

**CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT REPORT
AND DRAFT RESOLUTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE OF
EXPERTS AND DRAFT RESOLUTIONS**

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY THE RAPPORTEUR

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Thank you Mr. Chairman,

Mr. Hany K. Dimian, Deputy Minister of Finance, Arab Republic of Egypt.

Your Excellency, Mr. Maxwell Mkwezalamba, Commissioner for Economic Affairs of the African Union Commission,

Your Excellency, Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa,

Distinguished Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

- It is an honour and a privilege to welcome you this evening to this session and to submit to you, for your consideration and subsequent adoption, the report of the Committee of Experts of the second Joint Annual Meetings of the AU Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance and ECA Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development. The report carries the dual symbols, **E/ECA/COE/28/L and AU/CAMEF/EXP/Draft/Rpt** dated 5th June 2009.
- This report contains the outcome of our deliberations over the past three days
- Allow me, Dear Colleagues, to thank the secretariat that worked tirelessly with me to prepare this report under very tight deadlines.

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Colleagues and Ladies and Gentlemen, the report, which is before you has the following structure:

Section A deals with Attendance.

Section B reflects the adopted agenda and the election of the Bureau.

Section C, the most important part of the report contains the account of proceedings of our meeting. I sincerely hope it truly reflects the outcomes of our deliberations and discussions.

This section includes:

- A summary of the opening addresses; and
- A summary of our discussion as per the adopted agenda of our meeting and ensuing recommendations, including the outcomes of our discussion on the theme of the Conference. This is reflected in paragraphs _____ to _____.

- **The last Section** of the report is an annex that contains seven draft resolutions for your commendation to the Conference of Ministers for their consideration and adoption. The seven draft resolutions are on the following priority issues considered by the Committee:
 - **Draft Resolution - L1** - Enhancing Domestic Resource Mobilization
 - **Draft Resolution - L2** - Implementation of the African Charter on Statistics
 - **Draft Resolution - L3** - Congress of African Economists on Sub-Regional and Regional Integration
 - **Draft Resolution - L4** - Proposed Programme of Work and Priorities for the Biennium 2010-2011
 - **Draft Resolution - L5** - Statutes of the Proposed African Investment Bank
 - **Draft Resolution - L6** - Repositioning of the African Institute of Economic Development and Planning (IDEP)
 - **Draft Resolution - L7** - Global Financial and Economic Crisis

- Mr. Chairman, in considering the draft report, I would like to recommend, with your permission, that we adopt it focusing mainly on issues dealing with the substantive agenda items of the report. Under each agenda item, we may wish to proceed, for its adoption, paragraph by paragraph.
- In this connection, I would like to kindly recommend that any contribution - grammatical errors, typos or approved substantive amendments - be forwarded in writing to the secretariat for finalization.
- With these preliminary remarks, I am pleased to submit the draft report to this Distinguished Committee, for its adoption and consideration.

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I thank you for your attention.