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### **The Pan-African Parliament, (PAP):**

**CONSIDERING** the important work on the rationalization of the Regional Economic Communities; and

**NOTING** the report of the Permanent Committee on Trade, Customs and Immigration Matters;

**RECOGNIZING** the importance of harmonization of laws, protocols and treaties governing trade, immigration and customs within the African Continent;

**FURTHER RECOGNIZING** the importance of the development of continental trade and the free movement of people and their impact on reducing conflicts over resources.

### **RECOMMEND THAT:**

1. Member States of the AU should ratify the protocols and agreements governing trade, customs and immigration.
2. Member States of the AU should harmonise laws and procedures governing trade, customs and immigration in order to enhance access to African common market.
3. Member States of the AU should speed up the establishment of the African Chamber of Commerce.
4. Member States of the AU should seek collective solutions to the phenomenon of immigration.
5. Member States of the AU, should adopt joint initiatives in support of African agricultural, industrial and tourism sectors to improve the economic base of Africa and thus reduce the brain drain from Africa.