



PRESS RELEASE

Statement by the African Parliamentary Press Network (APPN) on resolution of issues that led to the suspension of PAP election session.

The **African Parliamentary Press Network (APPN)** commends the intervention of the **Executive Council** of the **African Union (AU)**, the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, **H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat** and the other policy organs of the **AU** in working assiduously and harmoniously to ensure that the misunderstanding that led to disruption of proceedings at the Fourth Ordinary Session of the Fifth Parliament of the Pan-African Parliament (PAP) were resolved in line with the established African Union values, rules, and regulations.

APPN recalls that the May election Session of PAP ended in chaos and/ or disorder, due to disagreement among some regions on the application of the principle of rotation in the election of the Parliament's president.

APPN commends the AUC Chairperson **H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat** for setting up the fact-finding delegation that visited the PAP Secretariat and submitted a progress report with far-reaching recommendations. The report of the delegation formed the basis for the decisions and recommendations of the policy organs.

The various interventions culminated in the decision of **39th Ordinary Session of the African Union Executive Council** in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia that only regions that have not had the opportunity to lead the Parliament would be eligible to present candidates at the resumed bureau election to be conducted and managed by the **Office of Legal Counsel**.

APPN urges the Parliamentarians to accept the resolution of the issue in good faith and henceforth focus on issues that promote a united Africa instead of dwelling on issues that tended to divide us. These include the manufacturing of COVID-19 Vaccines and related drugs in Africa, challenges of youth unemployment, under-development, poverty, insecurity, and promoting participatory democracy.

The **APPN** takes this opportunity to call on all national Parliaments that are yet to ratify the Malabo Protocol to do so to give the Pan-African Parliament the needed legislative powers.

The **APPN** assures the **Executive Council** of the **African Union (AU)**, and **the PAP** of its unflinching support and collaboration in providing publicity and education for all African citizens on the Continent on the activities of **PAP** to make it very relevant to them.

About APPN

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