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ADDITION**

WE, the African Union (AU) Ministers of Industry, meeting in our 19th Ordinary Session in Algiers, Algeria, on 30 and 31 March 2011, under the theme: *“Enhancing the Competitiveness of African Industries through Increased and Improved Value Addition”*;

GUIDED by the AU Assembly Decision (**Assembly/AU/Dec.175 (X)**) of 31st January 2008 that directed the Commission of the African Union in collaboration with the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and development partners to speedily operationalize the Plan of Action for the Accelerated Industrial Development of Africa (AIDA);

RECALLING the Strategy for the Implementation of the Plan of Action for AIDA that we adopted at our 18th Ordinary Session in Durban, South Africa, in October 2008;

ALSO RECALLING our request to the Commission of the African Union for the elaboration of a Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism as well as a Resource Mobilization Strategy;

COMMENDING the AU-NEPAD’s Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) whose objectives include the achievement of food security through the development of agribusiness and agro-industries in Africa;

STRESSING the importance to African countries of economic diversification based on value addition to natural resources, especially in the agriculture and mineral sectors;

RECOGNIZING the important contribution that the pharmaceutical sector has to offer for the industrial development of the Continent and for improving the health of its populations;

AWARE of the contributions that synergies among Africa’s industrial sectors can make to the attainment of rapid industrialization, the promotion of sustainable economic growth, and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs);

HEREBY:

1. **EXPRESS our thanks to** His Excellency, President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, the Government and people of the Republic of Algeria for hosting CAMI 19 and for the warm hospitality, as well as the excellent facilities made available for the success of the Conference.

2. **EXPRESS** our thanks and profound gratitude to Her Excellency Mrs. Elisabeth Tankeu, Commissioner for Trade and Industry of the Commission of the African Union, for her outstanding and sustained efforts to promote industrial growth in Africa, throughout her term of office.
3. **REAFFIRM** our commitment to the upgrading and diversification of our economies' productive capacities through increased value addition and transformation of raw materials so as to increase Africa's competitive position in the global economy;
4. **ENDORSE** the Resource Mobilization Strategy and the Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism for the Implementation of the Plan of Action for the Accelerated Industrial Development of Africa;
5. **RECOMMIT** ourselves to the achievement of the goals set out in the various industrial development programmes and projects contained in the Strategy for the Implementation of the Plan of Action for AIDA;
6. **URGE** Member States to expedite the implementation of the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA);
7. **REITERATE** our commitment to promoting increased value addition to agricultural products through the development of agribusiness and agro-industry value chains;
8. **INVITE** the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to mainstream the Plan of Action into their programmes and to take appropriate measures to operationalize its implementation as mandated by the AU Assembly;
9. **URGE** Member States to dedicate adequate national resources for Africa's industrial development, in particular through the modernization of capital markets that support fixed investment in the industrial sector;
10. **CALL** on Member States to establish an Industrial Development Fund and a mechanism for its management;
11. **ALSO CALL** on our development partners such as the World Bank, the African Development Bank, the European Investment Bank, the Regional Banks for Industry and the Regional Private Financial Institutions to make their resources available for the implementation of the Plan of Action of AIDA and, in particular, the Africa Agribusiness and Agro-Industry Development Initiative(3ADI);
12. **URGE** Member States of the African Union, the AUC and all stakeholders to take appropriate measures for the accelerated development of a

sustainable pharmaceutical industry in the framework of the implementation of the Assembly Decision on the elaboration of a Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Plan for Africa (PMPA), as a supplier of quality essential medicines and other related health commodities;

13. **REQUEST** Member States to develop agro-industry and pharmaceutical value chains and commit themselves to commence a process over the next year towards the harmonization of standards as a means to promote African production, intra-African and South-South trade and product safety in these value chains, building on existing processes of the AUC.
14. **URGE** Member States of the African Union to take appropriate measures to promote local processing of mineral resources and to facilitate structural change through technology transfer and value addition. Towards this objective, Member States commit to the development – over the next year – of a toolkit to assist in leveraging beneficiation of minerals at source, such as model trade agreement wording, mineral legislation and regulation and mining concession agreements.
15. **EXPRESS** our appreciation to UNIDO, UNECA, and other development partners for their continued support in the promotion of industrial development of Africa and **CALL** on them to remain fully engaged in the complete implementation of the Plan of Action for the Accelerated Industrial Development of Africa.
16. **REQUEST** the AUC, in collaboration with Member States, to implement this Declaration and to report to CAMI-20.

Adopted on this 31st day of March 2011, Algiers, Algeria