

The 40th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council kicks off today in Addis Ababa

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Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) February 02, 2021 (SPS)- the work of the 40th Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of the African Union, which is held on 2nd and 3rd of February, kicked off today at the headquarters of the African Union Commission in the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa, in preparation for the 35th Ordinary Session of the Summit of Heads of State and Government of the African Union scheduled for early next week under the theme “Building Resilience in Nutrition on the African Continent: Accelerate the Human Capital, Social and Economic Development.”

The Sahrawi Republic participates with an important delegation headed by the Ambassador to South Africa, Mr. Mohamed Yeslem Bessat, representing the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Mohamed Salem Ould Salek, in addition to the foreign ministers of the other 54 African countries, officials of the African Union organs and representatives of partner organizations and countries.

The 40th Ordinary Session is scheduled to discuss the draft agenda of the summit, draft decisions and declarations that contain appropriate recommendations, for consideration by heads of state and government during the meeting of the 35th ordinary session of the AU Assembly.

The foreign ministers will discuss various topics programmed within the agenda of their 40th session, including the adoption of the report of the 43th regular session of the Permanent Representatives Committee. The session will also consider the annual report of the Union and its organs, the reports of the Executive Council committees and ad hoc committees, the report of the third semi-annual coordination meeting, the progress report on the COVID-19 pandemic and its social impact and on African economies, a progress report on the activation of the African Center for Disease Control and Prevention, a report A progress report on the situation in the Pan-African Parliament, a progress report on the status of implementation of previous decisions of the Executive Council and the Assembly of the Union as well as consideration of draft legal instruments.

The session of the Executive Council of the African Union is also scheduled to elect a Vice-President of the African League Council, 15 members of the Peace and Security Council, and to elect a member of the African League Council from the North African region.

The Sahrawi delegation participating in the work of this session includes the Ambassador to South Africa Mr. Mohamed Yeslam Besit, Mr. Lamem Abali, the Sahrawi Ambassador in Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to the African Union, Mr. Ahmed Sid Ali, Legal Counsel to the Presidency of the Republic, Mr. Aman Mauloud, Advisor at the Sahrawi Embassy in Ethiopia and a member of the Permanent Mission to the African Union, Mr. Waddadi Salek, the media and cultural attaché of the Sahrawi mission to the African Union.

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