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ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT SIGNS INTER-AFRICAN CONVENTION

The Arab Republic of Egypt, today became the 19th Member State of the African Union to sign the Convention on Inter-African Technical Cooperation Programme.

The country's Permanent Representative to the African Union, Mr. Shamel Nasser, who signed the Convention on behalf of his Government, expressed the country's willingness to share its expertise in the field of Science and Technology with sisterly African countries.

Acting on behalf of the Chairperson of the AU Commission, the Commissioner for Social Affairs, Advocate Bience Gawanas, welcomed the signing by the Arab Republic of Egypt. She urged Member States, which have not already done so, to expedite the signing and ratification of the various AU Treaties as a means to equip the African Union to achieve its objectives and to enhance South-South co-operation by applying the Inter-African Convention Treaty.

Two Member States, namely- the Union of Comoros and the Republic of Mali have signed and ratified the Convention, which was adopted on August 1, 1975 in Kampala, Uganda under the former OAU.

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