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Subject:	Decisions and recommendations of the 119th session of the OACPS Council of Ministers held in hybrid format from 23 to 25 May 2025

Delegations will find attached, for information, the Decisions and recommendation of the 119th session of the OACPS Council of Ministers held in hybrid format from 23 to 25 May 2025.

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**DECISIONS AND RESOLUTION
OF THE 119TH SESSION OF THE OACPS COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS
HELD IN HYBRID FORMAT
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**DECISION N°1/CXIX/25
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**MODALITIES FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE
ASSISTANT SECRETARIES-GENERAL OF THE OACPS
FOR THE PERIOD 2025-2030**

The OACPS Council of Ministers,

- Meeting in a hybrid format from 23 to 25 May 2025;

HAVING REGARD to the revised Georgetown Agreement (2019);

HAVING REGARD to the Samoa Agreement signed on 15 November 2023 and provisionally applied since 1 January 2024;

HAVING REGARD to Decision N°9/CXVII/24 of the 117th Session of the OACPS Council of Ministers held in hybrid format from 23 to 26 July and 31 July 2024 on the reduction of the Assistant Secretaries-General from five (5) to two(2);

RECALLING the Declaration of the Summit of the Joint Troika of the Heads of State and Government of Members of the Bureau held on 23 September 2024, endorsing the reduction of the number of Assistant Secretaries-General from five (5) to two(2);

CONSIDERING the report of the Committee of Ambassadors in Document **ACP/26/031/25 Rev. 1**;

HAVING EXAMINED the modalities for appointing the Assistant Secretaries-General of the OACPS in Document **[ACP/27/010/25 Rev. 2]**;

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HEREBY DECIDES TO:

1. **Adopt** the modalities for appointing Assistant Secretaries-General as contained in document **ACP/27/010/25 Rev. 2** for the period 2025-2030, with an urgent call on the respective regions to consult on the department allocations.
2. **Affirm** that the said modalities shall remain in effect until amended by Council.

Done at Brussels, 25 May 2025



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**DECISION N°2/CXIX/25
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NEW OACPS ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The OACPS Council of Ministers,

- Meeting in a hybrid format from 23 to 25 May 2025;

HAVING REGARD to the revised Georgetown Agreement (2019);

HAVING REGARD to the Samoa Agreement signed on 15 November 2023 and provisionally applied since 1 January 2024;

HAVING REGARD to Declarations of previous Summits of the Joint Troika of the OACPS Heads of State and Government of the Bureau held on 23 September 2024, endorsing the reduction of Assistant Secretaries-General position from 5 to 2;

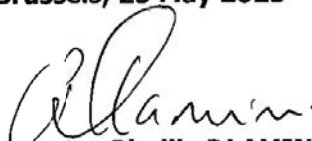
CONSIDERING the report of the Committee of Ambassadors in Document **ACP/26/031/25 Rev. 1**;

HAVING EXAMINED and APPROVED the New OACPS Secretariat Organisational Structure in Document **[ACP/41/055/25 Rev.1]**;

HEREBY DECIDES TO:

- 1. Endorse** in principle the new structure of the OACPS Secretariat, as contained in document **[ACP/41/055/25 Rev.1]** **recognizing** it as a work in progress to be implemented gradually through a phased recruitment process, in line with the financial capacity and the priorities of the Organisation.

Done at Brussels, 25 May 2025



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**DECISION N°3/CXIX/25
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REVISED OACPS STAFF REGULATIONS

The OACPS Council of Ministers,

- Meeting in a hybrid format from 23 to 25 May 2025;

HAVING REGARD to the revised Georgetown Agreement (2019);

HAVING REGARD to the Samoa Agreement signed on 15 November 2023 and provisionally applied since 1 January 2024;

CONSIDERING the report of the Committee of Ambassadors in Document **ACP/26/031/25 Rev. 1**;

RECALLING its previous discussions on the recommendations of the Ambassadorial Crisis Management Group that called for alignment and need to reduce gaps in staff regulations;

HAVING REGARD to the Decisions of the 117th Session of the OACPS Council of Ministers held in Hybrid format from 23 to 26 and 31 July 2024;

HAVING REGARD to the Decisions of the 118th Session of the OACPS Council of Ministers held in Hybrid format from 4-6 December 2024;

NOTING the need to consider the heavy financial burden borne by Staff as a result of the internal tax levied on salaries to contribute to the Budget of the organisation;

HAVING EXAMINED the revised Staff Regulations in Document **[ACP/41/067/25 Rev.3]** ;

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HEREBY DECIDES TO:

1. **Approve** the Staff Regulations of the Secretariat of the OACPS in document [ACP/41/067/25 Rev.3], and related annexes while taking into consideration the decision to amend:
 - i) Age of dependent child to 18 years and when the financial situation improves the matter be brought back to the Council for its consideration;
 - ii) Education allowance payable until the end of secondary/high school;
 - iii) Modalities for payments and allowances should be established and strictly complied with; and
 - iv) in the event of resignation of an Assistant Secretary-General the deployment cost for the replacement will be borne by the nominating country.
2. **Instruct** the Secretary-General to undertake a legal scrubbing of the proposed revised regulations to ensure coherence; and
3. **Further instruct** the Secretary-General to ensure that the employment regulations and internal rules are aligned to the amended staff regulations and its annexes .

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**DECISION N°4/CXIX/25
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**FINANCIAL CONTROLLERS REPORT ON
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2024 BUDGET**

The OACPS Council of Ministers,

- Meeting in a hybrid format from 23 to 25 May 2025;

HAVING REGARD to the revised Georgetown Agreement (2019);

HAVING REGARD to the Financial regulations of the OACPS Secretariat, and in particular Article 16j;

HAVING CONSIDERED the report of the Financial Controller on the implementation of the 2024 budget;

HEREBY DECIDES:

1. **Approve** the Financial Controller's report on the Implementation of the Budget of the Secretariat of the OACPS for 2024 **[ACP/45/008/25]**; and
2. **Further take note of** the challenges highlighted in the report and **calls on** the Committee of Ambassadors to support the Secretary-General in addressing these challenges; and implementing the recommendations contained in the report.

Done at Brussels, 25 May 2025


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**DECISION N°5/CXIX/25
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FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE OACPS SECRETARIAT

The OACPS Council of Ministers,

- Meeting in a hybrid format from 23 to 25 May 2025;

HAVING REGARD to the revised Georgetown Agreement (2019);

HAVING REGARD to Article 6 a of the Financial regulations;

HAVING REGARD to the Report on the Financial Situation of the OACPS Secretariat;

HEREBY DECIDES TO:

1. **CALL** on the Secretary-General to expedite the reforms needed to meet the pre-conditions set by the EU to restore its funding, including completion of audits, a new organisational structure, review of other elements of the organisations cost base and ensuring completion of the pillar compliant process;
2. **URGE** the Member States to urgently pay their arrears and fulfil their annual contribution obligations which also constitutes a precondition for the resumption of EU funding;
3. **COMMEND** His Majesty King Mswati III of the Kingdom of Eswatini on his acceptance to the request to serve as the OACPS Champion for Resource Mobilisation and support his efforts, including through high-level advocacy and outreach to traditional and non-traditional partners;
4. **MANDATE** the Secretary General to reach out to possible donors and well-wishers for extrabudgetary funding in accordance with the values of the OACPS:

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5. **INSTRUCT** the Secretary-General in consultation with the President of Council to establish a Ministerial Advisory Group to provide strategic support on the reform matters; and
6. **FURTHER INSTRUCT** the Secretary-General and Committee of Ambassadors to support the OACPS Champion for resource Mobilisation particularly in developing a work programme and strategy that includes amongst others, organising events to ensure leaders address the financial issues affecting the OACPS as well as mobilise funds for capacity building initiatives for the Secretariat.

Done at Brussels, 25 May 2025



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**DECISION N°6/CXIX/25
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**HOSTING OF THE 11TH SUMMIT OF
THE OACPS HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

The OACPS Council of Ministers,

- Meeting in a hybrid format from 23 to 25 May 2025;

HAVING REGARD to the revised Georgetown Agreement (2019);

HAVING CONSIDERED the Report of the Committee of Ambassadors in Document **ACP/26/031/25 Rev. 1**;

HAVING REGARD to the Luanda Declaration, adopted at the 10th Summit of the OACPS Heads of State and Government held on 9 – 10 December 2022;

HEREBY DECIDES TO:

1. **Express** gratitude to the Government of Equatorial Guinea and commend it for its commitment and generous offer to host the 11th Summit of Heads of State and Government;
2. **Express** gratitude to the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and furthermore commend them for their sign of solidarity and camaraderie in ceding the opportunity to host the 11th Summit of Heads of State and Government to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea;
3. **Approve** the offer of the Government of Equatorial Guinea to host the 11th Summit of the OACPS Heads of State and Government;
4. **Recommend** that the 11th Summit of the OACPS Heads of State and Government be held in the fourth quarter of 2025;

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5. **Welcome** Equatorial Guinea's readiness to work closely with the Secretary-General in preparation for the summit taking account of the financial situation of the organisation; and
6. **Mandate** the Secretary-General with the support of the Committee of Ambassadors to make adequate preparations for the Summit and undertake necessary advocacy and visibility efforts to ensure high level participation of OACPS Heads of State and Government.

Done at Brussels, 25 May 2025



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**DECISION N°7/CXIX/25
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**DECISION ON CHALLENGES OF THE OACPS ENDOWMENT
AND TRUST FUND (ETF)**

The OACPS Council of Ministers,

- Meeting in a hybrid format from 23 to 25 May 2025;

HAVING REGARD to the revised Georgetown Agreement (2019);

HAVING REGARD to Decision No. 9/CX/19 of the 110th session of the Council of Ministers of the OACPS of 7 December 2019 approving the establishment of the OACPS Trust and Endowment Fund under Luxembourg jurisdiction;

HAVING REGARD to Decision No. 11/CXIII/21 of the 113th session of the Council of Ministers of the OACPS of 3 December 2021 approving the maximum annual subscription rate for members of the ETF;

HAVING REGARD to Decision No. 5/CXVII/24 of the 117th session of the Council of Ministers of the OACPS of 31 July 2024 providing for the proceeds of the sale of ACP House to be used to reimburse resources drawn from the ETF;

HAVING REGARD to the Declaration of the Joint Summit of the Troika and the Heads of State and Government of the Member States of the OACP Bureau of 23 September 2024 at the United Nations Headquarters on the margins of the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly;

CONSIDERING the report of the Board of Directors of the Management Committee of the ETF of the OACPS, the subsequent discussions and deliberations of the Council of Ministers, and wishing to contribute to strengthening the financial viability of the OACPS;

DEEPLY CONCERNED by the lack of financial resources, which does not allow the ETF to carry out its activities, in particular, the mobilisation of resources and the realisation of investments;

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HEREBY DECIDES TO:

1. **Approve** the report of the Board of Directors of the OACPS Endowment and Trust Fund Management Committee contained in **ACP/81/013/25**;
2. **Urge** the OACPS Regions to accelerate the submission of the names to constitute the new Board of Directors;
3. **Call** on the OACPS Secretariat to sign a deed of acknowledgement of debt with the Board of Directors for the amount of the resources drawn from the ETF and to undertake to repay it;
4. **Recall** its decision No. 5/CXVII/24 of 31 July 2024 taken at its 117th session, and reiterate that the proceeds from the sale of the ACP House be ringfenced for the purchase and fitting out of the new OACPS building, to the reimbursement of resources drawn from the ETF;
5. **Invite** the ETF's Board of Directors supported by the Secretariat to take the necessary steps to separate the ETF's assets and the management of its accounting and financial operations from the Secretariat's in order to avoid confusion;
6. **Urge** the Secretary-General in his capacity as a Member of the Board to open a current account which would allow the separation of assets;
7. **Instruct** the new ETF board of directors in bringing ETF Acts into compliance with Laws of Luxembourg, any changes resulting in major amendment be submitted to Council for consideration prior to signing;

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8. **Encourage** Member States to make voluntary donations to the OACPS Endowment and Trust Fund, subject to the establishment of all necessary financial oversight and accountability mechanisms to govern the use and management of the fund in place; and
9. **Instruct** the New Board of Directors to implement this decision and to report back to it.

Done at Brussels, 25 May 2025



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**DECISION N°8/CXIX/25
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**OUTCOMES OF THE 8TH MEETING OF OACPS MINISTERS
RESPONSIBLE FOR OCEANS, INLAND WATERS AND FISHERIES**

The OACPS Council of Ministers,

- Meeting in a hybrid format from 23 to 25 May 2025;

HAVING REGARD to the revised Georgetown Agreement (2019);

RECALLING Decisions No. 7 adopted by the 114th Session of the OACPS Council of Ministers on 9 June 2022, regarding the hosting of the 8th Meeting of OACPS Ministers responsible for Oceans, Inland Waters and Fisheries;

REAFFIRMING our collective commitment to support the attainment of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and, in particular, Sustainable Development Goal 14 on the conservation and sustainable use of oceans, seas, and marine resources for sustainable development;

REAFFIRMING the *OACPS Strategic Plan of Action for Fisheries and Aquaculture - 2030* as a shared vision for promoting the implementation of coherent actions for the sustainable development of the oceans, fisheries and aquaculture resources;


NOTING with respect to the WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies that work by Member States still continue within the framework of the WTO on matters including de minimis and policy space to protect small and artisanal fisheries;

HAVING EXAMINED the outcome declaration of the 8th Meeting of OACPS Ministers responsible for Oceans, Inland Waters and Fisheries held in Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania, from 9 to 13 September 2024;

HEREBY DECIDES TO:

1. **ENDORSE** the outcome Declaration [ACP/84/230/24] of the 8th Meeting of OACPS Ministers responsible for Oceans Inland Waters and Fisheries;
2. **INSTRUCT** the Secretary-General with the support of the Committee of Ambassadors to take appropriate actions to ensure the effective implementation of the outcome Declaration taking note, however of existing constraints;
3. **URGE** member states, preferably from the Caribbean Region, to express their interest in leading the OACPS Ministerial Mechanism for Oceans, Inland Waters and Fisheries for the next biennium, which will culminate in convening the 9th Ministerial Meeting;
4. **COMMENDS** the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania for its strong and exemplary leadership in successfully hosting the 8th Meeting of OACPS Ministers responsible for Oceans, Inland Waters and Fisheries; and
5. **INSTRUCT** the Secretary-General to convey this Decision to all stakeholders, including the European Commission, the European External Action Service and the European Member States.

Done at Brussels, 25 May 2025



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**DECISION N°9/CXIX/25
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50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OACPS

The OACPS Council of Ministers,

- Meeting in a hybrid format from 23 to 25 May 2025;

HAVING REGARD to the revised Georgetown Agreement (2019);

HAVING REGARD to Decision 4/CXVIII/23 of the 116th Session of the OACPS Council of Ministers held in Brussels, Belgium on 19 and 20 July 2023 on the OACPS at 50 future perspectives ;

HAVING REGARD to the Samoa Agreement signed on 15 November 2023 and provisionally applied since 1 January 2024;

NOTING that on 6 June 2025, the Organisation of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) marks fifty years since its establishment.;

HAVING EXAMINED the draft Concept Note on the 50th Anniversary of the OACPS in Document **ACP/26/031/25 Rev. 1**;

HEREBY:

1. **WELCOME** the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the OACPS:
2. **ENDORSE** the implementation of proposed events to mark the anniversary without putting a financial burden on the Secretariat; and

3. **CALL** on Member States' to initiate activities to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the OACPS and encourage further national-level commemorative activities.

Done at Brussels, 25 May 2025



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**DECISION N°10/CXIX/25
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OACPS HEADQUARTERS

The OACPS Council of Ministers,

- **Meeting in a hybrid format from 23 to 25 May 2025;**

HAVING REGARD to the revised Georgetown Agreement (2019);

HAVING REGARD to the Headquarters Agreement between ACP Group of States and the Kingdom of Belgium.

HAVING REGARD to Decision No. 4/CI/15 of the 101st Session of the ACP Council of Ministers on funding for a new building for the Headquarters of the OACPS;

HAVING REGARD to Decision No. 11/CII/15 of the 102nd Session of the ACP Council of Ministers on the OACPS Headquarters building;

HAVING REGARD to its Special Session held in hybrid format on 23 March 2023 – Extensive renovation of the ACP House Project - Purchase of New OACPS Premises;

HAVING REGARD to Decision N°5/CXVIII/24 of the 117th Session of the OACPS Council of Ministers;

TAKING ACCOUNT of Decision N°4/CXVIII/24 of the 118th Session of the OACPS Council of Ministers; approving the recommendation to purchase the building at Schipolaan in Evere as the new headquarters of the OACPS Secretariat

NOTING with concern that the proposed purchase of the building at Schipolaan is subject to an emphyteutic lease arrangement, which will commit the OACPS to lease from a private landowner the land on which the building is located;

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FURTHER NOTING with concern that the rental rate is EUR 91, 000 per annum and may increase over time;

TAKING NOTE of the parlous financial state of the OACPS;

HAVING CONSIDERED the report on Committee of Ambassadors to the 119th Session of the OACPS Council of Ministers [**ACP/41/144/24 Rev.1**];

HEREBY DECIDES TO:

1. **CAUTION** against any purchase arrangement that will commit the Organization to a lease agreement that holds significant risks and costs prejudicial to its financial health;
2. **REQUESTS** the Committee of Ambassadors to review the offer and to consider other options pursuant to the commitments taken and the decision made;
3. **REVISIT** the previous council decision on the purchase of the property at Evere and request the Secretary-General to review the offer;
4. **ESTABLISH** a Ministerial Group consisting of Eswatini, Jamaica and Madagascar to engage the European Union on this matter; and
5. **REQUEST** the Secretary-General to report to the 120th Session of Council on the progress made in identifying a suitable property to house the OACPS headquarters.

Done at Brussels, 25 May 2025



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**RESOLUTION N°1/CXIX/25
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**FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF SOMALIA REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY
LIFTING OF SANCTIONS**

The OACPS Council of Ministers,

- Meeting in a hybrid format from 23 to 25 May 2025;

RECALLING the relevant provisions of the revised Georgetown Agreement (2019) and OACPS financial Regulations concerning assessed contributions and the imposition of sanctions for non-payment;

GUIDED by the principles of inclusivity, equity and support to fragile and conflict affected Member States

NOTING that the Federal Republic of Somalia has faced decades of conflict and instability;

WELCOMING Somalia's renewed engagement with the OACPS and its intention to normalize its participation in institutional processes;

TAKING NOTE of the official request submitted by the Federal Republic of Somalia for relief from sanctions arising from arrears in assessed contributions; ;

RECALLING the report on the financial situation of the Secretariat contained in document **ACP/41/056/25 rev.1**;

HEREBY RESOLVE TO:

1. **GRANT** a temporary lifting of sanctions on the Federal Republic of Somalia; and **authorise** the Secretariat to facilitate Somalia's full and unhindered participation in all organs and activities of the OACPS for a period of one year;

2. **URGE** the Secretary-General to continue dialogue with the Federal Republic of Somalia to explore feasible payments modalities and support measures that do not put pressure on the Federal Republic of Somalia; and
3. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General and the Committee of Ambassadors to review Somalia's progress and report to Council at its next regular session.

Done at Brussels, on 25 May 2025

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**REPUBLIC OF CUBA REQUEST FOR SANCTIONS RELIEF ON
ASSESSED CONTRIBUTION**

The OACPS Council of Ministers,

- Meeting in a hybrid format from 23 to 25 May 2025;

RECALLING the relevant provisions of the Revised Georgetown Agreement (2019) and the OACPS Financial Regulations concerning assessed contributions and the imposition of sanctions for non-payment;

ACKNOWLEDGING that the Republic of Cuba has faced extraordinary socio-economic hardship, exacerbated by long-standing unilateral coercive measures, global financial constraint, and severe natural disasters;;

RECOGNISING the principles of solidarity and cooperation that underpin the spirit of the OACPS, and recalling the Council's prior decisions in support of Member States facing structural and external shocks; ;

NOTING Cuba's continued political and institutional engagement in OACPS activities despite financial constraints;

TAKING NOTE of the formal communication submitted by the Republic of Cuba requesting for restitution of right to speak and receive documents;

RECALLING the report on the financial situation of the Secretariat contained in document **ACP/41/056/25 rev.1;**

HEREBY RESOLVE TO:

1. **GRANT** a temporary waiver of sanctions on the Republic of Cuba and **authorise** the Secretariat to facilitate Cuba's full and unhindered participation in all organs and activities of the OACPS for a period of one year;

2. **ENCOURAGE** the Secretary-General to continue dialogue with the Republic of Cuba to explore feasible payment modalities and support measures that do not put pressure on the Republic of Cuba; and
3. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General and the Committee of Ambassadors to review Cuba's progress and report to Council at its next regular session.

Done at Brussels, on 25 May 2025

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**RESOLUTION N°3/CXIX/25
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**REPUBLIC OF SUDAN'S REQUEST ON THE NON APPLICATION OF
SANCTIONS**

The OACPS Council of Ministers,

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HAVING REGARD to the relevant provisions of the Revised Georgetown Agreement (2019) and the OACPS Financial Regulations concerning assessed contributions and the imposition of sanctions for non-payment Georgetown Agreement (2019);

ACKNOWLEDGING that the Republic of Sudan is facing extraordinary economic challenges due to the ongoing war ;

GUIDED by the principles of inclusivity and support to conflict affected Member States;

NOTING Sudan's continued political and institutional engagement in OACPS activities despite financial constraints;

TAKING NOTE of the formal communication submitted by the Republic of Sudan requesting for non-application of sanctions;

RECALLING the report on the financial situation of the Secretariat contained in document **ACP/41/056/25 rev.1**;

HEREBY RESOLVE TO:

1. **GRANT** a temporary waiver of sanctions on the Republic of Sudan and **authorise** the Secretariat to facilitate Sudan's full and unhindered participation in all organs and activities of the OACPS during the waiver period;

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2. **ENCOURAGE** the Secretary-General to continue dialogue with the Republic of Sudan to explore feasible payments modalities and support measures; and
3. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General and the Committee of Ambassadors to review Sudan's progress and report to Council at its next regular session.

Done at Brussels, on 25 May 2025

**RESOLUTION N°4/CXIX/25
OF THE 119TH SESSION OF THE OACPS COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
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**MOTION OF THANKS
TO HIS MAJESTY KING MSWATI III, KING OF THE KINGDOM OF
ESWATINI**

The OACPS Council of Ministers,

- Meeting in a hybrid format from 23 to 25 May 2025;

RECALLING the enduring commitment of the Kingdom of Eswatini to the principles and objectives of the OACPS;

RECOGNISING the need for strengthened advocacy, strategic partnerships, and resource mobilisation to ensure long-term financial sustainability and effectiveness of the OACPS;

APPRECIATING the exemplary leadership shown by His Majesty King Mswati III in championing development issues at the regional and global level;

ACKNOWLEDGING with deep gratitude the support of His Excellency Mokgweetsi Masisi, the former President of the Republic of Botswana in the implementation of the OACPS work programme, and his commitment to the financial recovery of the organization,-

HEREBY DECIDE TO:

1. **EXPRESS** its sincere thanks and profound appreciation to His Majesty King Mswati III for assuming this important role, which is vital to supporting the Organisation's reform agenda and enhancing its capacity to serve its Member States; and
2. **AFFIRM** its full support for His Majesty's efforts and commits to work collectively with His Majesty's office to identify and advance resource mobilisation initiatives that will strengthen the financial foundation and global visibility of the OACPS.

Done at Brussels, on 25 May 2025