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CONSEIL DES MINISTRES AFRICAINS CHARGES DE L'EAU

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DECISIONS OF THE 5th EXTRA-ORDINARY SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF AMCOW HELD VIRTUALLY ON 7TH MAY 2024

Preamble

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council of AMCOW, the 5th Extra-Ordinary Session of the Executive Committee (EXCO) of the Governing Council of AMCOW was virtually convened on 7th May 2024 on Zoom.

The 5th Extra-Ordinary Session of EXCO received and considered the following reports:

- i) The report of the TAC sub-Committee on Finance and Human Resources on the 2024 AMCOW work plan and budget. The Secretariat's budget cycle begins in August of each financial year so that the budget is ready for consideration by the Council in October. However, in 2023, the 13th Ordinary Session of the General Assembly was convened in June 2023, which was ahead of the budget preparation process. The TAC sub-committee on Finance and HR has now vetted the 2024 budget and workplan for the consideration of the Executive Committee.
- ii) The Africa Regional Position Paper on the results from the consultation process for Africa's common position and key messages to influence the outcomes of the 10th World Water Forum. The Forum will be taking place on 18 – 24 May 2024 in Bali, Indonesia
- iii) The roadmap on how to deal with the petition received from the Secretariat.

Rising on 7th May 2024, the 5th Extra-Ordinary Session of EXCO took the following decisions:

EO/EXCO/5/2024/CAI/1 on the report of the TAC sub-Committee on Finance and Human Resources on the 2024 AMCOW work plan and budget.

The Executive Committee:

- 1.1 **Takes note** of the unaudited Financial Progress Report for the year ended 31st December 2023 and **urges** the Secretariat to conclude the audit and submit the audited Financial Report at the 14th EXCO for approval.
- 1.2 **Approves** the proposed revised Work plan for 2024 and the corresponding budget amounting to US\$6,051,560 (Six million and fifty-one thousand, five hundred sixty United States Dollars).

- 1.3 Acknowledges** with appreciation the financial contribution from the:
- a) the Member States,
 - b) the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA),
 - c) the African Development Bank through the Africa Water Facility (AfDB/AWF)
 - d) the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF),
 - e) the New Venture Fund,
 - f) the United States Agency for International Development (USAID),
 - g) the Team Europe Initiative through GIZ; and,
 - h) the Green Environment Facility (GEF) through Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) towards the implementation of the 2024 Annual Workplan.

Directs the Secretariat to broaden the scope of engagement with current and potential Development Partners to mobilise requisite financial and technical resources for the implementation of the 2024 Annual Work Plan.

EO/EXCO/5/2024/CAI/2 on the Africa Regional Position Paper on the results from the consultation process for Africa's common position and key messages to influence the outcomes of the 10th World Water Forum.

The Executive Committee:

- 2.1 Takes note** of the theme of the 10th World Water Forum (WWF10) taking place and the related primary components
- 2.2 Further Takes note** of the Africa Region Consultative process which informed Africa's Key Messages and Africa Region Position Paper for the 10th World Water Forum;
- 2.3 Acknowledges** with appreciation the leadership provided by the Commission of the African Union, in partnership with the Secretariat, African Development Bank and the Africa Water Facility – with the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), and other stakeholders – which resulted in broad-based consultation and active engagement of Member States.
- 2.4 Urges** Member States to review the draft key messages and provide their input to the TAC Chair within *the following 48hrs* to the meeting for onward submission to the World Water Council.
- 2.5 Adopts** the Africa Region Position Paper and its key messages and **endorses, as amended**, as Africa's input the 10th World Water Forum.
- 2.6 Urges** the Members of the Council and all partners as well as stakeholders to promote and disseminate the key messages in all Africa's engagements at the Forum, especially during the political process.
- 2.7 Tasks** the Secretariat, with support from the Commission of African Union and partners, to ensure that the Africa Region Position Paper and its recommendations serve as an input for the development of the post-2025 Africa Water Vision.

EO/EXCO/5/2024/CAI/3 on offer from the Arab Republic of Egypt to Second Staff at the Secretariat

The Executive Committee:

- 3.1 Takes note** with appreciation of the offer from the Arab Republic of Egypt for secondment of Staff to the Secretariat and urges the Secretariat to use this opportunity for strengthening its capacity.
- 3.2 Requests** the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to discuss with the secretariat the areas and qualifications where additional capacities are needed in accordance with AMCOW rules of procedures and to provide Egypt with these areas and qualification to allow Egypt to decide on the appropriate candidate to be seconded to the secretariat
- 3.3 Encourages** AMCOW member states to provide support to the AMCOW Secretariat by seconding experts to strengthen the Secretariat for the successful implementation of the AMCOW Strategy 2018-2030 as needed.

EO/EXCO/5/2024/CAI/4 on clarity on the advertisement for the role of Advisor on transboundary water management and governance for AMCOW

The Executive Committee:

- 4.1 Takes note** of the clarification and background information on the advertisement for the role of Advisor on transboundary water management and governance.

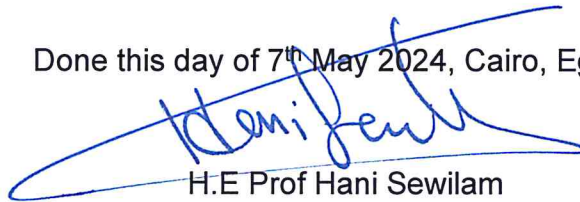
EO/EXCO/5/2024/CAI/5 on the roadmap to deal with the petition against the Executive Secretary received from the Secretariat

The Executive Committee:

- 5.1. Takes serious note of the petition** received against AMCOW Executive Secretary and the response of the Executive Secretary received on May 2nd 2024.
- 5.2. Commends** the leadership of AMCOW Presidency at both technical and Ministerial levels in handling this very delicate and unprecedented situation in compliance with AMCOW current rules and regulations.
- 5.3. Constitutes a fact-finding Committee** composed of AMCOW TAC members. The committee will carry out the investigation process through the following:

- Identifying and procuring an international independent consultant and independent auditor to :
 - Carry out necessary financial and administrative audit related to the petitions and documents submitted against AMCOW Executive Secretary and the response and documents submitted by AMCOW Executive Secretary.
 - Hence after, Submit a report to the fact finding Committee.
- Look into all AMCOW documents and rules of procedures to determine the processes that could be applied in this situation.
- Review the report submitted by recruited international independent consultant and independent auditor and all related documents and may discuss the audit for further clarification
- Submitting a comprehensive report with recommended procedures to an extraordinary council meeting that will be held to review the comprehensive report and take a final decision on the petition.

Done this day of 7th May 2024, Cairo, Egypt



H.E Prof Hani Sewilam

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AMCOW President**