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**ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 8TH ORDINARY SESSION OF
THE PRC MEETING**

The Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) of the African Union, today, ended its 8th Ordinary Session and adopted its final report at the AU Conference Center.

The PRC, whose work was to facilitate and make recommendations to the Executive Council on various matters, discussed financial and administrative, economic and social, political and legal matters. The Committee also deliberated on Status of implementation of Maputo and Addis Ababa Decisions and the AU Vision, Mission and Strategic framework, as well as the budget of the Commission.

The Committee during its deliberations on the AU Vision, Mission and Strategic framework said the plan was relevant in the present context of Africa and therefore, embodied a road map, which defines the various stages leading to a new Africa.

The PRC, also underscored the need to popularize the plan, as much as possible, among the African population and further suggested for awareness raising and training programmes to be established and incorporated in school and university curricula.

Earlier, the Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union, Prof. Alpha Oumar Konaré, in a brief statement underscored the importance of the session and expressed his profound gratitude to those who contributed to the elaboration of the policy papers.

The Chairperson, also stressed the pivotal role of the PRC in the realization of the programmes of the Union, and underscored the importance for the Continent embarking on the road to integration to forestall marginalization of Africa in the face of globalization.

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