

IMMEDIATE MEASURES TOWARDS ACTUALISING THE DECLARATION OF SOLEMN COMMITMENT BY AFRICAN UNION MEMBER STATES TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1999 YAMOUSSOUKRO DECISION AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SINGLE AFRICAN AIR TRANSPORT MARKET BY 2017

In compliance with the Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of States and Government (Assembly/AU/Decl.1(XXIV)) and in particular the declaration of solemn commitment (Assembly/AU/Commitment(XXIV)) made by pioneering Member States to open their respective air transport markets immediately and without conditions, State Parties need to take the following steps:

1. States shall publish or gazette in accordance with their national laws:
 - i) That they are committed to the immediate implementation of the Yamoussoukro Decision under the terms of the Declaration of Solemn Commitment in line with the AU Agenda 2063; and
 - ii) That named signatories of the Declaration of Solemn Commitment have been notified of their action under point 2 below.
2. States shall notify other State Parties and especially signatories to the Declaration of Solemn Commitment that their skies are liberalised in accordance with the Yamoussoukro Decision.
3. Review of BASAs to ensure conformity with the Yamoussoukro Decision:
 - i) Removal of all restrictions on traffic rights under the 3rd, 4th and 5th freedoms, frequencies, fares, and capacity; and
 - ii) Ensure that all national Laws, Regulations, Rules, Policies are in conformity with the express provisions of the Yamoussoukro Decision.
4. States shall propose to the Executing Agency (AFCAC) at least one airline established in their state for international air services for consideration under the eligibility criteria article 6.9 of the Yamoussoukro Decision. The proposed airline can also be from another State Party or a multi-national African airline in accordance with article 6 of the Yamoussoukro Decision.
5. States shall immediately constitute their National Implementation Committees for the Yamoussoukro Decision and the establishment of a Single African Air Transport Market, designate a dedicated focal point and notify the RECS and the Executing Agency (AFCAC).
6. States are encouraged to organise public awareness activities/advocacy on YD and the Single African Air Transport Market.
7. States shall celebrate the YD (1999) on the anniversary of its signing on 14th November as part of advocacy for the promotion of AU Agenda 2063 in consultation with AFCAC.
8. States shall sign the Memorandum of Implementation of the Yamoussoukro Declaration, adopted in May 2018 by the Ministerial Working Group on the establishment of the Single African Air Transport Market.