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ABSTRACT:

In 2014 in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, the African Union (AU) adopted the Protocol to the Constitutive Act of the African Union (AU) Relating to the Pan-African Parliament (Malabo PAP Protocol). The Protocol revises the Protocol to the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community (AEC) on the Establishment of the Pan-African Parliament (2001 PAP Protocol). This article looks at the provisions of these two protocols to ascertain the extent to which the Malabo PAP Protocol is indicative of the growth of the PAP. The article argues that the changes brought about by the Malabo PAP Protocol are modest and are unlikely to immediately transform the Parliament into a continental legislative body. The changes are nonetheless indicative of the slow progress of the PAP towards full legislative body. This slow and incremental progress is in fact consistent with the trajectory of other International Parliamentary Institutions (IPIs) such as the European Parliament (EP).

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