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**REPUBLIC OF MALI DEPOSITS INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION TO THE
PROTOCOL ON AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTIVE ACT OF THE AU AND
ETHIOPIA SIGNS FOUR AU TREATIES**

The Republic of Mali, yesterday, became the 4th Member country to deposit the instrument of ratification on the Protocol on Amendments to the Constitutive Act of the African Union.

The Permanent Representative of the Republic of Mali, H.E. Al-Maamoun Keita, deposited the instrument of ratification at the AU Headquarters, on behalf of the People and Government of Mali, and was witnessed by the Deputy Chairperson of the AU, H.E. Mr. Patrick Mazimhaka.

The Malian Permanent Representative said that Mali has ratified twenty-one treaties out of the twenty-nine AU protocols and expressed his Government's willingness to ratify the remaining protocols, whilst urging other Member States to follow suit.

The protocol shall enter into force thirty days after the deposit of the instrument of ratification of the 35th Member State.

Also, the Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia to the African Union, H.E. W/t Konjit Sine Giorgis signed four AU Treaties on behalf of the People and Government of Ethiopia.

They are the revised African Convention on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa, the Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption and the Protocol of the Court of Justice of the AU.

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