RESOLUTION/COMMUNIQUE OF THE EIGHTH AFRICAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ON SPACE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

We, the participants, of the 8th African Leadership Conference (ALC) on Space Science and Technology for Sustainable Development held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 02-04 December 2019, noting the theme of this Conference "Prospect and Challenges for African Space Development", hereby adopt the following Resolutions:

- Agree to change the name of the African Leadership Conference (ALC) to the African Space Leadership Congress (ASLC) to reflect the growing scope and pace of developments in the African space arena.

- Agree that the ASLC conference will be held on a biennial basis.

- Note that South Africa, through the South African Space Agency will host the 9th ASLC in Durban at the end of October 2021.

- Agree to adopt an Interim Constitution of the African Space Leadership Congress, and that the final Constitution will be discussed and adopted at the next Assembly (9th ASLC) in 2021.

- Urge the AUC to create a consultative platform to engage Member States on the development of an Implementation Plan for the African Space Policy and Strategy.

- Agree to the establishment of the ASLC Women Forum.

- Express appreciation to the Government of Ethiopia, and the Space Science and Technology Institute (ESSTI), for the excellent hospitality and successful hosting of the 8th ALC in Addis Ababa.

- Express appreciation to the UN-ECA for the conference venue and to the AUC for the sponsorship of the youth and woman.

- Encourage intra-Africa collaborations and partnerships in space science and technology, in particular the space industry. Further, countries to encourage the establishment of space industry in-country.

- Aim to achieve increased participation and representation of the youth in the ASLC, urging the Youth Forum to establish a Programme of Action to be adopted at the next Assembly (9th ASLC) in 2021, ensuring that the youth actively play a role in the future of the African space policy and strategy.