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**RESOLUTION ON THE
ENERGY INFORMATION SYSTEM & DATABASE IN AFRICA (AEIS)**

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AFRICAN ENERGY INFORMATION SYSTEM & DATABASE
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We, African Union Ministers in Charge of Energy, gathered at the Second ordinary Session of CEMA in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on the 16th of November 2012,

PURSUANT TO:

The Convention of the African Energy Commission which instructs the establishment of Energy Information System and Database in Africa;

The recommendations of the 1st African Seminar for the Establishment of an African Energy Information System and Database which was held in Algiers, Algeria, on 23-24 April 2003;

The recommendations of the 2nd African Seminar for the Establishment of the African Energy Information System and Database which was held in Algiers, Algeria, on 12-15 May 2005;

The Algerian Declaration adopted by the Meeting of the African Ministers of Energy which took place in Algiers, Algeria, on 28 February 2008 for the launching of the African Energy Commission;

The recommendations of the 3rd African Seminar for the Establishment of the African Energy Information System and Database which was held in Cairo, Egypt, on 14-16 November 2011;

AWARE OF:

The existence of information gaps inaccuracy and deficiency in the African Energy Information Systems and Databases;

The growing challenges in formulating effective energy policies in the African countries due to lack of reliable energy data and critical information;

The need to benefit from advances achieved by international database providers and their experience and expertise in Information Technology for supporting energy policy making and planning activities;

The possibility of making strong partnerships among African countries, Regional Economic Communities, Specialized Institutions and International Organizations for long-term cooperation in the development of a viable African Energy Database and Information System;

The converging missions assigned to all ministries in charge of energy in Africa, Regional Economic Communities, Specialized Institutions and International energy organization with the objective of supporting the energy development in Africa;

CONSIDERING:

The need of the African Member States to fulfill their respective mandates in support of Africa's efforts in energy policy development and regional integration in a concerted manner;

The AU strategy for socioeconomic development of Africa is based on the identification of mechanisms for partnership in the energy sector as the ground to social and economic improvement of the peoples;

The Energy Information System in Africa and Database aims at becoming a tool for coordination of the African national energy databases with objective to foster regional and continental cooperation in energy development and to support the efforts of decision-making, thus, achieving successful culmination of the energy policy and integration processes;

RESOLVE TO:

ENDORSE the work achieved by the AUC in putting together the first ever African Energy Information System and Database and make it available for use by the African Member States, RECs and specialized institutions;

ENSURE that the African Energy Database become a base for cooperation among all associated parties with a given responsibility to enhance the coordination, harmonization, protection, preservation and development of the African energy data and information bases;

AFFIRM our commitment to support the development, functioning and operation of the African Energy Information System and Database by committing our institutions to full and substantive involvement in the implementation and operation of this Database;

INVITE all regional and international energy information systems and database providers to support the African Energy Information Systems and Database in order to ensure its proper functioning and development;

URGE the African Member States to support the development of the African Energy Information System and in place Database and provide all kinds of assistance, especially providing reliable energy data and information, timely and consistently, and preserve the spirit of partnerships for the implementation of this project.

FURTHER URGE the African Union Commission (AUC) to extend its utmost financial and political support for the successful implementation and sustainable operation of the African Energy Information System and Database

REQUEST the AUC in collaboration with the African Development Bank, the regional development banks, international organizations, donors and others to mobilise the necessary financial and human resources for the implementation of this Resolution.

Done in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on the 16th of November 2012