for parliaments.

(e) Relations with the Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States

The APU is expected to take part in the 19th Conference of the Parliamentary Union of the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (PUIC) scheduled for early 2025.

(f) Relations with other Regional, International and Inter-parliamentary Organizations

The APU participation in international conferences aims to strengthen its visibility at the international level and to maintain cooperative relations with all other regional and international organizations.

Also, the African Parliamentary Union will strive to promote relations of cooperation and exchange with organizations in Africa and in the world, organizations which share the same objectives with it.

Following this presentation of the Annual Work Programme for 2025, the members of the Executive Committee insisted on the actions that the UPA should undertake to strengthen the capacities of parliamentarians, particularly in the fight against terrorism.

On this point, the Secretary General informed the members of the Executive Committee that efforts are being made with external partners, mainly with the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) to set up capacity-building programmes for Parliaments in their actions against terrorism.

Following these observations, the Executive Committee approved the Annual Work Programme for 2025.

Item 3 : Consideration of the Draft Budget for the financial year 2025.

Draft Budget for the financial year 2025

The President invited the Secretary general to submit the Draft Budget for the financial year 2025.

PRESENTATION NOTE OF THE DRAFT BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2025

The draft Budget for the 2025 financial year was established with slight adjustments without impact on the overall volume of revenues and expenditures approved for the previous financial year.

Thus, the draft Budget for the 2025 financial year is balanced in revenues and expenditures at an amount of 1,138,177 Euros, the same as that of 2024.

In Revenues, there are ordinary revenues consisting of contributions from National Parliaments, on the one hand, and extraordinary revenues, on the other hand.

Forty (40) Parliaments are registered in the scale of contributions for the financing of the 2025 budget. These ordinary revenues represent 98.33% of the overall amount of revenues.

The subsidy from the Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union is registered in the budget as extraordinary revenue.

In Expenditure, the budget estimates of the previous financial year are renewed for all chapters, with however readjustments within the chapters that take into account the latest decisions of the Executive Committee, and which concern the chapter "Staff Expenditure" as well as the chapter "Travel Allowances". The overall volume in the chapter staff expenditure has been renewed with the continued objective of strengthening the services of the General Secretariat.

The overall forecasts of expenditure in "travel allowances", "Works, Supplies and External Services", "Transport", "Union meetings and sessions", and in "Miscellaneous Expenditure" are renewed for 2025.

These are the observations that the General Secretariat brings to the attention of the Executive Committee to which it submits the draft Budget for the financial year 2025.

Following the presentation of the draft budget for the 2025 financial year by the Secretary General and the clarifications he provided on the variations made to certain budget items compared to the 2024 financial year, which variations did not impact the overall amount of the budget adopted for 2024, the importance of having a strategy aimed at collecting contributions was stressed.

The Secretary General raised the recurring problem of unpaid contributions and called on parliamentarians to contribute to efforts aimed at collecting revenue.

The President considered it necessary to encourage parliaments to settle their contribution arrears.

Following these observations, the Executive Committee approved the draft budget for the 2025 financial year, which balances revenue and expenditure at 1,138,177 Euros.

The Executive Committee has finally reappointed Messrs. NGAYAP Pierre Flambeau, Senator of Cameroon, and ACHIA Remigio, Member of the Parliament of Uganda, as Auditors of the accounts for the financial year 2024.

(See Annex II the Budget for 2025)

Item 4 : Consideration and adoption of the amendments to the Statutes and Rules of procedure

The President invited the Chair of the Committee on Amendments to take the floor.

The Chair of the Committee on Amendments, Mr. Pierre Flambeau NGAYAP, informed the members of the Executive Committee that the committee had met on 5 October to review the amendments presented by the National Groups and report back to the Executive Committee. He then gave the floor to the Rapporteur of the committee who read out the following document:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES

The Committee on Amendments to the APU Statutes met on 5 October 2024 in N'Djamena to consider the proposed amendments presented by the national groups of Algeria, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea and Rwanda.

Algeria and Cameroon, members of the Committee, as well as the APU Secretary General , took part in this meeting.

After consultation, the Committee appointed the following members of its bureau:

- Mr. Pierre Flambeau NGAYAP, Senator of Cameroon, President
- Ms. Zakia BOUGATOUCHA, Deputy of Algeria, Rapporteur

Before the start of the work, the Secretary General recalled the statutory provisions governing the submission of amendment proposals, in particular concerning the deadlines required for the submission of amendments set at six months before the conference for the Statutes and three months before the conference for the Rules of Procedure.

With the exception of the amendments submitted by Rwanda and Equatorial Guinea, which were deemed admissible, the other proposals are not within the six-month deadline.

These other proposals represent almost all of the amendments submitted for consideration.

In order to comply with the texts of the Union, the Committee has however decided, to allow for consistency in the amendments, to examine, firstly, at this meeting in N'Djamena, all the proposed amendments, and to submit, secondly, its conclusions, including on possible other proposals from National Groups, to the next session of the Executive Committee, namely the 83rd Session.

Thus, the Committee proceeded to examine the proposed amendments that have been submitted to date by the National Groups while waiting to finalize its work at a second meeting, during the 83rd session of the Executive Committee to which it will submit its conclusions.

Following the reading of the Committee's report on amendments and the observations of the members of the Executive Committee, the Secretary General indicated that the amendment proposals submitted by the National Groups had been sent to all Parliaments in accordance with the provisions of the Union's texts.

The members of the Executive Committee decided to postpone until the next session of the Executive Committee the examination of the amendments proposed by the National Groups.

The Secretary General was requested to send back to all Parliaments the amendment proposals submitted so far by the National Groups.

Item 5 : Consideration and adoption of the draft agenda of the 46thConference

The Secretary general submitted the following draft agenda :

1. Report by the Chairperson of the Executive Committee
2. Activity report from the Secretary-General
3. Report of the Committee of Women Parliamentarians
4. *Meeting the challenges of peace and security by promoting the participation and empowerment of young people in African countries* (Political Committee)
5. *Economic development of African countries through the harnessing of natural resources, economic diversification and industrialization.* (Economic and Sustainable Development Committee)
6. Date and venue of the 47th Conference
7. Election of the Chairperson of the Executive Committee
8. Any other business.

The Executive Committee approved the draft agenda for the 46th Conference

Item 6 : Draft agenda of the 83rd Session of the Executive Committee

The Secretary general submitted the following draft agenda :

1. Consideration of the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Conference
2. Consideration of the audited management accounts for 2024
3. Preparation of the draft agenda for the 47th Conference
4. Consideration and adoption of the proposed amendments to the Statutes and Regulations
5. Draft agenda of the 84th Session of the Executive Committee

6. Date and venue of the 84th Session of the Executive Committee.

The draft agenda of the 83rd Session of the Executive Committee was adopted.

Item 7: Date and venue of the 83rd Session of the Executive Committee

The Secretary General indicated that, according to the texts in force, this session is scheduled to be held at the beginning of the year 2025, that is, before April 30, 2025.

The President asked the members of the Executive Committee to examine this question at the venue of the 83rd Session and hoped that a country could propose itself before the end of the current meetings in N'Djamena.

Suspension of the session (6:15 p.m.)

Resumption of the session (Monday, October 7, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.)

CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 62ND SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The President invited Mr. Mahamat Oumar MALLOUM, Member of the National Transitional Council of Chad, Rapporteur of the Executive Committee, to present the Report on the work of the 82nd Session of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Mahamat Oumar MALLOUM, Rapporteur of the Executive Committee, presented the following report:

(See the Report in Annex I)

After some modifications, the Executive Committee adopted the report.

The Vice-President of the Executive Committee, at the end of the examination of the various items on the agenda, expressed her thanks to the parliamentarians for their participation in the work of this session and declared the 82nd Session of the Executive Committee of the UPA closed.

The session was closed (5:25 p.m.).

46th CONFERENCE

The 46th Conference of the African Parliamentary Union was held in N'Djamena (Republic of Chad), at the Palais de la Démocratie, seat of the National Assembly, on 8 and 9 October 2024.

Representatives of the parliaments of the following countries took part in this work: Algeria, Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Gambia, Ghana, Equatorial Guinea, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Chad and Zimbabwe.

The representatives of the Inter-Parliamentary Committee of UEMOA, The Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie, the League of Parliamentarians for AL QODS, the International Congress of Parliamentarians, the Russia Embassy in Chad, the Youth Organization for the European and African Union, took part in the 46th conference as observers.

OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY

Tuesday 8 October 2024

(10 :30)

The formal opening session of the 46th Conference of the African Parliamentary Union took place under the chairmanship of Mr. Ali Kolotou Tchaïmi, 1st Vice-President of the National Transitional Council of Chad. He was surrounded by Mrs. Mabel Memory CHINOMONA, President of the Senate of Zimbabwe, Vice-President of the Executive Committee of the UPA, and Mr. IDI GADO Boubacar, Secretary General of the APU.

Before the start of this formal opening session of the conference, the participants listened to the National Anthem.

The Master of Ceremonies cited the parliamentary delegations participating in this 46th Conference and highlighted the presence of the Speakers of Parliament who are taking part in this event. He then introduced the personalities who spoke at this formal opening session of the 46th Conference.

Mr. Epainete Djanrang SENDE, 5th Vice-President of the National Transitional Council of Chad, President of the Organizing Committee, delivered the following words of welcome:

Mr. Minister of State, Minister of Justice, Keeper of the Seals, Prime Minister, Head of Government, Mr. 1st Vice-President of the National Transitional Council,

*Very Honorable Mrs. Chinomona Mabel Memory, Vice-President of the Executive Committee of the African Parliamentary Union,
Very Honorable Presidents of National Parliamentary Assemblies members of the African Parliamentary Union,
Ladies and Gentlemen, members of the Executive Committee of the African Parliamentary Union,
Mr. Secretary General of the African Parliamentary Union,
Ladies and Gentlemen Presidents of the Great Institutions of the Republic,
Ladies and Gentlemen Members of the Government,
Ladies and Gentlemen Ambassadors and Heads of Diplomatic and Consular Missions,
Ladies and Gentlemen National Councilors,
Distinguished Guests, in your ranks, ranks and capacities, all protocol respected,
Ladies and Gentlemen.*

It is with great honor and pride that I would like to wish you, on behalf of the Organizing Committee and in my own name, a fraternal and cordial welcome to Chad, the country of TOUMAI, the cradle of humanity and in this hemicycle of the Palace of Democracy, seat of the National Transitional Council which serves as the parliament of Chad.

May I therefore be allowed, at the beginning of my speech, to thank each and every one of the distinguished guests present here, for their presence which elevates the present ceremony in color.

We are very happy to welcome the worthy daughters and sons of Africa that you are in this setting which offers us the opportunity to meet, reflect and debate on subjects of common interest. In this spirit, I would like to wish you fruitful deliberations throughout your work.

I would like to take this opportunity to pay a well-deserved tribute to the members of the Organizing Committee, who worked with great passion, great commitment, but also and above all great conviction for the success of this great event.

Given that no human work is perfect, the Organizing Committee requests all participants to indulge in the imperfections and shortcomings inherent in this type of organization that they may have noticed. Just remember that we welcomed you home, with heart and joy.

With these words, I wish the 46th APU Conference a resounding success.

Thank you.

Applause

Mrs Mabel Memory CHINOMONA, President of the Senate of Zimbabwe, Deputy Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the APU, addressed the conference as follows:

*Excellency, Mr. First Vice-President of the Transitional National Council,
Your Excellency the Prime Minister,
Your Excellencies, Honorable Speakers and Presidents,
Your Excellencies, Members of the Diplomatic Corps and International Organizations,*

*Hon. Members of Parliaments,
Mr Secretary general of APU
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

It is with pleasure that I wish you all a warm and cordial welcome to the opening ceremony of the 46th Conference of the African Parliamentary Union.

Let me begin by extending my sincere condolences to his Excellency Mr Adama BICTOGO, Chairman of the APU Executive Committee, who was unable to be with us, and who, at the time we are in N'Djamena, has lost his dear mother. We assure him of our support in the face of this difficult time.

I am proud and immensely happy to be in this welcoming city of N'Djamena, formerly known as Fort-Lamy before independence, the political and cultural center of the country with its multicultural influences, a reflection of its rich past. Indeed, N'Djamena is a fascinating place to explore where every corner tells a story, with monuments and lively streets. I remind you that Chad, considered the "heart of Africa", is a country rich in history and cultural diversity. Land of contrasts, at the crossroads of several geographical areas, from the Sahara desert in the north to the green savannahs in the south.

Allow me also, on behalf of the Presidents of Parliaments and Heads of delegations, members of the APU Executive Committee, to express my sincere gratitude and deep thanks to the National Transitional Council and to His Excellency the President of the Council, Haroun KABADI, for the opportunity offered to us host this conference in N'Djamena.

My thanks also go to the authorities of the Republic of Chad for the fraternal and warm welcome, as well as for all the courtesies extended towards us since our arrival in this country.

On behalf of the participants and in my own name, I would like to express my warm thanks and profound gratitude to His Excellency, the President, General Mahamat Idriss Déby Itno, for his support to our parliamentary organization. At the same time, I want to take this opportunity to reiterate my congratulations to His Excellency on the occasion of his recent election victory to the presidency of this wonderful country.

To all those who contributed to the organization of our sessions in N'Djamena, I would like to express my gratitude and thanks for all the facilities made available to us.

After Abidjan, where we held our previous conference in December 2023 as well as our first session of the Executive Committee of this year, in June 2024, our meeting in N'Djamena marks the beginning of a process of change for our parliamentary union. Yes, we will have to work to give our Union the means to strengthen itself and to be more at the service of our Parliaments, which in turn must meet the expectations of our populations.

*Excellencies,
Honorable parliamentarians,*

Ladies and gentlemen,

The African Parliamentary Union is today a privileged platform for debate on issues of capital importance for Africa. It is the crucible in which the common positions of African national parliaments on issues relating to peace and development are drawn up.

Our conference here in N'djamena will be an opportunity for us to debate two important themes, namely, "meeting the challenges of peace and security, in particular by promoting the involvement and empowerment of youth in African countries", and "the economic development of African countries through the development of natural resources, economic diversification and industrialization".

The participation of youth in the promotion of peace and security remains the guarantee of sustainable development, particularly if our countries manage to develop their natural resources, diversify their economies and industrialize.

Youth inclusion, security and economic development are crucial issues for our African countries. The continent is home to the youngest population in the world, with about 60% of Africans under the age of 25. The youth are a potential asset for development.

It must be underscored that African youth are increasingly recognized as a key factor in development, but their engagement is often hampered by structural obstacles.

It is important that security and economic development challenges must be addressed with innovative and inclusive solutions to ensure long-term stability. Investing in education, entrepreneurship, innovation, industrialization and regional security cooperation are key strategies to ensure a prosperous and secure future for young Africans.

For us, parliamentarians, education, health, economic and social development, citizen participation, good political and economic governance, are all areas in which we can make our voices heard for the benefit of future generations of our countries. I note with great concern the scourge of drug and substance abuse among our young people, an issue which calls upon us as parliamentarians to focus on legislation that provides rehabilitation and deterrence. I also call upon you to pro-actively involve yourselves in the budget processes of your respective parliaments, to ensure that adequate resources are allocated to dealing with drug related issues.

*Excellencies,
Honorable parliamentarians,
Ladies and gentlemen,*

The Committee of Women Parliamentarians that yesterday morning, focused on the Role of African Women in the face of the challenges of peace, security and development. Indeed, African women play a leading role in managing challenges related to peace, security and development. However, concerted efforts are still needed to strengthen their participation and reduce the inequalities that hinder their full potential.

*Excellencies,
Honorable parliamentarians,
Ladies and gentlemen,*

These are some points that I wanted to briefly mention and that will be debated during this 46th Conference. I hope that the results of our work will contribute to the achievement of peace, security and sustainable development in our respective countries.

Finally, I would like to reiterate, on behalf of all of you, my warm thanks and deep gratitude to the President of the Republic of Chad, for his support to the African Parliamentary Union, as well as to the parliamentary authorities for giving us the opportunity to benefit from Chadian hospitality.

I wish you fruitful deliberations.

Thank you.

Applause

After this applause, **Mr. Abderahim Bireme Hamid, Minister of State, Minister of Justice, representing the Prime Minister of the Republic of Chad**, delivered the following speech:

*Honorable Mrs. Chinomona Mabel Memory, Vice-President of the Executive Committee of the African Parliamentary Union,
Mr. First Vice-President of the National Transitional Council,
Honorable Presidents of National Parliamentary Assemblies members of the African Parliamentary Union,
Ladies and Gentlemen, members of the Executive Committee of the African Parliamentary Union,
Mr. Secretary General of the African Parliamentary Union,
Ladies and Gentlemen, Presidents of the Major Institutions of the Republic,
Ladies and Gentlemen, Members of the Government,
Ladies and Gentlemen, Advisors to the Presidency of the Republic and the Prime Minister's Office,
Ladies and Gentlemen, Ambassadors and Heads of Missions Diplomatic and Consular,
Ladies and Gentlemen National Councilors,
Madam General Delegate of the Government to the Municipality of N'Djamena,
Distinguished Guests, in your ranks, grades and qualities, all protocol respected,
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

It is with great joy that we welcome the eminent personalities who are the pride of the African Parliamentary Union. I thank you sincerely, on behalf of my government and the President of the Republic, Head of State, Mahamat Idriss Deby Itno who has asked me to welcome you to Chadian soil.

I wish you, our honorable guests, a pleasant stay in N'Djamena. Being at the crossroads of all African cultures, we Chadians, like other Africans, consider our guests as an integral part of our families. So I would like to tell you that you are at home, feel at home!

J'exprime surtout mes vives reconnaissances à toutes les délégations qui n'ont ménagé ni leur temps, ni leur énergie pour répondre présentes à ce grand rendez-vous parlementaire africain, un véritable espace d'échanges et de partages sur des questions essentielles de nos différentes communautés.

Honorable President and Speakers of National Parliamentary Assemblies, members of the African Parliamentary Union,

I salute the remarkable journey of the African Parliamentary Union since its creation. This pan-African organization has been able to adapt its objectives to the real concerns of African peoples and states. It strives to explore the best solutions to the economic, social, ecological and security challenges that are holding back the development of our continent. We must be proud of it, because it is a great organization.

Chad, my country, is proud to have contributed, through its parliament, to this noble cause. Our most ardent wish is to see this march lead us towards progress, in a spirit of peace and unity. Our rich and beautiful continent really needs it.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are all aware of the complex challenges that Africa faces. You parliamentarians know even more, because every day you are in contact with our valiant peoples. It is clear that no State can develop in isolation. This is why meetings like these are essential to promote harmonious development between our States in a strong and respectful interdependence.

The areas of cooperation are multiple, and our countries represent viable economic units. Thus, solidarity and consultation between Member States remain essential for the African Parliamentary Union.

The current meetings, dear Honorable Speakers and Presidents of National Parliamentary Assemblies, reflect our common commitment to harmonize our policies on peace, security and economic development. They pave the way for a new era of enhanced cooperation between States on the concerns shared by our peoples.

*Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

I would like to finally assure you that Chad will do everything possible to bring African peoples closer together and promote constructive cooperation between States. Together, let us work to build the Africa that we ardently desire.

I hope that your debates rich in content will be fruitful for the well-being of our working populations and for the prosperity of the African continent.

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I wish you good work.
Long live African Unity.
Thank you.

Applause

Subsequently, **Mr. Ali Kolotou Tchaimi, 1st Vice-President of the National Transitional Council of Chad**, delivered the following opening address:

*Very Honorable Mrs. CHINOMONA MABEL MEMORY, Vice-President of the Executive Committee of the African Parliamentary Union,
Mr. Minister of State, Minister of Justice, Keeper of the Seals, Representing Mr. Prime Minister, Head of Government,
Very Honorable Presidents of National Parliamentary Assemblies members of the African Parliamentary Union,
Ladies and Gentlemen, members of the Executive Committee of the African Parliamentary Union,
Mr. Secretary General of the African Parliamentary Union,
Ladies and Gentlemen, Presidents of the Major Institutions of the Republic,
Ladies and Gentlemen, Members of the Government,
Ladies and Gentlemen, Advisors to the Presidency of the Republic and to the Prime Minister's Office,
Ladies and Gentlemen Ambassadors and Heads of Diplomatic and Consular Missions,
Ladies and Gentlemen Representatives of International and Non-Governmental Organizations,
Ladies and Gentlemen National Councilors,
Madam General Delegate of the Government to the Municipality of N'Djamena,
Madam Mayor of the Municipality of N'Djaùena,
His Majesty the Sultan of N'Djamena Urban and Rural,
Distinguished Guests, in your ranks, grades and qualities, all protocol respected,
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

It is with great honor and deep humility that I speak at this solemn opening session of the 46th Conference of Presidents of National Parliamentary Assemblies of the African Parliamentary Union (APU).

On behalf of the President of the National Transitional Council, who is unable to attend, and on behalf of the Chadian people, we are particularly pleased to wish you a warm welcome and a pleasant stay in Chad, this African land of Toumaï, symbol of our common roots and our shared destiny as peoples of the African continent.

I would first like to convey to you the fraternal greetings and apologies of His Excellency Dr. HAROUN KABADI, President of the National Transitional Council, who for reasons beyond his control, was unable to be with us today. He nevertheless sends you his best wishes for the success of our work and reaffirms his unwavering commitment to the Pan-African cause.

I would also like to express our deep gratitude to the Prime Minister, Head of Government, whose presence here among us as guest of honour demonstrates the vital importance that Chad attaches

to this historic event. His presence embodies the spirit of cooperation and solidarity that must guide our common efforts to build a united, prosperous and peaceful Africa.

*Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

The holding of this conference in our capital city, N'Djamena, is of particular importance in the current political context of our country. Chad has gone through a complex political transition phase, which began after the tragic death of Marshal Idriss Deby Itno. In the face of this ordeal, we have shown our resilience and our collective will to preserve national unity.

Thanks to the wisdom and determination of His Excellency MAHAMAT IDRIS DEBY ITNO, we have been able to avoid the collapse of the State and lay the solid foundations for a peaceful transition.

The Inclusive and Sovereign National Dialogue, which brought together all the vital forces of the Chadian nation, marked a decisive turning point in our recent history. This framework for consultation allowed us to heal the wounds of a past marked by divisions, to lay the foundations for a future of peace and stability, and to reconcile the different components of our society.

Today, Chad is resolutely turned towards a prosperous future, and the recent presidential election of May 2024, organized in transparency and respect for democratic principles, is the perfect illustration of this.

Under the leadership of the President of the Republic, His Excellency MAHAMAT IDRIS DEBY ITNO, our nation has made considerable progress in institutional reforms, peace, and national reconciliation. This progress reflects the will of our people to resolutely commit to the path of development and cooperation with our African and international partners.

The National Transitional Council, which I have the honor of representing here today, remains determined to accompany and support the government's efforts in implementing essential reforms, while fully exercising its role as legislator to strengthen democracy, promote social justice and guarantee lasting stability. Our mission is to ensure that these reforms are carried out in a spirit of consultation, while preparing our country for the next elections in a climate of peace and transparency.

*Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

Beyond internal challenges, our African continent faces global issues of considerable magnitude. Security crises, climate change, economic challenges and geopolitical tensions affect not only our nations individually, but also our continent as a whole.

At a time when global dynamics are becoming increasingly unpredictable, it is imperative that we, the representatives of the African people, demonstrate unwavering unity and increased cooperation. The African Parliamentary Union (APU), through its key role in strengthening parliamentary institutions, must be at the heart of these collective efforts.

In this context, two fundamental themes will guide our work during this conference.

The first focuses on the challenges of peace and security in Africa, with a particular focus on the empowerment of our youth, who represent the future of our continent.

African youth, with their energy, creativity and resilience, must be at the centre of all our development policies. We must provide them with economic, social and political opportunities so that they can fully participate in building our nations.

The second theme will address economic development and how we can best exploit Africa's natural resources to diversify our economies and promote sustainable industrialization.

Africa has immense economic potential, but to take full advantage of it, we must invest in modern infrastructure, encourage innovation and strengthen regional integration.

In this context, it is essential that our national parliaments play a leading role in adopting laws and reforms that can foster inclusive and sustainable development. Our discussions during this conference must therefore be part of a clear vision: that of an Africa capable of meeting its challenges by its own means, with the support of strong and resilient institutions.

The APU Women's Committee will also focus on the crucial role that African women play in peacebuilding and socio-economic development. Their contribution to conflict mediation processes, education, and economic empowerment is indisputable. This is why we must continue to encourage their full participation in all areas of public life, because peace in Africa will only be possible with the active inclusion of women.

*Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

Since its creation on February 13, 1976, the African Parliamentary Union has demonstrated resilience and adaptation to geopolitical and economic developments. It has helped to consolidate inter-parliamentary cooperation and promote democracy on our continent.

Today, more than ever, it is imperative that this organization continues to act as a vehicle for dialogue and solidarity between our nations.

The time has come for us to move to a new stage of our parliamentary cooperation. Security challenges, including terrorist threats and intra-state conflicts, require increased coordination between our parliaments to strengthen security legislative frameworks and promote African solutions to African problems.

Similarly, global economic challenges, exacerbated by successive crises, require that we find collective responses through coordinated economic and social policies and common strategies for sustainable development.

It is with this in mind that we must work together, as representatives of the African peoples, to

build a stronger, more united and more prosperous Africa.

Peace, security and economic development are inseparable. It is our duty, as parliamentarians, to ensure that our national legislations support these objectives and meet the expectations of our populations.

*Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

As we begin this 46th Conference of Speakers of National Parliamentary Assemblies of the African Parliamentary Union, I am hopeful that our discussions will be fruitful and that our resolutions will contribute to building a better future for our continent.

By joining forces and sharing our experiences, we will be able to overcome the challenges we face and prepare an Africa where peace, prosperity and justice will reign supreme.

Guided by the strategic vision of the President of the Republic and his Government, Chad remains resolutely committed to promoting peace, security and sustainable development on the African continent. His determination to strengthen the bonds of cooperation between our nations and to face common challenges is a token of our aspiration to shape an Africa with closer ties, renewed strength, and flourishing prosperity.

It is in this pan-African spirit, and wishing with all my heart, every success to our work, that I declare open, the 46th Conference of Speakers of National Parliamentary Assemblies of the African Parliamentary Union.

Long live the African Parliamentary Union;
Long live Solidarity and Cooperation among African States;
I thank you.

Adjournment of the session (11: 30)

In accordance with the provisions of Article 11 of the UPA Statutes, the Conference Bureau met to appoint one of the Vice-Presidents of the Conference Bureau to chair the proceedings. At the end of this meeting, HE Emmanuel SINZOHAGERA, President of the Senate of Burundi, was appointed to chair the 46th APU Conference.

Resumption of the session (12 :25)

***Under the chairmanship of HE Emmanuel SINZOHAGERA,
President of the Senate of Burundi***

The President of the Senate of Burundi expressed his thanks to his peers and to all parliamentarians for the honour and trust shown in him by designating him as President of this 46th Conference of the APU.

Before adopting the agenda, the President proposed to give the floor to the Presidents of Parliament present at this conference as well as to the Vice-Presidents and Heads of Delegation who wish to do so.

This proposal accepted, the President invited the President of the National Assembly of the Central African Republic to speak.

His Excellency Mr. Simplicie Mathieu SARANDJI, President of the National Assembly of the Central African Republic, first expressed his gratitude to the Chadian people who honour the parliamentarians of the African continent by welcoming them to N'Djamena, the country of Toumaï.

He, on behalf of Professor Faustin-Archange TOUADERA, President of the Central African Republic, his delegation and in his own name, expressed his gratitude to the members of the National Transitional Council of Chad for their warm welcome.

He then discussed the themes that will be debated during the N'Djamena meetings, indicating that they are of interest to all African countries and that they concern peace, security, economic development and issues related to youth, and that they must retain the attention of parliamentarians.

He stressed that Africa needs to win the challenge of peace and security, the promotion of youth and good governance. He expressed his deep gratitude to the neighboring countries of the Central African Republic, in particular Chad, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Republic of Congo and Cameroon, for the support provided to his country. He also praised the resilience of the Chadian people who have been able to face the security challenge.

The President of the National Assembly of the Central African Republic ended his speech by expressing the wish for a prosperous, united and supportive Africa and wished the 46th APU Conference every success.

Applause

The President of the Conference then invited the Head of Delegation of Nigeria to address the House.

The Head of Delegation of Nigeria delivered the following speech:

Honourable Members of Parliament,

I feel quite pleased to stand before you this morning to convey the warmth and friendship of the entire 469 members of the National Assembly of Nigeria and, indeed, the over 230 million good people of our Great nation. We are a nation of giants and we must keep our heads high wherever we find ourselves.

Our nation and our people remain such strong testaments to the continuous resilience and

indomitability of the African spirit, a spirit that never says die; a spirit that is built to thrive through trying times; through thick and thin, through the challenges of the elements and through other vicissitudes of life.

On this note, therefore, permit me to say a big welcome to all the great leaders of the continent of Africa who have here assembled, in keeping with our time-honoured tradition, to rub minds on the current challenges of our continent.

I dare to say that there is no other better forum than that of our country Parliaments, as aggregately represented by the African Parliamentary Union here, that the voice of each African can be better heard, better enunciated and better appreciated. Now you can understand that it is not by accident that the Legislature is seen and known as the strongest bastion of democracy without which democracy can only be a name as against a practice.

Let me, therefore, in a special way, convey my appreciation to the leadership of the APU, its obviously hardworking Secretariat and their other partners, who have laboured through the last session to bring all of us here.

Again, in appreciation of what you have given to make us gather here, I also have a personal conviction that no matter what it takes us to come together from time to time as a continent the result of such convergence, achieved through conversation and the deliverables that will arise from the resultant network, can never be quantified in monetary terms.

Furthermore, let me also hastily point out that the two themes of this year's conversations remain quite apt in relation to the current challenges that Africa faces which, if I must say, are seeking to burst the continent at its very seams ! Like my country, Africa possesses a very young population. While this young population typifies energy and a robust future, it may also be a time bomb, if not well-harnessed.

Therefore, the first theme: Address the challenges of peace and security in particular by promoting the involvement and empowerment of youth in African countries, must be given all the necessary attention by our leaders everywhere across Africa. A nation's youth remain its repository of energy, brilliance, innovation, strength, character, continuity, longevity and leadership.

Just as everything rises and falls on the virtues or otherwise of leadership, is the sustainability or otherwise of a nation in the hands of its youth. To say this any other way is to waste precious words. Perhaps, the experience of our country, Nigeria, and, indeed, our close Northern neighbours, like Chad, Niger and parts of Cameroon, may suffice as a good example here. The Boko Haram menace remains a hard lesson for the non-inclusion of our youth in matters where their interests ought to have been uppermost.

For the Africa of tomorrow, an Africa that must be relevant in affairs of the world, we must start today to build our youth, enhance their skills, discover and maximise their potential and empower them to face the challenges of tomorrow through education, self awareness, training and re-training programmes, fostering mentorship by offering them opportunities to play diverse roles in leadership at all levels of governance. Our experience in Nigeria at a time was anything but

serious. The only position we used to reserve for our youths in our political Parties was Youth Leader. Then one time, we discovered that the youngest Youth Leader in one of the major political Parties was actually 63 years old or so.

Today, as I speak to you, thanks to our dear President and National Leader of the ruling All Progress Congress (APC), H.E. President Bola Hamed Tinubu, GCFR, we have in Nigeria Cabinet Ministers that are just over 30, we have very young Members of Parliament and others who are heading various Departments and Agencies of Government across our country. Only a few days ago, in his National Day address to the nation, our President H.E. President Bola Hamed Tinubu, who has always understood the immense potential in our youth and women, informed Nigerians of a forthcoming National Youth Conference. If you ask me, this is the best way to go for every country on the continent of Africa. It is an action that speaks to the future and sustainability of our continent. So, I call you, leaders, here to impress on your home governments the necessity for such exercise by the youth of your nation.

On the other hand, while the first theme mirrors the driving hands for the future Africa, the second theme tries to check into that future to see the survival strategy, the sustainability goals, plans and means for the Africa that will evolve as a result of the inclusion or involvement of its prepared youth. The theme "The economic development of African countries through the development of natural resources, the diversification of the economy and industrialization" is a call to action on us a people to rise and take our rightful place in the affairs of the world. It's always for me a source of worry when unlike countries like Singapore, Switzerland, Portugal and so many others without they so-called known and viable "natural resources" our Africa States do not thrive and make global impact like the countries earlier mentioned. Instead of richly endowed African countries stay in complete squalor and keep killing one another over a vast field of some gold or diamonds.

Well, I understand that this might make some people shift in their chairs. But if we must get it right, we must find a way to say it all right ! Africa continues to lag behind others parts of the world for its failure to identify the millions of natural opportunities that abound in its natural environment. It is as if we desire that the colonisers return to keep identifying for us what we have that could win us some financial advantage when God has in His infinite mercy given every African country, however small, what it needs to survive. Imagine, in one African country, like Ghana, we have Gold, Oil, Cocoa and all that; you can say ditto for Algeria, for South Africa, for Nigeria. How come we are so blessed? Yet, there is perpetual hunger in the land.

This is the One Billion Dollar question for which we must continually seek answers in various fora like this. For instance, why will everyone in a country like Nigeria, with its abundance of various minerals, like Gold, Columbine, Iron Ore, Zinc, Lead, Uranium, yes Uranium, Tantalite, Lithium, Barite and thousands of others of others, with names known and unknown, discovered and undiscovered, continue to struggle to be part of the Oil and Gas industry just because it has been fully developed for us by others? Such a natural resource, I can tell you, must have killed more people in our country than it has given life in almost the last 70 years of its mining.

It is as if we had no nation before it! In fact, I share the opinion that says our oil boom became our doom.

Anyway, thanks to the rebranding efforts of our leaders these past years, at least, you guys can understand that we all are not just "fast guys." The germane questions would be: What has happened to our groundnut pyramids in the North, the Cocoa plantations in the West and the Oil Palm trees in the East and South of Nigeria? What has also happened to our Coal in Enugu, Gold and Cashew Nuts in Kogi and the Central Yoruba town of Ogbmoso, which are known to be among some of the best across the world? What has happened to our Yankari Games Reserve, the Obudu Cattle Ranch and the grand and Still-birthered Tinapa Village? Indeed, what has happened to the potential Nigeria earlier plan to rule the world of tourism? And I challenge us to find these answers and be ready to act on our finding or else, this fine session will end up like others before it on the shelves of offices in Abuja, Nairobi, and Kigali.

Finally, on a serious note, and in conclusion, let me again thank everyone who has made today's event a success. I truly would wish that this type of meeting should continue and be encouraged to be more regular on the continent. The Africa we need, as enunciated by such grand ideals as Agenda 2063 and others, cannot be realisable except we harness our collective efforts to look beyond talk to action. But the goals, as the organizers of today's event have said, should be to involve our youth, to empower them and to leverage their potential to achieve the Africa that will not depend on a monolithic economy, but diversify its sources of income and revenue receipt, using its natural potential in a world where competition and collaboration are the ever evolving dynamics of a changing world.

Thank you, and God bless you all.

Applause

The President of the Conference then invited the Head of the Djibouti delegation to speak.

The Head of the Djibouti delegation expressed, on behalf of the members of her delegation, her warm thanks to the President of the National Transitional Council, His Excellency Mr. Haroun KABADI, to the authorities and to the people of the Republic of Chad, for the warm welcome they received since their arrival in N'Djamena and for the organization of the APU sessions.

On behalf of her delegation, she congratulated His Excellency Mahamat Idriss Deby Itno, President of the Republic of Chad for his election as head of the country.

She then addressed the themes that will be discussed by the conference and stressed their importance because they concern peace, security, the empowerment of youth, and finally economic development through the development of natural resources.

The Head of the Djibouti delegation, before concluding her speech, asked the parliamentarians and their respective countries to support the candidacy of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Djibouti, Mr. Mahmoud Ali Youssouf, for the post of President of the African Union Commission.

She concluded by renewing her thanks to the Chadian authorities and parliamentarians for their support.

Applause

The President of the Conference then invited the Head of Delegation of the Democratic Republic of Congo to speak.

The Head of Delegation of the Democratic Republic of Congo delivered the following message:

*Honourable Vice-President of the Executive Committee of the APU, and President of the Senate of Zimbabwe,
Esteemed Honorable Members of the Executive Committee,
Honourable Members of Parliament and Senators and dear colleagues,
Mr. Secretary General of the APU,*

As Africans, first allow our parliamentary delegation of the Democratic Republic of Congo to convey warm and fraternal greetings to the African parliamentary colleagues present here; then to congratulate our organization for choosing the theme of Peace, Security and Development.

Dear fellow African parliamentarians,

As we represent our populations and our respective countries here in N'Djamena, in the Republic of Chad, on the occasion of this important forum for exchange between African parliamentarians, we inform you that, three decades ago, despite the efforts made, in particular by His Excellency Mr. Félix Antoine TSHISEKEDI TSHILOMBO, President of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Head of State, to restore Peace between the DRC and Rwanda, two brotherly and neighbouring countries, our country continues to face an inhuman, unjust, proven war of aggression, imposed on it by Rwanda, with disastrous consequences, more than 10 million dead, thousands of war displaced, many women raped every day, widows, orphans and wounded who cry every day.

And everything happens under the deafening silence of the international community, and even, with a few exceptions, of our African community. Complicity or complacency? Everyone must draw their own conclusions.

Dear colleagues,

The Congolese population has mandated us to tell you that they are not at peace, that they aspire to Peace and well-being, and that they need your support.

Each time we come to participate in the meetings of our Union, our voters ask us how and why we continue to sit alongside a member country of the African Parliamentary Union, but which goes against the ideals of Peace, Justice, Equality, Unity and Solidarity, as advocated by our organization.

In view of the above and considering the need for the APU to support, seek and accompany the return of Peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo, we call on the solidarity of all African parliamentarians gathered here to:

1. Condemn the aggression of the Democratic Republic of Congo by Rwanda;
2. Strengthen parliamentary diplomacy in favour of the restoration of Peace in the Great Lakes Region, in general, and more particularly in the Democratic Republic of Congo;
3. Consequentially adopt a resolution aimed at the return of Peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo in the final report of our work in N'Djamena, Chad.

We take this opportunity, dear colleagues, to officially announce the candidacy of the Democratic Republic of Congo to host the next Session of the APU in Kinshasa.

We thank you for your kind attention.

Applause

Following these messages, the President of the conference invited the Secretary General to present the draft agenda of the 46th Conference.

The Secretary general submitted the following draft agenda :

1. Report by the Chairperson of the Executive Committee
2. Activity report from the Secretary-General
3. Report of the Committee of Women Parliamentarians
4. *Meeting the challenges of peace and security by promoting the participation and empowerment of young people in African countries* (Political Committee)
5. *Economic development of African countries through the harnessing of natural resources, economic diversification and industrialization.* (Economic and Sustainable Development Committee)
6. Date and venue of the 47th Conference
7. Election of the Chairperson of the Executive Committee
8. Any other business.

The agenda was adopted

Item 1 : Report of the Chairperson of the Executive Committee

The President of the Conference invited Mrs. Mabel Memory CHINOMONA, President of the Senate of Zimbabwe, Vice-President of the Executive Committee of the UPA to read the following

report by HE Adama BICTOGO, President of the National Assembly of Côte d'Ivoire, President of the Executive Committee of the UPA:

*HONOURABLE PRESIDENTS AND HEADS OF DELEGATIONS,
HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
MR. SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE APU,
GENTLEMEN REPRESENTATIVES OF REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS,
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,*

Let me first of all recall that it was on the occasion of the 45th Conference held in Abidjan in December 2023 that you did me the honor of electing me as President of the Executive Committee of the African Parliamentary Union.

I would like to express once again my sincere thanks and gratitude to all the members of the APU for the trust they have placed in me and for the honor bestowed on my country by entrusting me with the exalting mission of leading the destiny of the APU during the year 2024.

I would also like to thank all the member parliaments of the APU for all the efforts made to strengthen our Union, through their participation in our meetings, their activities in implementing the decisions and recommendations of the APU and their determination to respect their commitments to the Union despite sometimes very difficult contexts.

My thanks go to all the Presidents of the National Assembly for the decisive role they play in the smooth running of our Union and for their collaboration.

Finally, on behalf of all of you, I will not fail to encourage the Secretary General and his colleagues to continue their efforts to revitalize our Union and strengthen its international influence.

The day after my election as President of the Executive Committee, I initiated a reform of the basic texts of the Union in order to better adapt them to the requirements of a modern organization with a continental scope. This initiative stems from a shared vision of the need to give our organization a new dynamic, a new lease of life. The proposals that have been made in this context will be examined and adopted during the current sessions in Ndjamen.

At this level, I would like to draw the attention of the members of our Union to the urgent need to demonstrate greater commitment and determination to work tirelessly to preserve this framework for parliamentary dialogue and the sharing of our parliamentary experiences and good practices.

During this 45th Conference held in Abidjan in December 2023, we were unable to determine the country that should host the 82nd Session of the APU despite the steps taken with certain member parliaments. In such circumstances, the texts of the Union provide for the Session to be held in the country of the headquarters. The General Secretariat of the UPA, which I congratulate in passing, has, on this occasion, made enormous efforts to ensure that this Session is held in the best possible conditions.

We have continued our efforts to promote new memberships to the APU, particularly in the direction of the parliaments of southern Africa, to whom we have sent letters inviting them to take part in this conference. I am convinced that, on this issue, consistency and perseverance will eventually pay off.

At the end of the 81st Session, I asked the General Secretariat to make arrangements, in conjunction with the National Transitional Council of Chad, for the proper preparation of the 82nd session of our Executive Committee and the 46th Conference of the APU. This is the place to congratulate and thank once again the authorities of the Chadian parliament for the appropriate arrangements made for the very good organization of these sessions.

In accordance with custom, I sent reminder letters for contributions to member parliaments inviting them to fulfill their obligation.

On this subject, I hope that a specific item will be systematically included on the agenda of each Session and that each head of delegation will speak on this existential issue for our Union.

In conjunction with the General Secretariat, I followed the work of preparing the meeting of the AD hoc Committee that we set up on the amendments to the Union texts and the results of which were submitted to you.

In terms of international activities, I would like to mention that we have continued our cooperation with the United Nations Office for Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism (UNOCT). Its Programme Office for Parliamentary Engagement in Preventing and Countering Terrorism, based in Doha, Qatar, established to support and strengthen the capacities of parliamentarians around the world in their efforts to combat terrorism, invited the UPA to take part in the 5th Meeting of its Coordination Mechanism and the "Parliamentary Dialogue on the Protection of Religious Sites and Symbols" which took place in Istanbul, Turkey on 8-9 May 2024. The Memorandum of Understanding between UNOCT and the APU in preparation will strengthen an already fruitful cooperation between the two organizations.

I welcome the organization by UNOCT, in collaboration with the UPA, of the Global Conference of Women Parliamentarians on the role of women parliamentarians in the fight against terrorism and violent extremism. I must announce that UNOCT plans to organize in an African parliament that has yet to be determined, in 2025, in collaboration with the APU, a conference on "The parliamentary response to the challenges of terrorism".

We continued our cooperation with the Inter-Parliamentary Union and took part in its 148th Assembly held in March 2024 in Geneva.

With the Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States, we organized, in Abidjan, from March 2 to 5, its 18th Conference on the theme "Climate change in the world: what response from member countries?".

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the organization, by the European Cooperation Center, in conjunction with the APU, of the Universal Forum on "women's leadership" which was held in Strasbourg on July 11 and 12, 2024.

As I come to the end of my mandate, I would like, once again, to express to you all my sincere thanks for your cooperation and support.

I THANK YOU

The President of the Conference asked the delegates to vote on the Report that had just been presented.

The report was adopted.

Item 2 : Activity report of the general secretariat

The President of the Conference invited Mr. IDI GADO Boubacar, Secretary General of the UPA, to present his activity report.

Mr. IDI GADO Boubacar, Secretary General of the UPA, presented the following report:

In accordance with the provisions of the APU Rules of Procedure, this report is presented to the 46th Conference of the African Parliamentary Union. It covers the activities carried out by the Union since the 45th Conference held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, from 11 to 15 December 2023.

This report will be structured around the following three axes:

- the presentation of the state of the Union
- the sessions and meetings of the African Parliamentary Union
- parliamentary and international activities

I - STATE OF THE UNION

1. Members

Currently, APU has 41 members, namely: Algeria, Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Mauritania, Niger (dissolved Parliament), Nigeria, Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Sao Tome & Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan (dissolved Parliament), South Sudan, Chad, Togo, Tunisia and Zimbabwe.

The national parliaments that are not members of APU are: Botswana, Cape Verde, Eritrea, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, Eswatini, South Africa, Tanzania and Zambia.

These parliaments, the majority of which are members of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), have received specific correspondence inviting them to take part in this Conference.

Efforts must continue with these parliaments by raising their awareness of the uniqueness of the African Parliamentary Union, an organization for inter-parliamentary cooperation at the continental level, which is not the case of the Pan-African Parliament, which is an organ of the African Union.

The main objectives of the UPA are in particular:

- to be the forum of the National Parliaments of the African Continent and the instrument of dialogue, inter-parliamentary cooperation and parliamentary diplomacy, in the service of peace, democracy, good governance and sustainable development;
- to promote national parliaments on the continent that are representative of the populations.
- to promote contacts between African parliamentarians on the one hand, and between African parliamentarians and those from the rest of the world on the other.

2. Finances

Financial results

The Management Account for the 2023 financial year submitted to the 81st Session of the Executive Committee held in Abidjan, showed a negative balance of 142,432 Euros. This deficit results from a low overall recovery rate of 50.7% of the annual budget forecasts, which reflects the unwillingness of parliaments to honour the commitments made under the relevant provisions of Article 22 of the Statutes and Article 60 of the Rules of Procedure of APU, but also from the need to provide the Union with minimum operating resources.

This is the place to salute the ongoing efforts of some members to be up to date with their contributions or to clear their arrears of contributions.

The rigorous management of the Union's finances will be continued as well as the recovery efforts in direct relation with the national parliaments and with the support of the Regional Representatives and the Heads of Delegations.

However, these efforts must not overshadow the obligations of each member parliament to pay its annual contribution entered in the Union budget.

Call for contributions

The General Secretariat proceeded, in February 2024, to the call for contributions addressed to all member parliaments. This call was accompanied by a statement of the arrears owed by the parliaments concerned.

Reminder letters of contributions were also sent in June 2024 to member parliaments that had not yet paid their contributions.

For the current financial year, we noted that to date, only eight (8) parliaments out of thirty-nine active ones have honored their obligations by paying their contributions for 2024, and three (3) have settled their arrears.

II – SESSIONS AND MEETINGS OF THE AFRICAN PARLIAMENTARY UNION (APU)

1. 81st Session of the Executive Committee and 45th Conference of the African Parliamentary Union, Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire), 11-15 December 2023

The session of the Executive Committee mainly focused on the adoption of the APU 2024 budget, the draft agenda of the 45th Conference as well as the report of the Monitoring Committee of contributions.

The General Secretariat transmitted the results of the work of the 45th Conference and the Executive Committee of the UPA to all national Parliaments, members and non-members of the Union. The results of this Conference were also sent to international and inter-parliamentary organizations. As a reminder, these were:

- the resolution on "*The development of intra-African trade with a view to the effective implementation of the African regional integration agenda*";
- the resolution on "*The fight against insecurity and terrorism, factors of political instability and recession*";
- the resolution of the APU Committee of Women Parliamentarians on "*Promoting the role of African women in stimulating intra-African trade*", and on "*Support for the Nigerien People*" and,
- "*The Abidjan Declaration on the crisis in Gaza*".

The Report of the proceedings of the 80th Session of the Executive Committee and the APU sessions in Abidjan were also transmitted to member parliaments.

2. Sessions of the Executive Committee

In accordance with the APU statutory provisions, the Executive Committee held its first session in Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire) on June 4 and 5, 2024, and the second session which has just ended in N'Djamena on October 5 and 6, 2024.

2.1. Results of the work of the 81st Session of the Executive Committee, Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire), June 4-5, 2024

As part of the conclusions of this session, the Executive Committee examined and adopted the Management Account for the financial year 2023, the Auditors' report, the draft order

of the day of the 46th Conference and selected the following themes to be examined in N'Djamena:

- 1. Addressing the challenges of peace and security, particularly by promoting the involvement and empowerment of youth in African countries. (Political Committee)*
- 2. Economic development of African countries through the development of natural resources, economic diversification and industrialization. (Economic and Sustainable Development Committee)*

2.2 Preparations for the 82nd Session of the Executive Committee and the 46th Conference of APU

Following the decision of the Transitional National Council of Chad to host the 82nd Session of the Executive Committee and the 46th Conference of APU, the Secretary-General undertook a working mission to N'Djamena from 11 to 13 June 2024, in order to examine with the parliamentary authorities of Chad the practical arrangements for preparing these sessions. The conclusions of the discussions between the two parties were the subject of an Agreement between the Transitional National Council of Chad and the African Parliamentary Union which sets out the obligations of each party.

This is the place to renew our thanks to the Chadian parliamentary authorities for having accepted that these sessions be held in N'Djamena and for all the facilities they have offered so that these sessions are held in the best possible conditions.

Special thanks are addressed to His Excellency Haroun KABADI, Speaker of the Transitional National Council, to the Honorable ALI-KOLOTOU Tchaïmi, Deputy-Speaker of the TNC and to the APU National Group of Chad led by the Honorable Mahamat Omar Malloum.

3. INTERPARLIAMENTARY AND INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

3.1. 148th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and related meetings, 23-27 March 2024, Geneva (Switzerland)

At the invitation of the President and the Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), the APU, represented by its Secretary General, took part in the 148th Assembly and related meetings of the IPU which took place in Geneva (Switzerland), from 23 to 27 March 2024.

The agenda of this 148th Assembly included, in essence, the following items:

- Consideration of requests for the inclusion of an emergency item
- General debate on the theme “Parliamentary diplomacy: building links to promote peace and understanding”;
- “The social and humanitarian impact of autonomous weapons systems and artificial intelligence” (Standing Committee on Peace and International Security);
- “Partnerships for climate action: promoting access to affordable green energy and fostering innovation, responsibility and equity” (Standing Committee on Sustainable Development)

The Assembly was seized of the following requests for emergency items:

- Request submitted by South Africa, supported by the Arab Group and the African Group, entitled “Drawing attention to the provisional measures of the International Court of Justice against Israel regarding the Palestinians in Gaza and the urgent action needed to address the humanitarian crisis in Gaza”;
- Request submitted by Israel: the immediate release of hostages in Gaza;
- Request submitted by the delegations of Indonesia and Malaysia: “Parliamentary diplomacy for peace in Palestine”;
- Request submitted by the delegations of Denmark, France, Hungary, Ireland, Portugal, Sweden and the United Kingdom: “Call for urgent action on the conflict in the Middle East”;
- Request presented by the delegation of Argentina, on behalf of the delegations of Argentina, Guyana, Peru and Uruguay: “Free, transparent and unimpeded elections”;
- Request presented by the delegation of the Democratic Republic of Congo “Request for urgent action to end the aggression and massive human rights violations in the Democratic Republic of Congo”.

It should be noted that the Assembly did not consider an emergency item, as no request was able to obtain two-thirds of the votes cast.

However, the IPU leaders issued an urgent political statement calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

Following the general debate on parliamentary diplomacy, the 148th Assembly adopted a declaration in which parliamentarians reaffirmed their commitment to parliamentary diplomacy to support peace efforts and reinvigorate multilateralism through parliamentary action.

On the theme of artificial intelligence examined by the Committee on Peace and International Security, the Assembly adopted a resolution calling on parliamentarians to develop legislation on autonomous weapons systems, including drones.

On the theme of climate action, the Assembly adopted a resolution calling on parliamentarians to tackle environmental challenges through unified climate action and partnerships to protect the planet for present and future generations.

Finally, the 148th Assembly adopted a motion to reform the United Nations Security Council to better reflect the geopolitical realities of the 21st century.

African Geopolitical Group Meeting

On the occasion of the 148th IPU Assembly, the PAU General Secretariat organized the meeting of the African Geopolitical Group which was held on 22 March 2024 under the chairmanship of Honorable Monder BOUDEN, Deputy-Speaker of the National People's Assembly of Algeria, President of the African Group, on the following agenda:

1. Adoption of the summary of the African Group meeting in Luanda (October 2023) and the virtual meeting of 5 February 2024
2. Report of the representatives of the African Group in the Executive Committee
3. Emergency item to be included in the agenda of the 148th Assembly
4. Vacancies during the 148th Assembly
5. Miscellaneous

In his welcoming remarks, the President thanked the members of the African Group for their participation in this important meeting, emphasizing on effectiveness in joint action as demonstrated during the election of the IPU President, Ms. Tulia Ackson, Speaker of the Parliament of Tanzania.

The African Group then heard from Ms. Tulia ACKSON, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, who expressed her gratitude to the members of the African Group for their support during her election as IPU President. She recalled that she was committed to achieving certain objectives, including the promotion of inclusive parliaments with greater participation of women, youth and marginalized groups in order to establish a representative world as desired by the IPU. She welcomed the progress made in some countries in terms of gender parity. She stressed the need to amend the IPU texts to better address common concerns.

The report of the representatives of the African Group within the Executive Committee of the IPU was presented by Mr. Ahmed KHARCHI, Vice-President of the Council of the Nation of Algeria.

The report covered the following points:

- The work of the President of the Union to strengthen peace and security through dialogue, particularly through her visit to the Palestinian region;
- The fight against gender-based violence, a subject addressed by the Forum of Women Parliamentarians;
- Meetings on climate change;
- Constitutional changes in some countries
- Youth participation in political life;

- The situation of some countries and their financial contributions;
- The IPU's relations with the African Union;
- The representation of the African Group in the Committee on Amendments provided by Zambia;
- The IPU Regional Offices, particularly the one granted to Egypt for a period of 2 years followed by an evaluation;
- The opening of applications for the Cremer-Passy Prize, 2024 edition.

During the examination of the requests for the inclusion of an emergency item on the agenda of the 148th Assembly, the African Group was informed that Algeria and South Africa were proposing to present an emergency item on the situation in Gaza. The African Group asked the two countries to consult each other so that there would be a single proposal on the same issue. The African Group was unanimous in supporting this emergency item entitled: "Drawing attention to the provisional measures of the International Court of Justice against Israel concerning the Palestinians in Gaza, and to the urgent action needed to address the humanitarian crisis in Gaza".

Finally, the African Group designated its representatives to the vacant posts that were its responsibility within the IPU bodies.

On the sidelines of the Assembly, the President of the African Group and the APU Secretary General met with a delegation from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie (APF) including, among others, Mr. Damien Cesselin, Secretary General of the APF and Mr. Mars Di Bartolomeo, Treasurer of the APF. The discussions focused on the common values that we share and on the prospects for strengthening cooperation.

3.2. 18th Conference of the Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States-PUIC, Abidjan, 2-5 March 2024

At the invitation of the National Assembly of Côte d'Ivoire and the Secretary General of PUIC, Mr. Mouhamed Khouraiichi NIASS, the APU Secretary General took part in the opening ceremony of the 18th Conference of the PUIC which was held in Abidjan on 4-5 March 2024 on the theme: "*Climate change in the world: what response from member countries?*".

Several members of Arab, African and Asian Islamic parliaments took part in this conference.

The participants in the Conference discussed the very threatening repercussions of climate change on all countries of the world as well as ways to intensify cooperation, coordination and solidarity between Islamic countries to minimize the disastrous consequences of this scourge.

They examined the recurring provocations against Islam as well as the approach to be adopted to deal with the escalation of Islamophobia and any behavior that undermines human values.

The Conference adopted the "*Abidjan Declaration*" mainly dedicated to supporting the Palestinian cause and denouncing, among other things, the humanitarian situation in Gaza.

His Excellency, Mr. Adama BICTOGO, Speaker of the National Assembly of Côte d'Ivoire was elected President of the PUIC, succeeding His Excellency Brahim BOUGHALI, Speaker of the National People's Assembly of Algeria.

3.3. 5th Meeting of the Coordination Mechanism of Parliamentary Assemblies and Political Dialogue on the Protection of Religious Sites and Symbols, Istanbul (Turkey), 8-9 May 2024.

At the invitation of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism, Office of Parliamentary Engagement, a delegation of APU comprising the Honorable Mahamat Malloum OUMAR, Member of the Transitional National Council of Chad, Amédée Dodo Dibahi, Member of the National Assembly of Côte d'Ivoire and the APU Secretary General, participated in the 5th Meeting of the Coordination Mechanism of Parliamentary Assemblies and the 3rd Political Dialogue which took place on 8 and 9 May 2024 in Istanbul (Turkey).

During the meeting of the Mechanism, discussions focused on:

- Regional security trends and activities implemented;
- Measures taken or envisaged to address terrorism and violent extremism;
- Presentation of the parliamentary manual on United Nations Security Council Resolution 1373 (2001) on the fight against terrorism;
- The importance of protecting human rights in the fight against terrorism.

Participants in the Political Dialogue focused their discussions on:

- Terrorist threats to vulnerable targets and the challenges of protecting religious sites, symbols and objects;
- What regulatory framework should be put in place to protect religious sites?
- The role of parliaments, public entities, religious actors and civil society in protecting religious sites.

3.4. The Global Conference of Women Parliamentarians, Doha 26-27 June 2024

The United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), with the support of the Shura of the State of Qatar and in collaboration with APU, organized on 26 and 27 June 2024 in Doha, Qatar, the Global Conference of Women Parliamentarians on the theme: "*The role of women*

parliamentarians in the development, implementation and supervision of legislation, policies and strategies to combat terrorism and prevent violent extremism".

Several African women parliamentarians, representatives of United Nations Agencies, Civil Society Organizations were able to take part, in person or online, in this important conference.

Its objectives were:

- To support and promote the leadership, full and equal participation of women parliamentarians in the development, implementation and monitoring of legislation, policies and strategies to combat terrorism and violent extremism
- To promote the integration of the gender dimension in the development, implementation and monitoring of policies and strategies to combat terrorism
- To facilitate the creation of a Network of Women Parliamentarians on the fight against terrorism and the prevention of violent extremism.

3.5. The Universal Forum for Women's Leadership, Strasbourg, 11-12 July 2024

The European Cooperation System, in partnership with the European Parliament and in collaboration with APU, organized in Strasbourg, France, the Universal Forum for Women's Leadership on the central theme "*Political emergence and political and economic impact: the axes of all the possibilities of women's leadership in a changing world*".

Several women parliamentarians took part in this event.

The results of the Forum reported:

- Recommendations from women's working groups on education and training, on women's political involvement and leadership, the fight against violence against women, solidarity through networking, media coverage and political control, training and awareness-raising, women's economic independence.
- Identification of the difficulties encountered by women leaders.
- Major announcements, including the idea of:
 - ✓ Creation of an international networking platform for women around the world
 - ✓ Creation of the African Association of Women Senators.

The President then asked the delegates to vote on the Secretary-General's Activity Report.

The report was adopted.

The President of the Conference then invited the Head of the Malian delegation to speak.

The Head of the Malian delegation expressed his thanks to the host country for the warm and fraternal welcome his delegation had received since its arrival on the occasion of the 82nd Session of the Executive Committee and the 46th Conference of Presidents of National Parliamentary Assemblies of the African Parliamentary Union.

He then conveyed the warm and fraternal greetings of the President, Honorable Malick Diaw, the members of the Bureau, and all members of the National Transitional Council of Mali to their counterparts in Chad.

He observed that his country Mali is facing terrorism, a scourge that mobilizes young people from all countries.

He recalled that the adoption of the treaty establishing the Confederation of Sahel States, abbreviated to "AES Confederation", provided the Sahel countries with instruments enabling them to harmonize their positions on issues of interest to the populations of the Sahel.

Furthermore, he stressed that the people of Liptako-Gourma expressed their great satisfaction following the adoption of the Final Communiqué of the Niamey meeting, the Niamey Declaration, as well as the Rules of Procedure of the College of Heads of State of the Confederation. The designation of His Excellency Colonel Assimi Goita as President of the Transition, Head of State and President of the Confederation of the Alliance of Sahel States (AES) is seen as a strong sign of leadership and commitment to peace and development. The populations welcome this initiative which aims to strengthen stability and promote economic and social progress, while responding to the common challenges facing the region, he added. The Head of the Mali delegation praised the leadership of President Captain Ibrahim TRAORE, President of Faso and Head of State of Burkina Faso, Colonel Assimi GOITA, President of the Transition and Head of State of the Republic of Mali, Brigadier General Abdourahamane TIANI President of the National Council for the Safeguarding of the Fatherland and Head of State of Niger, which allowed the consecration of the confederation "Alliance of Sahel States".

He welcomed the state of cooperation between the two Transitional bodies of Mali and Chad, who hoped that the respective nations could strengthen their fraternal ties to overcome the common challenges facing them.

He noted that young people can contribute to addressing the root causes of conflict, such as poverty, unemployment and inequality. Youth unemployment and underemployment are major problems in many societies and can lead to frustration and a sense of hopelessness, feelings that can fuel tensions and conflicts, he added.

He stressed that young people also face the challenges of "stereotypes" and negative perceptions. Young people are often perceived as apathetic, disinterested, and even violent. These "stereotypes" can prevent young people from being taken seriously in peacebuilding efforts and undermine their potential to contribute.

He noted that the choice of the theme "Economic development of African countries through the development of natural resources, diversification of the economy and industrialization", offers the African Parliamentary Assembly the opportunity for discussions and exchanges of experiences around the issues and perspectives related to the exploitation of natural resources.

It is therefore urgent to help African countries so as to be able to address and overcome the problem related to the uncontrolled exploitation of their natural resources by adopting new approaches that involve: the development of natural resources, diversification of the economy, and industrialization.

Finally, he stressed that this theme reflects the desire of the African Parliamentary Union APU to raise awareness among its members on the need to give great importance to the issue of natural resources.

The President of the Conference then invited the Head of Delegation of Burkina Faso to speak.

The Head of the Burkina Faso delegation addressed the following message:

*Mr. President of the Executive Committee of the APU,
Mr. President of the National Transitional Council of Chad,
Mr. Speakers of invited Parliaments,
Honourable Deputies, Dear Colleagues,
All protocol observed,
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

Allow me first to fulfill a pleasant duty, that of greeting, on behalf of the President of the Transitional Legislative Assembly of Burkina Faso, Doctor Ousmane BOUGOUMA, and on my staff, the authorities of this brother country.

I would like to express all the honour that I feel to be associated with the holding, here in the beautiful city of N'Djamena, of the 82nd Session of the Executive Committee and the 46th Conference of the African Parliamentary Union.

I would also like to express the pleasure that my delegation and I feel to stay here in N'Djamena.

I would like to particularly commend the great availability and commitment of the President of the Republic of Chad, His Excellency Mahamat Idriss DEBY ITNO and the Chadian people, for the efforts to promote peace, stability and progress in the Sahel and the entire African continent.

Dear Colleagues,

By hosting the 82nd Session of the Executive Committee and the 46th Conference of the UPA, in a spirit of African friendship and fraternity, Chad once again reflects its excellent dispositions and its firm will to contribute to the building of an Africa equipped to face its future in a context of terrorist and imperialist threats.

To His Excellency the President of the National Transitional Council, I reiterate my deep gratitude for the warm welcome we have received and for the quality of our relations within the parliamentary organizations that we share.

For all kind regards, allow me to greet the Chadian people, and to say thank you again with the most distinguished marks of courtesy and civility.

Thank you for your determination to build a free, prosperous and equitable Chad.

Dear Colleagues,

Two major themes are subject to our discussions during this meeting. On Peace and Security and on the Economic Development of our countries through the valorization of our natural resources, its diversification of the economy and industrialization.

These are the following themes:

- "Meeting the challenges of peace and security, in particular by promoting the involvement and empowerment of youth in African countries" and,
- "The economic development of African countries through the valorization of natural resources, the diversification of the economy and industrialization".

We all know that our meeting is taking place at a time when our continent is severely shaken by a multidimensional crisis that is terrorism.

A real threat to peace and security in the world and particularly in Africa, a source of poverty, environmental degradation and youth unemployment.

Dear Colleagues,

For decades now, our continent has been experiencing a resurgence of violence in which our youth are massively enlisted.

Youth are recognized as an invaluable resource and a lifeblood of society. The need for their effective and active participation in the life of the nation must be considered a categorical imperative.

Their empowerment is undoubtedly a major factor in preventing their participation in activities that create or fuel insecurity.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to invite us to deep reflections, so that the conclusions of these meetings contribute more to the rooting of perfect cooperation between public authorities, with a view to building strong African societies, foundations and vectors of peace, stability and good governance.

May this session of exchanges contribute to accelerating the realization of our common vision for an Africa aware of its role, capable of effective management of the present and prompt anticipation of the future.

Dear Colleagues,

While wishing our work every success, I would be very grateful to you, on behalf of the President of the Transitional Legislative Assembly of Burkina Faso, that you are all spokespersons for the AES countries with your respective governments for more solidarity and fraternity, a guarantee of a return to peace and security in our countries throughout the region because no country is truly safe from terrorism and armed violence. We must join forces to combat this scourge. Africans must first and always count on themselves because no foreign force can lead the fight in our place, our union is our strength.

Thank you.

Adjournment of the session (14 :15)

WORN IN COMMITTEES

Tuesday 8 October (afternoon) and Wednesday 9 October 2024 (morning)

The conference proceedings continued in the following Committees :

The Political Commission was entrusted with examining the item on « Meeting the challenges of peace and security by promoting the participation and empowerment of young people in African countries » .

The Economic and Sustainable Development Commission was tasked with examining the item on « Economic development of African countries through the harnessing of natural resources, economic diversification and industrialization ».

At the end of the proceedings in Committees, draft resolutions were drawn up. (see the Committees' reports)

RESUMPTION OF PLENARY SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE

Wednesday 9 October 2024 (16 : 20)

(under the Chair of HE Mr Emmanuel SINZOHAGERA, President of the Senate of Burundi)

Item 3 : Report of the APU Committee of women parliamentarians

The President of the Conference invited the Honorable Foudda Arada IZZEDINE, Member of the National Transitional Council of Chad, to present the Report of the Committee of Women Parliamentarians of the APU.

The Honorable Foudda Arada IZZEDINE, Member of the National Transitional Council of Chad, Rapporteur of the Committee of Women Parliamentarians of the UPA, read out the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE AFRICAN PARLIAMENTARY UNION

On the occasion of the 46th Conference of the African Parliamentary Union, the Committee of Women Parliamentarians met on 7 October 2024 in N'Djamena, Republic of Chad. The meeting was chaired by Hon. Tayeb Wassila, Member of the National People's Assembly of Algeria and Chairperson of the Committee.

She was assisted by Hon. Faith Nakut, Member of the National Assembly of Uganda, Deputy Chair, Hon. Foudda Arada Izzedine, Member of the National Transitional Council of Chad, Rapporteur, and Mr Idi Gado Boubacar, Secretary-General of APU.

Members of the following parliaments attended the meeting: Algeria, Angola, Benin, Burkina-Faso, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Ghana, Equatorial Guinea, Mali, Morocco, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nigeria, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

Prior to adopting the draft agenda, participants listened to an address by the Chairperson of the Committee of Women Parliamentarians of the African Parliamentary Union.

In her opening speech, on behalf of the Committee, Hon. Tayeb Wassila, Member of Parliament for Algeria and Chair of the Committee, thanked the Chadian authorities and people, as well as the Chadian women parliamentarians for all the attention and kindness shown towards the participants attending the meetings of the Committee.

Turning to the theme for discussion: '**The role of African women in meeting the challenges of peace, security and development**', she said that women had proved that lasting peace could not

be achieved without their active involvement. They played a crucial role in the security of their nations, and their contribution to agricultural production, the education of children and the preservation of the environment was invaluable. Yet, they continued to be under-represented in the decision-making processes that determine security policies.

She went on to underline the active participation of the Committee of Women Parliamentarians in the World Conference of Women Parliamentarians on 26 and 27 June 2024 in Doha, State of Qatar, organized by the United Nations Office against Terrorism, under the theme:

The role of women parliamentarians in the development, implementation and oversight of counter-terrorism and prevention of extremism legislation, policies and strategies.

The aim of the Conference, she said, was to promote the leadership of women and the full and equal participation of women parliamentarians in the consolidation, implementation and monitoring of legislation, policies and strategies to combat terrorism and violent extremism.

At the Universal Forum on Women's Leadership, on 11 and 12 July 2024, held in Strasbourg, France, organized jointly by European cooperation and the European Parliament and in collaboration with the African Parliamentary Union under the theme:

“Political emergence and economic impact: the axes of all possibilities for female leadership in a changing world”.

The event was attended by a large number of parliamentarians and politicians, including the Right Honourable Madame Mabel Memory CHINOMONA, President of the Senate of Zimbabwe, who constantly demonstrates her distinguished presence and outstanding leadership among women, as well as other leading participants from the business world and civil society.

The aim of the women's participation, she noted, was to demonstrate that they are the architects of a world in which female leadership is not only recognised but also essential to building a prosperous and equitable future for all.

The forum saw the creation of an electronic platform for international communication, called 'WUCONNECT'. It will serve as a basis for exchanging ideas and experiences and identifying all the obstacles that stand in the way of women's leadership.

She went on to recommend that African women parliamentarians should ensure that they are present at all meetings and that they are involved in women's bodies and organizations, that women's voices are heard and that their contributions are recognized. They must commit to promoting policies that strengthen peace, ensure security and promote inclusive development for all African women. They must also work to defend and advocate women's rights in all forums, alongside other women activists in this field, regardless of their ethnic and political orientation.

In conclusion, she wished the meeting every success and declared the meeting of the APU Committee of Women Parliamentarians open.

The Committee then adopted the draft agenda and considered the items as follows:

- 1- The role of African women in meeting the challenges of peace, security and development;
- 2- Adoption of the draft resolution.

Role of African women in meeting the challenges of peace, security and development

Following intense and fruitful discussions, the APU Committee of Women Parliamentarians drew up a draft resolution on the subject.

At the close of the meeting of the Committee of Women Parliamentarians of APU, the President expressed her satisfaction at the active contribution of the participants through enriching discussions on the items on the agenda.

She also congratulated the APU General Secretariat on all the technical support provided to the Committee, which contributed to the smooth running of the proceedings.

Done in N’Djamena, 7 October 2024

The President then asked the delegates to vote on the Report of the APU Women Parliamentarians Committee.

The report was adopted

Item 4 : Address the challenges of peace and security by promoting the participation and empowerment of young people in African countries

The President of the Conference called on the Rapporteur of the Political Committee to submit the report of the said committee.

The Honorable DIBAHY DODO Amédée, Member of the National Assembly of Côte d’Ivoire, Rapporteur of the Political Commission, presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE

The Political Committee met on 8 and 9 October 2024 to consider the Conference agenda item on: ***“Address the challenges of peace and security, in particular by promoting the involvement and empowerment of youth in African countries.”***

The representatives of the following countries took part in the Committee meetings: **Algeria, Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Côte d’Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Ghana, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, Uganda and Zimbabwe.**

The representatives of the following organizations also took part in the Committee meetings: United Nations Office of Counter-terrorism, the Maghreb Consultative Council and the Organization of youth of European and African Union.

At the start of the meeting, the Committee nominated the members of the bureau composed as follows:

Chairperson: **Mrs. Rasha Abu Shakra, Member of the House of Representatives of Egypt**

Rapporteur: **Mr. DIBAH DODO Amédée, Member of the National Assembly of Côte d'Ivoire**

After a broad debate among the members, the Political Committee adopted the following draft resolution submitted to the plenary session of the 46th Conference.

(See in annex III the text of the resolution)

The Conference adopted the report

Item 5 : Economic development of African countries through the harnessing of natural resources, economic diversification and industrialization.

The President of the Conference called on the Rapporteur of the Economic and sustainable development Committee to submit the report of the said committee.

The Honorable Mr. Cissé MBOUILLE, Member of the National Transitional Council of Mali, presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Economic and Sustainable Development Committee met on 8 October 2024 to consider the Conference agenda item on: *“The economic development of African countries through the harnessing of natural resources, the diversification of the economy and industrialization”*.

The representatives of the following countries took part in the Committee meetings: **Algeria, Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Ghana, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, Uganda and Zimbabwe.**

At the start of the meeting, the Committee elected its Chairperson. The bureau of the Committee is as follows:

President : **Ms Zakia BOUGATOUCHA, Member of the National People's Assembly of Algeria**

Rapporteur : **Mr Cissé MBOUILLE, Member of the Transitional National Council of Mali**

After a broad debate among the members, the Economic and sustainable development Committee submits the following draft resolution to the 46th Conference :

(See in annex III the text of the resolution)

The Conference adopted the report

Item 6 : Date and venue of the 47th Conference

The President of the conference invited the participants to intervene on this point.

The delegation of the Democratic Republic of Congo intervened to indicate that a proposal had been made to the Secretary General of the UPA to host the next conference and, therefore, reiterated this proposal by submitting it to the conference.

The delegation of Algeria indicated that the Presidents of the two Chambers, the National People's Assembly and the Council of the Nation, had given their agreement to host the next UPA conference.

The delegation of the Democratic Republic of Congo maintained that it was committed to its proposal and therefore reaffirmed its country's willingness to host the 47th UPA Conference in 2025.

The Conference accepted this proposal and expressed its thanks and deep gratitude to the Parliament of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Item 7 : Election to the presidency of the Executive Committee

The Secretary General recalled the statutory provisions, in this case Article 10, paragraph 6 of the Statutes, relating to the election of the President of the Executive Committee. These provisions provide that the presidency falls to the President of the host Parliament of the Conference.

The delegation of the National Transitional Council of Chad took the floor to affirm the full readiness of its country, Chad, to assume the presidency of the Executive Committee of the APU.

Thus the Conference elected His Excellency Dr. Haroun KABADI, who becomes the new President of the Executive Committee of the African Parliamentary Union.

Applause

Adjournment of the session (18 : 00)

Resumption of the session (18 : 15)

CLOSING SESSION

The **President of the Conference** invited a member of the Burkina Faso delegation to present a motion addressed to the authorities of the Republic of Chad.

MOTION OF THANKS AND GRATITUDE TO THE AUTHORITIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHAD

The parliamentarians, meeting on the occasion of the 82nd Session of the Executive Committee and the 46th Conference of the African Parliamentary Union from October 5 to 9, 2024 in N'Djamena,

Appreciating the interest that the authorities of the Republic of Chad have in our organization, by agreeing to host in N'Djamena the 82nd Session of the Executive Committee and the 46th Conference of the African Parliamentary Union,

Sensitive to the generous hospitality and warm welcome extended to the various delegations by the people and authorities of Chad,

Recognizing the efforts made by the authorities of the Republic of Chad in organizing the annual sessions of the African Parliamentary Union,

1. **Address** to His Excellency Mr. Mahamat Idriss Déby Itno, President of the Republic of Chad, their respectful thanks and deep gratitude for his support to the African Parliamentary Union.
2. **Express** their warm thanks to Prime Minister HALLAMAYE Halina, for the fraternal and warm audience he granted to the parliamentary Heads of delegations.
3. **Express** their deep gratitude to the Chadian authorities for all the efforts made to organize this African parliamentary meeting,
4. **Address** to the authorities and people of Chad their sincere thanks for the support given to the African Parliamentary Union and for the very warm welcome extended to the various delegations.

N'Djamena, October 9, 2024

Applause

The President of the Conference invited a member of the delegation of the Central African Republic to present a motion addressed to the Parliament and the people of Chad.

MOTION OF THANKS AND GRATITUDE TO THE PARLIAMENT AND PEOPLE OF CHAD

The parliamentarians, meeting on the occasion of the 82nd Session of the Executive Committee and the 46th Conference of the African Parliamentary Union from October 5 to 9, 2024 in N'Djamena, at the "Palais de la Démocratie", headquarters of the Transitional National Council,

Appreciating the hospitality and warm welcome reserved for the various delegations by the people and parliamentary authorities of Chad,

Aware of the efforts made by the Chadian authorities for the organization of the APU sessions in N'Djamena,

1. **Express** their sincere thanks to the authorities and people of Chad for the warm and fraternal welcome reserved for the delegates;
2. **Express** their deep gratitude to the Transitional National Council of Chad and its President, the Right Honorable Haroun KABADI, for all the efforts made in organizing the 82nd Session of the Executive Committee and the 46th Conference of the APU;
3. **Congratulate** the authorities and the Transitional National Council of Chad for the excellent organization of the APU sessions.

N'Djamena, October 9, 2024

Applause

At the end of the work of the 46th Conference, Mr. Ali Kolotou Tchäimi, 1st Vice-President of the National Transitional Council of Chad, delivered the following closing speech:

*Very Honorable Mrs. CHINOMONA MABEL MEMORY, Vice-President of the Executive Committee of the Parliamentary Union,
Very Honorable Presidents of National Parliamentary Assemblies members of the African Parliamentary Union,
Ladies and Gentlemen members of the Executive Committee,
Mr. Secretary General of the African Parliamentary Union,
Distinguished guests, in your ranks, grades and capacities, all protocol respected,
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

It is with deep gratitude and immense pleasure that I address you at the end of this 46th Conference of Presidents of African Parliament Assemblies. These days rich in reflections and exchanges have once again illustrated the vitality and maturity of our Union, symbol of

parliamentary commitment to a united and prosperous Africa.

The results of our work testify to the depth of the debates and the commitment of each to defend the ideals of peace, security and development.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the participants for their invaluable contributions. You have demonstrated, by your presence and your determination, an unwavering faith in the values that we defend and the objectives that we pursue: to build a strong, united and forward-looking African continent.

*Distinguished guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

Our discussions have laid the foundations for strengthened parliamentary cooperation. Together, we have reaffirmed our commitment to placing African parliamentary institutions at the heart of our efforts to address contemporary challenges of peace, security and sustainable development. We have demonstrated resilience, vision and solidarity, and this has enabled us to continue building strong bridges between our nations.

*Distinguished guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

At the end of our work, important resolutions were adopted, particularly on the crucial themes of peace and security in Africa, as well as economic development through the sustainable exploitation of our natural resources.

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However, it is imperative to recognize that these resolutions, although relevant, have often been formulated in the past without being truly followed by concrete effects.

The real challenge lies in the political will of African States, the establishment of genuine regional integration and, above all, in the rigorous monitoring of the commitments made.

As parliamentarians, we must fully assume our role in ensuring that the resolutions we adopt today do not remain mere declarations of intent.

We must revoke our parliamentary control mechanisms to ensure the effective implementation of these decisions, while demanding from our governments a real desire for regional integration and cooperation.

Only concerted, resolute and structured action will enable Africa to overcome the obstacles to development and realize its true economic potential.

*Distinguished guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

Despite the challenges, the essential has been accomplished. We have strengthened dialogue for peace and security, strengthened solidarity between our States, and laid the foundations for economic cooperation that must offer our populations, particularly our youth, decent and sustainable employment opportunities.

I would like to acknowledge that our beloved capital, N'Djamena, has faced logistical and environmental challenges due to the recent floods.

I ask, on my own behalf and on behalf of all my fellow National Councilors, for your indulgence for any inconveniences encountered during your stay. We have made every effort to ensure that our work takes place in the best possible conditions, despite the circumstances.

As I close this conference, I would like to express my pride and total satisfaction. We have shown, once again, that the African Parliamentary Union is a powerful instrument at the service of our peoples and our States.

Long live the African Parliamentary Union,
Long live parliamentary solidarity,
I thank you and wish you an excellent return to your respective countries.

Applause

(The Conference closed at 18 : 30)

A N N E X E S

Report of the meetings of the 82nd Session of the Executive Committee (Adopted)

The 82nd Session of the Executive Committee of the African Parliamentary Union (APU) was held in N'Djaména, Chad, on 6 and 7 October 2024, chaired by Mrs Mabel Memory Chinomona, President of the Senate of Zimbabwe and Deputy Chairperson of the APU Executive Committee

Representatives of the following parliaments took part in the proceedings: Algeria, Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Ghana, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

I – OPENING SESSION

The opening session was attended by Mr Epäinete Djangrang Sende, Fifth Vice President of the National Transitional Council of Chad and Chairman of the Organizing Committee, Mrs Mabel Memory Chinomona, President of the Senate of Zimbabwe and Deputy Chairperson of the APU Executive Committee, Mr Mahamat Oumar Malloum, Rapporteur of the Executive Committee, Mrs Tayeb Wassila, Chairperson of the Committee of Women Parliamentarians of APU, and Mr IDI Gado Boubacar, Secretary-General of APU.

The session opened with a welcome address by the Fifth Vice-President of the National Transitional Council of Chad and by the Deputy Chairperson of the Executive Committee, Ms Mabel Memory Chinomona.

In his address, **Mr Epäinete Djangrang Sende, Fifth Vice-President of the National Transitional Council, Chairperson of the Organizing Committee**, began by warmly welcoming parliamentarians to N'Djaména, at the Palais de la Démocratie, the headquarters of the National Transitional Council, for the 82nd Session of the Executive Committee and the 46th Conference of APU.

The Vice-President of the Transitional National Council said that the Organizing Committee had worked tirelessly to ensure that the various delegations had a pleasant stay and that the activities ran smoothly despite the occasional shortcomings inherent in all human endeavours. Lastly, he said that the Organizing Committee was always available to assist delegates in any way they could.

Taking the floor, the **Deputy Chairperson of the Executive Committee, Mrs Mabel Memory Chinomona, President of the Senate of Zimbabwe**, on behalf of the Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the African Parliamentary Union, His Excellency Mr Adama Bictogo, who was unable to travel to N'Djaména due to a very tight national schedule, on behalf of the Honourable Members of the Executive Committee and on her own behalf, expressed her deep gratitude to the

Fifth Vice-President of the National Transitional Council of the Republic of Chad for his welcome and wishes for the success of the work of the present session of the Executive Committee.

On behalf of all the participants, the Deputy Chairperson then expressed her gratitude to the Government of Chad, the National Transitional Council and its President, His Excellency Mr Haroun Kadiabi, as well as to the people of Chad, for the warm welcome they had received since their arrival in N'Djaména, and for the facilities made available for the 82nd session of the Executive Committee and the 46th Conference. In response to the kind invitation from the Chad National Group, she expressed her thanks to the Chadian authorities.

She congratulated the people of Chad on successfully organizing the presidential elections and also congratulated the President-elect of the Republic of Chad, His Excellency General Mahamat Idriss Déby Itno, on his remarkable election. She wished everyone success and the development of Chad for future generations, as well as lasting unity and peace.

The Deputy Chairperson of the Executive Committee also thanked the General Secretariat for its excellent preparations for the meetings in N'Djaména.

She then read out the items on the agenda for the N'Djamena session. These items include evaluating the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the 45th Conference held in Abidjan in December 2023, considering the annual work programme for 2025, the draft budget for 2025 and amending the Statutes.

With regard to the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Conference, she expressed her satisfaction that APU had successfully held its first session of the Executive Committee in Abidjan on 4 and 5 June 2024, and actively participated in international activities, including those involving the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the United Nations Office against Terrorism.

Concerning the 2025 annual programme, the Deputy Chairperson of the Executive Committee emphasized that the programme should align with the priorities of parliamentarians. They should continue their efforts to strengthen the APU as a tool for cooperation between African national parliaments and as a coordinator of parliamentary activities at the regional and international levels. She expressed the hope that such actions would enable African parliamentarians to contribute effectively to the security and human development of their continent.

Turning to financial matters, the Deputy Chairperson of the Executive Committee said that the meeting in N'Djaména would be an opportunity for parliamentarians to ensure that APU had an operating budget for 2025 so that it could pursue its activities in the interests of their respective parliaments. She stressed the need for members to ensure that they met their financial obligations to their organization in order to protect it from difficulties that could hamper its operations.

She called on member parliaments with contribution arrears to put a stop to the process of accumulation of unpaid debts by settling the annual contribution included in the budget.. She also indicated that the issue of arrears could be addressed at a later date. She added that it was crucial

APU recovered all of its annual budgetary resources from its membership contributions if the Union was to continue operating in the long term.

On the amendments to the APU Statutes, the Deputy Chairperson of the Executive Committee noted that a process had been initiated and that a committee had been tasked with examining and presenting the results of its work to the Executive Committee at the appropriate time. On that score, she noted that the amendments had been proposed with a view to revitalizing our Union and ensuring its effectiveness by setting up a platform for parliamentary cooperation.

She then underlined the importance of the topics on the agenda of the 46th Conference, namely *Peace and security through the involvement and empowerment of the youth, and Economic development through the harnessing of natural resources, economic diversification and industrialization.*

She highlighted the link between these themes, stating that development and security cannot be achieved without the participation of young people and the harnessing of natural resources. She added that Africa's lagging development is partly due to conflicts and governance that is not adapted to the economic, social and security situation.

Not wishing to further develop these themes which will certainly be the subject of a rich debate within the commissions, the Vice-President of the Executive Committee hoped that the work in N'Djamena would be fruitful and could contribute to the economic and social development of the continent.

Lastly, she declared the 82nd Session of the Executive Committee of the African Parliamentary Union open.

After this statement, the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting resumes

*Chaired by Her Excellency Mrs Mabel Memory Chinomona, President of the Senate of Zimbabwe,
Deputy Chair of the APU Executive Committee*

The Deputy Chair, prior to moving on to the items on the agenda of the session, asked delegates to kindly observe a minute's silence in memory of the mother of the President of the National Assembly of Côte d'Ivoire, Chairperson of the Executive Committee of APU, who had recently passed away.

II – ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

She gave the floor to the Secretary-General to read out the items on the agenda.

The Secretary-General presented the draft agenda as follows:

1. Consideration of the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Conference
2. Review and adoption of the Annual Work Programme for 2025
3. Consideration and adoption of the draft budget for 2025
4. Consideration and adoption of the proposed amendments to the Statutes and Regulations
5. Consideration and adoption of the draft agenda for the 46th Conference
6. Draft agenda of the 83rd Session of the Executive Committee
7. Date and venue of the 83rd Session of the Executive Committee.

Delegates discussed whether or not to keep agendaitem 4. This item, which was subject to the work of the Committee on Amendments, which met on 5 October 2024, was finally retained to take note of the report of the said Committee.

In addition, an item on the appointment of two Auditors for the 2024 financial year was added after item 3 on the Budget.

The draft agenda was adopted.

III – CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

A – Consideration of the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Conference

The Secretary-General presented his report on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Conference.

The members of the Executive Committee appreciated the overall quality of the report and acknowledged the Secretary-General's implementation of the decisions and recommendations.

They also welcomed the APU Declaration on Mali, initiated and published by the Secretary-General, following the terrorist attack in Bamako on 17 September 2024.

Lastly, they were of the view that parliaments must work together with their respective governments by encouraging them to respond to the needs and expectations of the people.

The report on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Conference was adopted.

B– Annual 2025 work programme

Following the Secretary-General's presentation of the Annual Work Programme for 2025, the members of the Executive Committee expressed the hope that APU would take steps to boost the capacity of parliamentarians, particularly in the fight against terrorism.

The Secretary-General assured the members of the Executive Committee of the efforts being made with external partners to set up capacity-building programmes for parliaments in their actions against terrorism.

Following these remarks, the Executive Committee approved the Annual Work Programme for 2025.

C – Consideration and adoption of the budget for the 2025 financial year

Following the presentation of the draft budget for the 2025 financial year by the Secretary General, and clarifications on the variations made to certain budget items compared to the 2024 financial year and which did not impact the overall amount of the budget adopted for 2024, the importance of having a strategy aimed at collecting contributions was highlighted.

The Secretary-General highlighted the recurring problem of unpaid subscriptions and called upon parliamentarians to contribute to revenue collection efforts.

Following these observations, the Executive Committee approved the draft budget for the 2025 financial year, with revenue and expenditure totalling €1,138,177.

The Executive Committee has finally reappointed Messrs. NGAYAP Pierre Flambeau, Senator of Cameroon, and ACHIA Remigio, Member of the Parliament of Uganda, as Auditors of the accounts for the 2024 financial year.

D – Consideration and adoption of the proposed amendments to the Statutes and Rules of procedures

The Executive Committee first heard the report of the Committee on Amendments to the Statutes, which met on 5 October at the headquarters of the National Transitional Council of Chad in N'Djamena.

It was decided to postpone the examination of the amendments proposed by the National Groups until the next session of the Executive Committee.

The Secretary-General will forward the proposed amendments submitted so far by the national groups to all parliaments.

E- Draft agenda of the 46th Conference

The Secretary-General presented the following items on the draft agenda of the 46th Conference:

1. Report by the Chairperson of the Executive Committee
2. Activity report from the Secretary-General
3. Report of the Committee of Women Parliamentarians
4. *Meeting the challenges of peace and security by promoting the participation and empowerment of young people in African countries* (Political Committee).
5. *Economic development of African countries through the harnessing of natural resources, economic diversification and industrialization.* (Economic and Sustainable Development Committee).
6. Date and venue of the 47th Conference
7. Election of the Chairperson of the Executive Committee
8. Any other business.

The Executive Committee approved the draft budget of the 46th Conference.

F – Draft agenda of the 83rd Session of the Executive Committee

The Secretary-General presented the draft agenda as follows:

1. Consideration of the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Conference
2. Consideration of the audited management accounts for 2024
3. Preparation of the draft agenda for the 47th Conference
4. Consideration and adoption of the proposed amendments to the Statutes and Regulations
5. Draft agenda of the 84th Session of the Executive Committee
6. Date and venue of the 84th Session of the Executive Committee.

The draft agenda was adopted.

G – Date and venue of the 83rd Session of the Executive Committee

Per the current regulations, this session is scheduled to take place at the beginning of 2025, before 30 April 2025.

The Chairperson asked the members of the Executive Committee to consider the issue of determining the venue for the 83rd Session and hoped that a country would come forward before the end of these meetings in N'Djaména.

Annex II

BUDGET FOR 2024 (in Euros)

1 138 177 Euros

	<i>Description</i>	<i>2024 Approved Budget</i>	<i>2025 Estimates</i>
	<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
	<u>Ordinary Receipts</u>		
70	Contributions of National Groups	1 119 177	1 119 177
71	Other Receipts	-	-
	Sub-Total	1 119 177	1 119 177
	<u>Extraordinary Receipts</u>		
72	Subventions and donations	(for memory)	(for memory)
73	Other extraordinary receipts	19 000	19 000
	Sub-Total	19 000	19 000
	<i>TOTAL RECEIPTS</i>	1 138 177	1 138 177
	<u>EXPENSES</u>		
60	Staff expenses	524 827	524 827
61	Travelling allowances	107 000	107 000
62	Equipment, supplies, external services	109 700	109 700
63	Transport	121 150	121 150
64	Meetings and sessions	226 500	226 500
65	General expenses	49 000	49 000
	<i>TOTAL EXPENSES</i>	1 138 177	1 138 177

Ordinary Receipts

1 119 177€uros

	Description	2024 <i>Approved Budget</i>	2025 <i>Estimates</i>
70	Contributions of National Groups	1 119 177	1 119 177
	Contributions on equal basis	400 000	400 000
	Contributions according to AU rates	719 177	719 177
71	Other receipts		
	Scrapped goods	-	-
	TOTAL	1 119 177	1 119 177

TABLE OF CONTRIBUTIONS OF NATIONAL GROUPS FOR THE YEAR 2025
(in€uros)

<i>COUNTRY</i>	<i>PART 1, EQUAL</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>PART 2, ACCORDING TO %</i>	<i>AMOUNT OF ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION</i>
1. Algeria	10 000	9,70	69760	79760
2. Angola	10 000	9,70	69760	79760
3. Benin	10 000	0,90	6473	16473
4. Burkina Faso	10 000	1,20	8630	18630
5. Burundi	10 000	0,60	4315	14315
6. Cameroon	10 000	2,20	15821	25821
7. Central Africa	10 000	0,30	2159	12159
8. Comoros	10 000	0,30	2159	12159
9. Congo	10 000	1,10	7911	17911
10. Côte d'Ivoire	10 000	3,80	27328	37328
11. Djibouti	10 000	0,20	1438	11438
12. Egypt	10 000	9,70	69760	79760
13. Ethiopia	10 000	5,10	36678	46678
14. Gabon	10 000	1,60	11506	21506
15. Gambia	10 000	0,20	1438	11438
16. Ghana	10 000	3,60	25890	35890
17. Guinea-Bissau	10 000	0,30	2159	12159
18. Guinea(Conakry)	10 000	0,70	5034	15034
19. Equatorial Guinea	10 000	1,30	9349	19349
20. Kenya	10 000	4,80	34520	44520
21. Liberia	10 000	0,30	2159	12159
22. Libya	10 000	4,70	33801	43801
23. Madagascar	10 000	1,10	7911	17911
24. Mali	10 000	1,20	8630	18630
25. Morocco	10 000	9,70	69760	79760
26. Mauritania	10 000	0,50	3596	13596
27. Niger	10 000	0,80	5753	15753
28. Nigeria	10 000	9,70	69760	79760
29. Uganda	10 000	1,80	12945	22945
30. D.R.Congo	10 000	2,40	17260	27260
31. Rwanda	10 000	0,80	5753	15753
32. Sao Tome & Principe	10 000	0,10	720	10720
33. Senegal	10 000	0,60	4315	14315
34. Sierra Leone	10 000	0,60	4315	14315
35. Somalia	10 000	0,30	2159	12159
36. South Sudan	10 000	1,30	9349	19349
37. Chad	10 000	1,20	8630	18630
38. Togo	10 000	0,70	5034	15034
39. Tunisia	10 000	3,50	25171	35171
40. Zimbabwe	10 000	1,40	10068	20068
TOTAL	400 000	100.00	719 177	1 119 177

EXTRAORDINARY RECEIPTS

19 000€uros

	Description	2024 <i>Approved Budget</i>	2025 <i>Estimates</i>
72	Subventions and donations	(for memory)	(for memory)
73	<i>Other extraordinary receipts</i>		
	Contribution of the Arab IPU	19 000	19 000
	TOTAL	19 000	19 000

60 : Staff Expenses

524 827€uros

	Description	2024 Approved Budget	2025 Estimates
	Salaries		
600	The Secretary-General	84 552	84 552
601	Permanent Staff	244 068	244 068
692	Temporary Staff	4 000	4 000
	Social security contributions		
603	Health insurance	40 000	47 000
604	Family allowances	6 500	5 580
605	Housing allowance	34 219	35 000
606	School fees	33 000	47 000
607	Transport allowance	2 964	2 500
608	Travel expenses	7 000	15 000
609	Retirement insurance	66 524	38 127
6010	Entertainment expenses	2 000	2 000
	TOTAL	524 827	524 827

61: Expenses and Travelling Allowances

107000 €uros

	Description	2024 Approved Budget	2025 Estimates
	Executive Committee and General Secretariat		
610	Participation in international conferences	50 000	50 000
611	Preparation of meetings	8 000	8 000
612	Other missions	40 000	38 200
613	Audit of accounts	9 000	10 800
	TOTAL	107 000	107 000

62: Equipment, Supplies, External Services

109 700€uros

	Description	2024 <i>Approved Budget</i>	2025 <i>Estimates</i>
620	<i>Office supplies</i>	3 000	3 000
621	<i>Documentation</i>	700	700
622	<i>Printing work</i>	4 000	4 000
623	<i>Supplies for the printing of Documents</i>	5 000	5 000
624	<i>Supplies for conferences</i>	2 000	2 000
625	<i>Mail and Internet connexion</i>	15 000	15 000
626	<i>Water, Electricity, Telephone, Fax</i>	14 000	14 000
627	<i>Insurance on the administrative Building</i>	2 000	2 000
	Maintenance		
628	Equipment	3 000	3 000
629	Administrative offices	10 000	10 000
6210	Equipment of administrative offices	30 000	30 000
	Service cars		
6211	Purchase	-	-
6212	Maintenance and repairs	6 000	6 000
6213	Insurance	3 000	3 000
6214	Fuel	12 000	12 000
	TOTAL	109 700	109 700

63: Transport

121 150 Euros

	Description	2024 <i>Approved Budget</i>	2025 <i>Estimates</i>
630	Participation in international conferences	50 000	50 000
631	Preparation of meetings	7 800	7 800
632	Missions of the Executive Committee	57 650	57 650
633	Audit of Accounts	5 700	5 700
	TOTAL	121 150	121 150

**64: APU Statutory Sessions and Conference,
Thematic meetings**

226 500€uros

	Description	2024 <i>Approved Budget</i>	2025 <i>Estimates</i>
	<i>Interpreters and Translators</i>		
640	Remunerations	65 000	65 000
641	Per diem	40 000	40 000
642	Transport charges	20 000	20 000
	<i>Secretariat</i>		
643	Travelling allowances	25 000	25 000
644	Transport charges	35 000	35 000
645	<i>Gratuities</i>	1 500	1 500
646	<i>Thematic meetings</i>	40 000	40 000
	TOTAL	226 500	226 500

65: General Expenses

49 000 Euros

	Description	2024 <i>Approved Budget</i>	2025 <i>Estimates</i>
650	<i>General provisions</i>	2 500	2 500
651	<i>Financial costs</i>	1 500	1 500
652	<i>Other general expenses</i>	15 000	15 000
653	<i>Provision for the working capital recovery</i>	30 000	30 000
	TOTAL	49 000	49 000

AFRICAN PARLIAMENTARY UNION

46TH CONFERENCE
N'DJAMENA, 8 – 9 OCTOBER 2024

R /157/46 (2024)

***Address the challenges of peace and security, in particular by promoting the
involvement and empowerment of youth in African countries***

*Resolution adopted by the 46th Conference
(N'Djamena, 9 October 2024)*

*The African Parliamentary Union, meeting in its 46th Conference on 8 and 9 October 2024 in
N'Djamena (Chad),*

Noting that Africa has the youngest population in the world with more than 400 million young people aged 15 to 35,

Stressing that such a young population requires increased investment in economic and social development factors, in order to improve the development index of African countries,

Considering that the demographic factor can constitute a dividend in favour of sustainable development, peace and security,

Recalling that the African Union has developed several youth development policies and programs at the continental level aimed at ensuring that the continent benefits from its demographic dividend; these policies include the African Youth Charter, the Plan of Action for the Youth Decade and the Malabo Decision on Youth Empowerment, which are included in the various programmes of Agenda 2063,

Recalling the landmark resolution 2250 on youth, peace and security adopted by the United Nations Security Council in 2015, which recognized for the first time that “youth can play an important role in preventing and resolving conflicts, and in particular in stabilization, integration capacity and the success of peacekeeping and peace-building activities”,

Emphasizing that the resolution 2250 on youth, peace and security adopted by the United Nations Security Council is structured around five pillars: participation, protection, prevention, partnerships and disengagement and reintegration, emphasizing the role of young men and women in promoting international peace and security,

ANNEX III : RESOLUTIONS

Also recalling United Nations Security Council Resolution 2419 adopted in 2018, calling for the full inclusion of young people in the negotiation and implementation of peace agreements, as well as for greater participation of young people in decision-making,

Emphasizing that the “youth, peace and security” triptych is at the heart of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SDGs),

Considering that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is an extremely useful resource for deploying holistic and integrated programmes for youth, peace and security,

Emphasizing the link between the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the issue of youth, peace and security, in particular through the promotion of mechanisms for governance, access to justice and the fight against inequalities,

Convinced that conflict prevention and resolution are more sustainable when priority is given to the perspectives of young people,

Aware that in a context of increasing globalization characterized by the omnipresence of concerns related to terrorism, transnational organized crime and violent extremism, perspectives on young people are distorted by stereotypes contagious that associate them with violence,

Stressing the need to prevent political, economic and social marginalization that paves the way for extremism and violence,

Stressing that the main consequence of negative stereotypes is to marginalize and stigmatize youth by presenting them as a problem to be solved and a threat to be contained,

Regretting that this situation detrimentally distorts interventions and programmatic priorities for youth, peace and security in favour of ultra-security approaches that neglect prevention, ignoring the fact that in reality, most young people are not involved in violence,

Stressing that the participation of young people and youth community leaders in peace efforts, decision-making and institutional reform processes allows them to constructively influence areas that directly impact their lives,

Noting that the resilience of young people is demonstrated not only by their agency, but also by their ownership and leadership in peace-building,

Convinced that exclusively security-based approaches to combating violence are not against violent extremism often prove counterproductive and instead aggravate the exclusion and marginalization of young people,

Affirming that education plays a vital role in:

- promoting inclusion and social cohesion;
- building resilience and a culture of peace;
- preventing violent extremism;
- respecting human rights;
- empowering young people to contribute to their communities;
- building peace and resilience through a transformational process that fosters a social contract that empowers young people to positively shape institutions and their policies;

1. *Urges* African States to put in place, on the one hand, academic education policies adapted to the labor market and, on the other hand, education and technical and vocational training policies that reduce the economic vulnerability of young people that fuels insecurity and violence, meet the vital needs of populations and ensure food security;

2. *Calls for* the strengthening of access to quality education that teaches the skills needed for the peaceful resolution of conflicts and to offer training programs on mediation, conflict management and human rights from an early age;

3. *Calls on* African Governments to take measures to transform systems that fuel exclusion by establishing an environment conducive to the participation of young people, including by removing structural obstacles that prevent them from contributing to economic and social life in peace and security;

4. *Calls for* the participation of young people, particularly young women, in the development, implementation and monitoring of transitional justice processes, including truth-seeking, reparation and reconciliation programmes, institutional reform processes, criminal justice, and memory and commemoration programmes for future generations;

5. *Recommends* that African States encourage the active participation of young people in political and decision-making processes at all levels and create dedicated spaces where young people can express their opinions and influence public policies, especially by providing for quotas in electoral laws and laws on political parties;;

6. *Urges* African States to promote policies that promote the integration of young people in all political and decision-making processes and forums, at the national, regional and continental levels, allowing them to have a direct say in the formulation, design, implementation and evaluation of policies and approaches that concern them, ensuring that “participation” and “integration” are not the result of co-optation or figuration that allows for the use or manipulation of young people;

7. *Calls on* African States to attach importance to the leadership of young women and men working for peace and security;

8. *Recommends* the establishment of mentoring programmes where young people benefit from the advice and experience of leaders in the field of peace and security;

9. *Also Recommends* the promotion of partnerships and collaborative actions for peace in which young people are considered as equals and essential partners;
10. *Calls on* governments to establish an African Fund to support youth peace and security initiatives, especially through the provision of prizes, grants and awards;
11. *Calls upon* African States to:
 - establish youth councils at national, regional and local levels;
 - develop programmes for the reintegration of young ex-combatants into the economy, particularly in the agricultural sector;
 - facilitate their access to regional and international networks to share best practices and experiences, and
 - encourage cultural and academic exchanges between young Africans to strengthen mutual understanding and continental solidarity;
12. *Calls on* African States to promote economic opportunities and youth employment initiatives, particularly through social entrepreneurship and innovative sectors, and facilitate access to finance and mentoring for young entrepreneurs;
13. *Stresses* the promotion of information and communication technologies (ICTs) and the opportunities they offer to young people and their use to raise awareness and mobilize young people around peace and security issues and to foster the creation of positive and educational content promoting tolerance and intercultural understanding;
14. *Calls on* governments and states to develop mechanisms to facilitate youth mobility within the continent where opportunities exist;
15. *Calls on* financial institutions to promote financing in African countries aimed at:
 - provide low-interest loans for young people;
 - addressing the multidimensional challenge of job creation for young people;
 - providing direct support for private investment, particularly in landlocked economies;
 - developing the empowerment of young people as key actors in promoting peace and human development;
 - supporting the economic aspects of justice and security;
16. *Stresses* the need to tailor funding to the specific needs of youth organizations, initiatives and movements in order to empower young people with small-scale projects and initiatives and innovative programmes;
17. *Calls for* the participation of young people in decision-making on the allocation of grants for them, including within public, bilateral, multilateral and private funding agencies;
18. *Also calls for* the establishment of an African Youth Observatory to promote youth participation in peace, security and sustainable development;

19. *Calls on States, regional organizations and United Nations organizations, including peacekeeping missions, to coordinate and increase their participation in the implementation of United Nations Security Council resolutions, including resolutions 2250 (2015) and 2419 (2018), and to mobilize their own capacities in the field of youth and peace and security.*

20. *Also Calls on States to take measures to enable young people to participate in the development of intra-African trade and to benefit most from the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).*

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46TH CONFERENCE
N'DJAMENA, 8 – 9 OCTOBER 2024

R /158/46 (2024)

The economic development of African countries through the development of natural resources, the diversification of the economy and industrialization

*Resolution adopted by the 46th Conference
(N'Djamena, 9 October 2024)*

The African Parliamentary Union, meeting in its 46th Conference on 8 and 9 October 2024 in N'Djamena (Chad),

Considering that the African continent has sufficient natural resources enabling it to achieve its economic development, such as land, water, mineral resources, energy (oil, natural gas), precious stones, gold, zinc, forests, etc.,

Considering that peace in our countries will allow the free movement of people and goods throughout the continent

Convinced that the economic development of African countries necessarily involves the development of their natural resources, the diversification of their economies and industrialization,

Aware that economic development must be underpinned by the construction of modern infrastructure as well as the establishment of ICT and appropriate communication connectivity networks,

Noting that in many cases, the continent's natural resources are of greater benefit to Western countries because of the low level of industrialization of African countries,

Convinced that Africa must benefit more from its natural resources to stimulate growth, through their use, by decision-makers, as a driver for economic and social development, in particular through the establishment of processing industries,

Stressing the importance of industrial development to ensure inclusive and resilient economic and social growth,

Affirming that Africa's industrial development can benefit from strong structural factors linked with demography, urbanization, booming domestic markets and digital and technological developments,

Considering that industry plays a vital role in the development of African countries by:

- creating added value and generating more activities along the value chains from raw materials to finished products;
- stimulating productivity by introducing new techniques and technologies,
- creating jobs, and increasing the skills of the workforce;
- promoting the formal economy by improving the trade balance through the creation of goods;

Noting that the low level of industrialization hampers the development of African economies, which offer little added value by remaining dependent on agriculture and the export of unprocessed raw materials,

Convinced that African countries must re-think industrialization and development objectives based on the efficient and rational use of its natural resources for the structural transformation of the continent,

Recalling the African Union Agenda 2063, as the African Union's strategic framework for the socio-economic transformation of Africa, which aims to maximize the use of Africa's resources for the benefit of all Africans, and which calls for promoting sectoral and productivity plans, as well as developing regional and commodity value chains to support the implementation of industrial policies at all levels,

Also based on the Economic Report on Africa by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the African Union (AU) entitled "Making the most of Africa's commodities: industrializing for growth, jobs and economic transformation", Addis Ababa, March 2013,

1. *Calls on* African governments to pursue an economic development policy focused primarily on the development of natural resources by promoting:

- effective governance with the establishment of regulatory frameworks and transparent policies to manage natural resources in a sustainable and equitable manner;
- the development of infrastructure and utilization of advanced technologies necessary for the exploitation, transport and processing of natural resources;
- the use of advanced technologies to improve the extraction and transformation of resources while minimizing the environmental impact;

2. *Urges* African decision-makers to do their utmost to establish lasting peace throughout the African continent:

3. *Urges* African Governments to put in place industrialization policies by:

- establishing industrial zones and technology parks equipped with basic infrastructure and essential services;
 - investing in education and vocational training to develop a skilled workforce capable of supporting emerging industrial sectors;
 - promoting partnerships between the public and private sectors to stimulate investing in industrialization and creating local jobs;
 - diversifying Africa's technical partners to ensure genuine industrialization in African countries.
4. *Affirms* that African countries can diversify their economies beyond natural resources, stimulate industrial growth and create permanent jobs, while ensuring sustainable use of resources and strengthening their economic resilience to fluctuations in global markets;
5. *Urges* African States to diversify their economies by promoting, in particular:
- investments in non-extractive sectors such as agriculture, live-stock, tourism, financial services, ICT, and other manufacturing and processing industries;
 - creating an enabling environment for small and medium-sized enterprises by simplifying administrative procedures, providing access to finance and providing technical and business support;
6. *Encourages* African States to pursue national reforms to improve agro-pastoral productivity and the quality of technical training, and ultimately make African economies more competitive and productive and thereby allow for greater job creation;
7. *Urges* African States to give the necessary importance to the agricultural sector and to the development of agri-food and agro-industries that provide added value to Africa's agricultural products, meet the needs of the domestic market and contribute to inter-African trade;
8. *Emphasizes* the need for a new development paradigm that prioritizes the structural transformation of natural resources at the internal level, especially in a sub-regional framework;
9. *Calls on* African States to continually promote regional integration by actively participating in regional and international trade agreements to strengthen economic integration and access new markets, on the one hand, and to develop inter-State cooperation that can strengthen regional infrastructure that promotes cross-border trade and investment, on the other hand;
10. *Strongly recommends* the establishment of infrastructure, particularly in the sectors of:
- energy and transport by developing energy and transport networks to support industrial and commercial activities across the continent;
 - digitization by improving access to high-speed Internet and information and communication technologies (ICTs) to facilitate trade and innovation;

11. *Urges* African countries to take advantage of the global energy transition that is moving towards renewable energies, such as wind, solar, lithium batteries and hydroelectricity, and will therefore rely on the abundant minerals, such as copper, lithium and coltan that exist in Africa;

12. *Calls on* African institutions and the international community to continue their efforts to prioritize industry by supporting development strategies adopted at the continental level, including the Post-2015 Agenda and the AU Agenda 2063.

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46TH CONFERENCE
N'DJAMENA, 8 – 9 OCTOBER 2024

RCF 17/46 (2024)

The role of African women in meeting the challenges of peace, security and development

*Resolution adopted by the 46th Conference
(N'Djamena, 9 October 2024)*

The Committee of African Women Parliamentarians of the African Parliamentary Union, meeting on October 7, 2024 in N'Djamena (Chad),

Aware of discriminatory laws and inequalities against women,

Considering the limited access of women to resources, such as land and credit,

Stressing that violence against women is an endemic problem affecting their security and their ability to participate in public life,

Noting that gender inequalities remain a major obstacle to the involvement of women,

Stressing the limited access of women to the education necessary for a more active role,

Concerned by the problems related to food, health and environmental security in Africa,

Considering the importance of the role of African women in the face of the challenges of peace, security and development,

Taking into account the analyses made on the issue by the African Union, which has aligned its sustainable development objectives with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),

Noting the initiatives of institutions such as UNESCO, UN Women and certain international organizations,

Proposes the following recommendations to the 46th Conference:

- 1- Implement measures to support African women in their role in promoting peace, security and development;

- 2- Invest in girls' education and economic empowerment: African governments must continue to invest in girls' education, particularly in rural areas, to enable them to develop the skills needed to participate fully in the economy. In addition, microfinance and skills development programs must be strengthened to enable women to create and manage businesses;
- 3- Strengthen women's inclusion in peace processes: African governments and international organizations must commit to systematically including women at all levels of peace negotiations and reconciliation processes;
- 4- Promote human security through women's empowerment: it is essential to strengthen local initiatives that enable women to play an active role in the security of their communities. This includes supporting women's networks for conflict prevention and the promotion of human rights;
- 5- Improve African women's access to economic resources and land ownership: land policies must be reformed to ensure that women have equal rights to land ownership. In addition, access to credit must be facilitated for women entrepreneurs, so that they can invest in income-generating activities;
- 6- Develop sustainable and resilient quality infrastructure, and promote inclusive industrialization. Support technological innovation and research;
- 7- Eradicate hunger and enhance food security by supporting sustainable agriculture and increasing agricultural production;
- 8- Improve maternal health, reduce child mortality and combat diseases such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, and strengthen quality health care systems accessible to all;
- 9- Take measures to combat climate change and its impacts;
- 10- Promote gender equality and empower all women and girls, combat gender-based violence and promote the participation of African women at all levels of society;
- 11- Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all;
- 12- Strengthen institutions at all levels to be effective and inclusive;
- 13- Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development;
- 14- Mobilize financial and technical resources to achieve the objectives in a long-term vision that aims to transform Africa into an integrated continent;

- 15- End impunity for perpetrators of sexual violence in conflict and strengthen protection measures for women and girls;
 - 16- Promote the voice of African women in the media, particularly on issues related to peace, security and development;
 - 17- Raise awareness of gender stereotypes in the media and encourage gender-sensitive journalism;
 - 18- Support local initiatives led by African women that promote peace and sustainable development;
 - 19- Strengthen the capacities of African women to actively participate in governance and decision-making;
 - 20- Integrate gender issues into education to promote equality and women's participation in conflict resolution and development;
 - 21- Encourage education systems to train young women leaders capable of contributing to peace and development;
 - 22- Strengthen collaboration between United Nations entities to promote the role of African women in peace and security.
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