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**DECISION ON THE REPRIORITIZED PRIORITY PROGRAMME,
THE SOLIDARITY BUDGET AND THE 2005 PROGRAMME-BUDGET**

The Executive Council:

1. **APPROVES** the Priority-Programme as reprioritized by the Commission and the PRC and contained in document entitled "Priority Plan of Action Horizon 2007";
2. **APPROVES FURTHER** the Solidarity Budget for 2005 amounting to US\$ 158,384,000.00 of which:
 - US\$63,000,000.00 represent the operational cost to be shared among Member States as assessed contributions on the basis of the existing scale of assessment;
 - US\$95,384,000.00 represent the Programme-Budget cost to be provided for on voluntary basis.
3. **URGES** Member States to take all necessary measures to pay their assessed contributions to the African Union at the beginning of the financial year;
4. **FURTHER URGES** all Member States to make voluntary contribution, additional to the assessed contribution to enable the Commission to carry out the activities contained in the approved priority Programme -Budget for 2005;
5. **AUTHORISES** the Chairperson of the Commission, in consultation with the PRC, within the framework of the existing rules, to readjust the Priority Plan for 2005 to include, as the need arises, new lines of action, within the limit of the approved budget for 2005;
6. **AUTHORISES FURTHER** the Chairperson of the Commission, in consultation with the PRC, to readjust the Structure of the Commission as approved by the 2003 Maputo Summit subject to the limits of the approved budget for 2005 for common staff costs;
7. **DECIDES** to devote some time in a future session to a review and reinforcement of the sanctions regime applicable within the African Union.