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Transmittal of the resolution adopted by the Council of Ministers of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to the Conference

I have the honour to transmit a resolution adopted by the Council of Ministers of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) States on 27 April 2016 (see annex). It falls to the fourteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to consider the resolution. Accordingly, I would be grateful if the present resolution could be circulated as a document of the Conference under item 9 of the provisional agenda.

(Signed)

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Annex

Resolution adopted by ACP Council of Ministers at the 103rd session held in Dakar, Senegal, from 26 to 27 April 2016

The ACP Council of Ministers,

Meeting in Dakar, Senegal, from 26 to 27 April 2016,

Welcoming the holding of the fourteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD XIV) in Nairobi, Kenya, from 15–22 July 2016,

Noting that UNCTAD XIV will bring together Heads of State and Government, ministers and other prominent players from the business world, civil society and academia to tackle global trade and economic development issues,

Recognizing that UNCTAD XIV comes at a watershed moment, following the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda in 2015, the forthcoming quadrennial conference will pave the way for UNCTAD to make its contribution to the achievement of the ambitious goals established by these outcomes,

Noting that the Conference will also decide on the UNCTAD programme of work,

Welcoming the theme of the Conference “From decision to action: Moving toward an inclusive and equitable global economic environment for trade and development” and its four sub-themes,

Recognizing that UNCTAD has an excellent and proven record in development research and innovative thinking, an efficient and effective intergovernmental machinery as a vital development forum, and [that] its technical cooperation activities have acted as powerful tools for tackling the common challenges facing ACP countries and other developing countries as well as economies in transition in the past and coming years,

Reaffirming the resolution of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (paragraph 88) to “strengthen the important role of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) as the focal point within the United Nations system for the integrated treatment of trade and development and interrelated issues in the areas of finance, technology, investment and sustainable development”,

Believing that UNCTAD is suitably placed to support ACP States as they implement various commitments under economic partnership agreements, the complex outcome of the World Trade Organization’s Tenth Ministerial Conference and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

Desirous of participating and benefiting from the mandate and work programme to be approved by UNCTAD XIV,

Resolves to:

- (a) *Express our satisfaction* with the work of UNCTAD and all for the further strengthening of UNCTAD, also recognizing its role as major institutional stakeholder for financing for development, in supporting the follow-up and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and other major international agreements in relation to trade and development and interrelated issues in the areas of finance, technology, investment and sustainable development;

- (b) *Commit* to do all that is necessary to ensure high level participation of its members at the UNCTAD XIV in Nairobi as an important opportunity to translate the decisions of last year into concrete actions, as well as to further advance the evolution of the UNCTAD role and mandate as one of the major United Nations institutions on development, its holistic approach to development, and the enhancement of its capacity to meet the needs of ACP and other developing countries;
- (c) *Stress* the importance of more effectively harnessing trade as an engine for sustainable and inclusive development and of establishing national, regional and international economic environments conducive to the successful pursuit of sustainable development, in line with the 2030 Agenda, and in particular for ensuring prosperity for all;
- (d) *Establish* a stronger working relationship with the UNCTAD post-Nairobi with a view to derive real benefits from UNCTAD technical resources and, in this regard, instruct the ACP ambassadors in Brussels and Geneva to work closely in coordination to ensure ACP States' effective participation in UNCTAD;
- (e) *Instruct* the President of Council to forward this resolution to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD for this resolution to be distributed as an official document of the Conference.

Dakar
27 April 2016
