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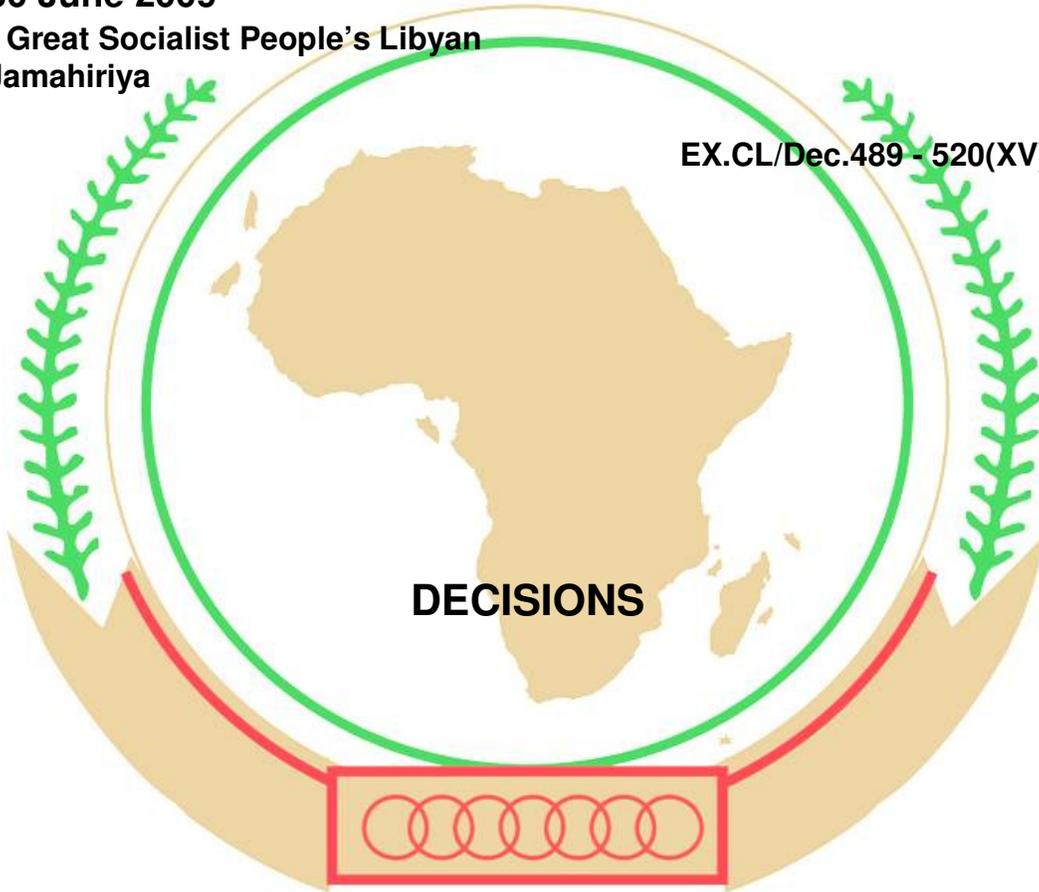
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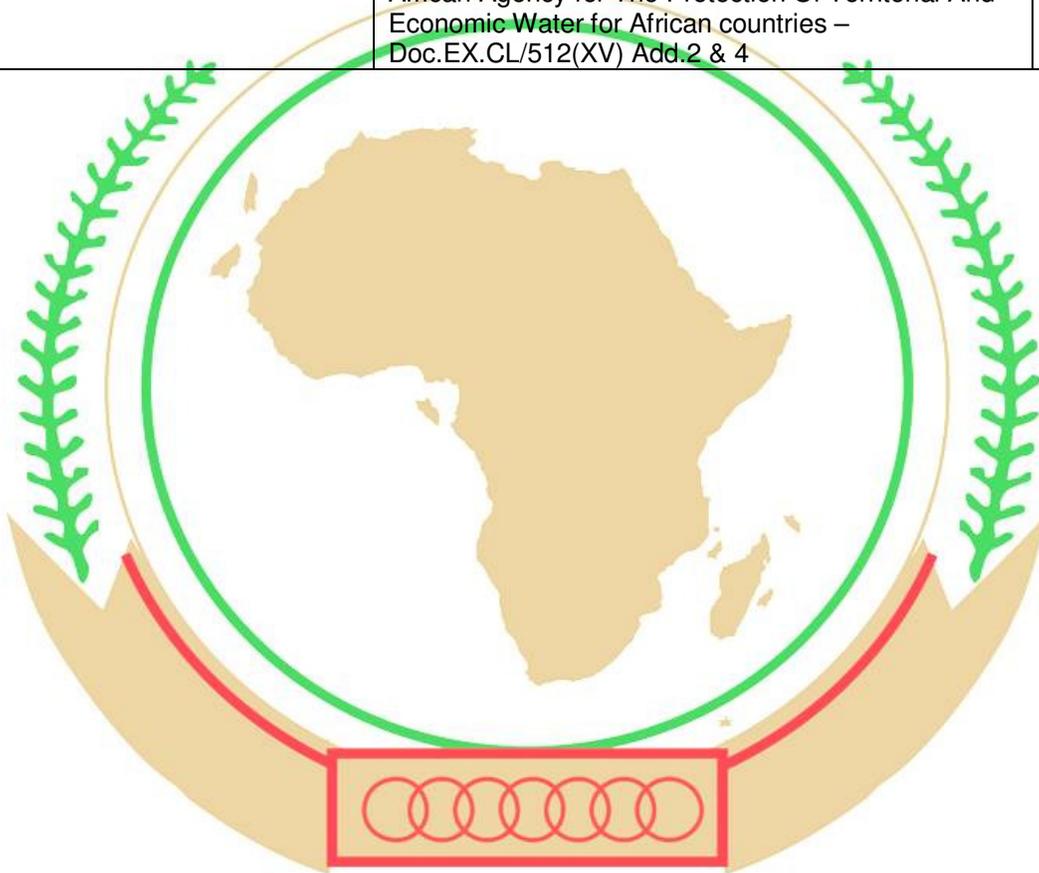
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**DECISION ON THE REPORTS OF THE AFRICAN COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS
ON THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF THE CHILD (ACERWC)
Doc. EX.CL/530(XV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Reports of the Twelfth and Thirteenth Sessions of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC) held from 3 to 5 November 2008 and 20 to 22 April 2009 respectively, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia;
2. **CALLS UPON** Member States that have not yet submitted their reports to comply with the provisions of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child and expedite the submission of their reports, and **URGES** those that have not yet ratified it to speed up the process;
3. **ADOPTS** the theme of the Day of the African Child for 2010: *“Planning and Budgeting for the Well-being of the Child: A Collective Responsibility”*;
4. **URGES** Member States to raise awareness on ACERWC at national and international levels;
5. **WELCOMES** the offer by the Arab Republic of Egypt to host a session of ACERWC;
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission to assist ACERWC in the preparation and the implementation of its Plan of Action for 2010- 2014 in order to enable ACERWC fulfil its mission;
7. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to follow up on the implementation of this Decision and to report to the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in June/July 2010.

**DECISION ON THE SIXTH PAN-AFRICAN CONFERENCE
OF MINISTERS OF PUBLIC SERVICE
Doc. EX.CL/520(XV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Declaration and Report of the Sixth Conference of African Ministers of Public Service held in Midrand, South Africa, from 14 to 17 October 2008;
2. **WELCOMES** the adoption of a draft Charter on the Values and Principles of Public Service and Administration and a Long-term Strategy on African Governance and Public Administration;
3. **ENCOURAGES** Member States to join in the commemoration of the African Public Service Day on 23 June of each year;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to convene a Meeting of Experts from Member States for the finalization of the draft Charter on the Values and Principles of Public Service and Administration for submission through the Executive Council, to the Assembly at its Ordinary Session in June/July 2010;
5. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to work with the African Ministries of Public Service and partner organizations on the implementation of the Long-term Strategy on African Governance and Public Administration.

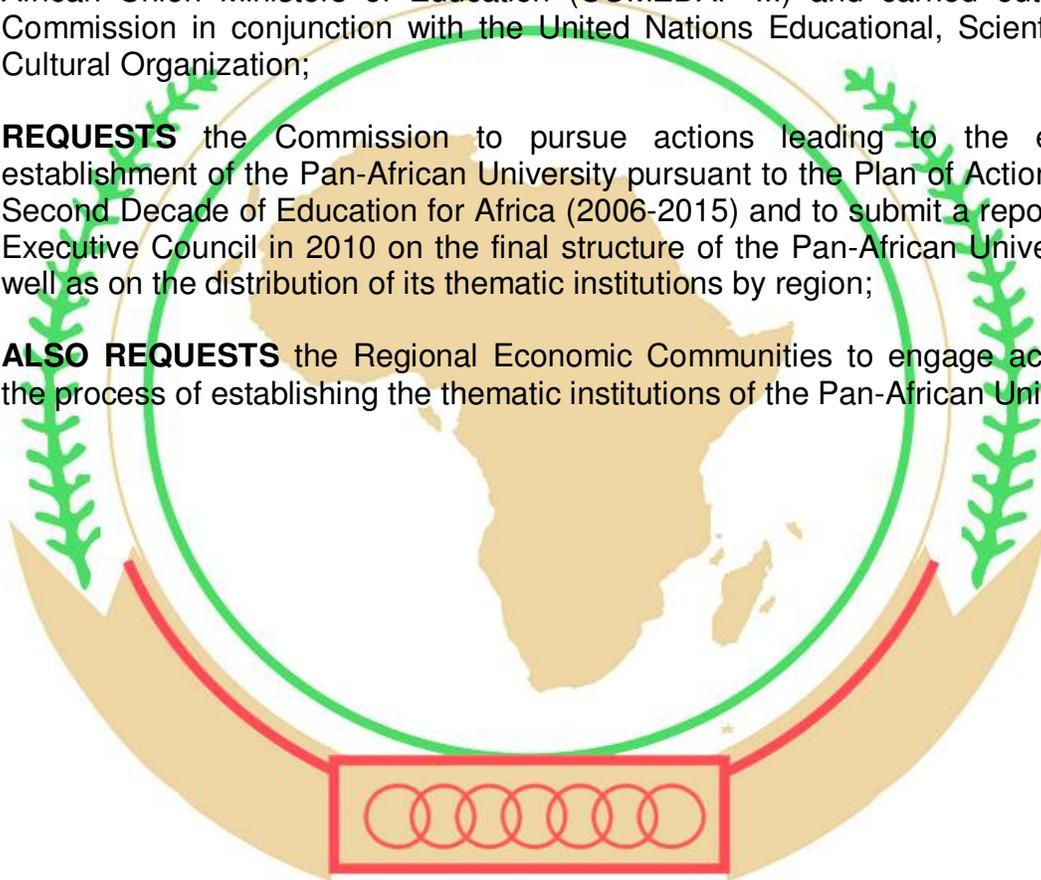


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DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PAN-AFRICAN UNIVERSITY
Doc. EX.CL/520(XV)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Activity Report of the Commission on the progress achieved towards the establishment of the Pan-African University;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the conclusions of the Report on the feasibility study on the Pan-African University as requested by the Bureau of the Conference of the African Union Ministers of Education (COMEDAF III) and carried out by the Commission in conjunction with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to pursue actions leading to the effective establishment of the Pan-African University pursuant to the Plan of Action on the Second Decade of Education for Africa (2006-2015) and to submit a report to the Executive Council in 2010 on the final structure of the Pan-African University as well as on the distribution of its thematic institutions by region;
4. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Regional Economic Communities to engage actively in the process of establishing the thematic institutions of the Pan-African University.



DECISION ON THE GENERAL HISTORY OF AFRICA
Doc. EX.CL/520 (XV)

The Executive Council,

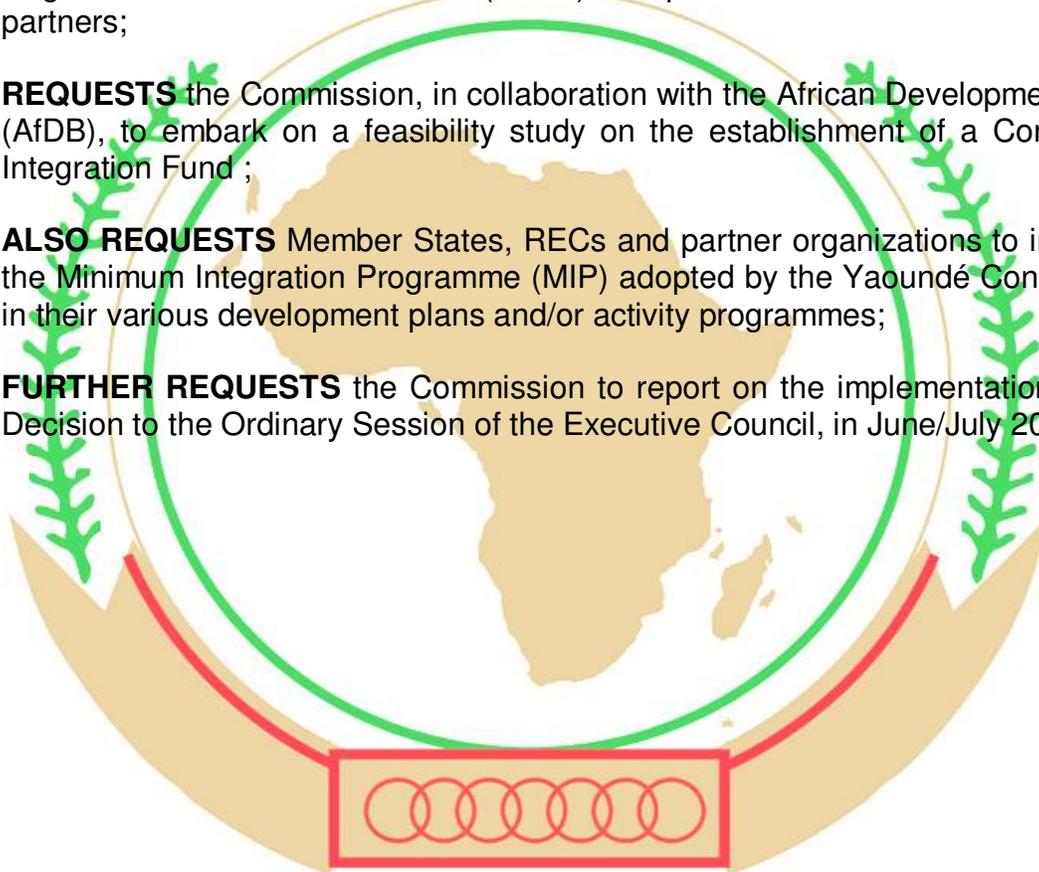
1. **RECALLS** the request by Member States for the revitalisation of History Education, amongst others on the basis of 'The General History of Africa' volumes, within the framework of the Second Decade of Education for Africa (2006-2015);
2. **WELCOMES** the initiative by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to produce eight (8) volumes of 'The General History of Africa', written to create a sense of continental unity, build self identity, convey a message of integration, and contribute to tolerance and mutual understanding;
3. **ALSO WELCOMES** the mobilization by the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya of resources for the General History of Africa Project;
4. **TAKES NOTE** of UNESCO's project entitled 'Follow-up Activities Relating to the General History of Africa', and **CALLS ON** Member States that have not yet done so to contribute to the realization of the project;
5. **ALSO CALLS FOR** the finalization of the project, under the leadership of the Commission in consultation with the African Ministers of Education and Culture, in carrying out the following:
 - i) Develop the Ninth Volume of the General History of Africa covering the recent history of decolonization, end of Apartheid and Africa's position in the World;
 - ii) Develop school text books and other audio and visual teaching and learning materials for schools from the Volumes, within the framework of the Second Decade of Education for Africa;
 - iii) Mobilize other partners in the translation of the materials into African and other languages;
 - iv) Develop and implement a strategy for the dissemination of the materials.
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission to follow up on the implementation of this Decision and to report to the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in January 2010.

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**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE FOURTH CONFERENCE OF
AFRICAN MINISTERS OF INTEGRATION (COMAI IV)
Doc. EX.CL/517(XV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report and Declaration of the Fourth Conference of African Ministers of Integration (COMAI IV) held in Yaoundé, Cameroon from 4 to 8 May 2009;
2. **ENDORSES** the recommendations and **REQUESTS** Member States and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to implement them in collaboration with partners;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with the African Development Bank (AfDB), to embark on a feasibility study on the establishment of a Continental Integration Fund ;
4. **ALSO REQUESTS** Member States, RECs and partner organizations to integrate the Minimum Integration Programme (MIP) adopted by the Yaoundé Conference, in their various development plans and/or activity programmes;
5. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to report on the implementation of this Decision to the Ordinary Session of the Executive Council, in June/July 2010.



**DECISION ON THE SITUATION OF REFUGEES, RETURNEES
AND INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS IN AFRICA
Doc. EX.CL/502(XV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the Situation of Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons in Africa;
2. **EXPRESSES ITS CONCERN** over the serious problem of refugees and internally displaced persons in some Member States that affect the fragile socio-economic conditions of the host countries;
3. **EXPRESSES GRATITUDE** for the sacrifices made by the host countries to give asylum to refugees in the spirit of solidarity and **COMMENDS** the efforts being made by Member States to promote voluntary repatriation, resettlement, and rehabilitation of areas of return for refugees and internally displaced persons;
4. **WELCOMES** the efforts by the international community to assist the victims of forced displacement and **URGES** the international community to continue assisting these populations, particularly the most vulnerable groups despite the global financial crisis;
5. **TAKES NOTE** of the work of the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) Sub-Committee on Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons in the area of forced displacement in accordance with its Plan of Action and **STRESSES** the need to continue addressing the problem of forced displacement in practical terms by involving itself more in field assessment missions so as to present the true picture of humanitarian issues in Africa;
6. **WELCOMES** the on-going preparations for the African Union (AU) Special Summit on Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced persons scheduled for Kampala, Uganda in October 2009, and **REQUESTS** the Commission together with the Task Force on the Special Summit to continue the preparations with the support of the Partners in order to ensure the success of the Special Summit;
7. **REITERATES** its invitation to all Member States to actively take part in the Special Summit on Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons scheduled for Kampala, Uganda, in October 2009;
8. **REQUESTS** the Commission to follow up on the implementation of this Decision and to present a report on the general situation of forced displacement in Africa to the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in January 2010.

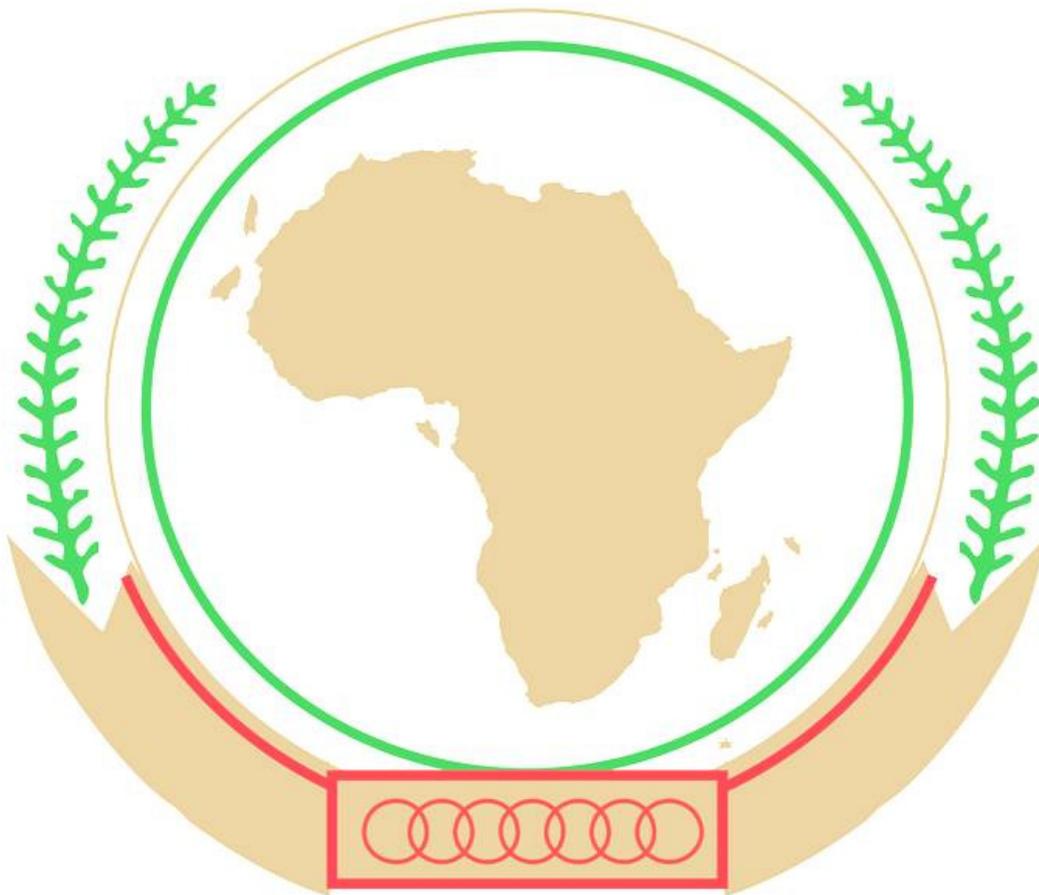
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**DECISION ON THE STATUS OF SIGNATURE AND
RATIFICATION OF OAU/AU TREATIES
DOC. EX.CL/499(XV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the Status of signature and ratification of OAU/AU Treaties;
2. **WELCOMES** efforts made by the Commission and Member States during the Signing Week, which is organised in December every year, aimed at ensuring that treaties are signed;
3. **REITERATES** its appeal to Member States to prioritize and accelerate the signing and ratification/accession to OAU/AU Treaties and in particular to the Member States which are not yet States Parties to the following:
 - i) The Treaty establishing the African Economic Community relating to the Pan-African Parliament;
 - ii) The Protocol establishing the African Economic Community relating to the Pan-African Parliament;
 - iii) The Protocol relating to the establishment of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union;
 - iv) The Protocol on the Statute of the African Court of Justice and Human Rights.
4. **ALSO REITERATES** its appeal to Member States to commence the process of ratification of existing treaties not yet ratified or acceded to, within the next one (1) year; and for future treaties, within one (1) year of their adoption;
5. **REITERATES ITS APPEAL** to the Pan-African Parliament, the Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC), the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR) and the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC) to assist with advocacy and sensitization of Member States to expedite the process of ratification/accession to OAU/AU Treaties;
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission to develop a mechanism aimed at analysing reservations previously entered by Member States to OAU/AU Treaties with a view to having the reservations withdrawn;

7. **REQUESTS** the Commission to expedite the process of alignment of the various languages of all the Treaties so as to facilitate ratification/accession by Member States;
8. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to expedite the implementation of previous decisions on the review of OAU/AU Treaties;
9. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to follow up and report on a regular basis, on progress made in the implementation of this Decision to the Executive Council.

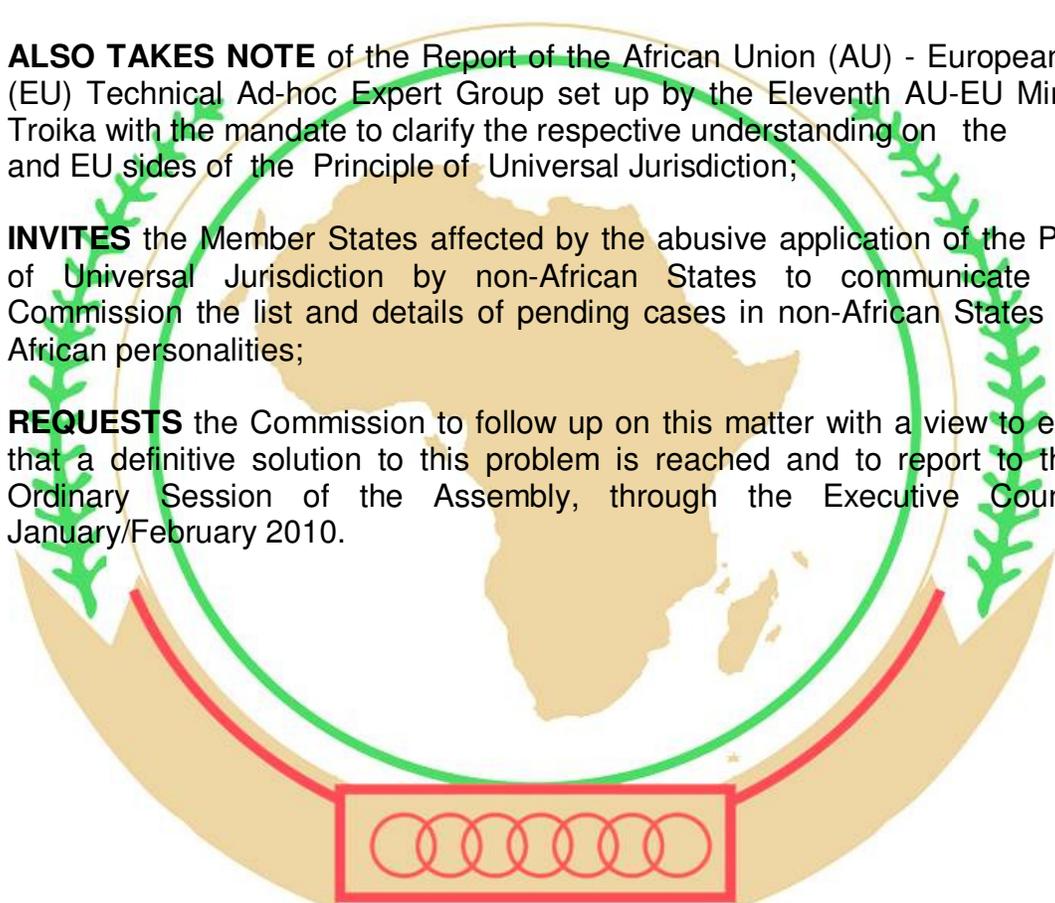


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**DECISION ON THE ABUSE OF THE PRINCIPLE
OF UNIVERSAL JURISDICTION
DOC. EX.CL/522(XV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Progress Report of the Commission on the Implementation of Assembly Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.199(XI) adopted in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, in July 2008 as well as Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.213 (XII) on the Abuse of the Principle of Universal Jurisdiction adopted in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in February 2009;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the African Union (AU) - European Union (EU) Technical Ad-hoc Expert Group set up by the Eleventh AU-EU Ministerial Troika with the mandate to clarify the respective understanding on the African and EU sides of the Principle of Universal Jurisdiction;
3. **INVITES** the Member States affected by the abusive application of the Principle of Universal Jurisdiction by non-African States to communicate to the Commission the list and details of pending cases in non-African States against African personalities;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to follow up on this matter with a view to ensuring that a definitive solution to this problem is reached and to report to the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly, through the Executive Council, in January/February 2010.



**DECISION ON THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN
COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS
DOC. EX.CL/533(XV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Election of the Members of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights;
2. **ELECTS** the following members of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights:

Names	Country
Mr. Mohammed FAYEK	Egypt
Ms. ZAINABO KAYITESI	Rwanda
Mr. Mohamed Béchir KHALFALLAH	Tunisia

3. **RECOMMENDS** the elected Members of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights to the Assembly for appointment.

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**DECISION ON THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN UNION
COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL LAW (AUCIL)
DOC. EX.CL/534(XV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Election of the Members of the African Union Commission on International Law (AUCIL);
2. **ELECTS** the following members of the African Union Commission on International Law (AUCIL):

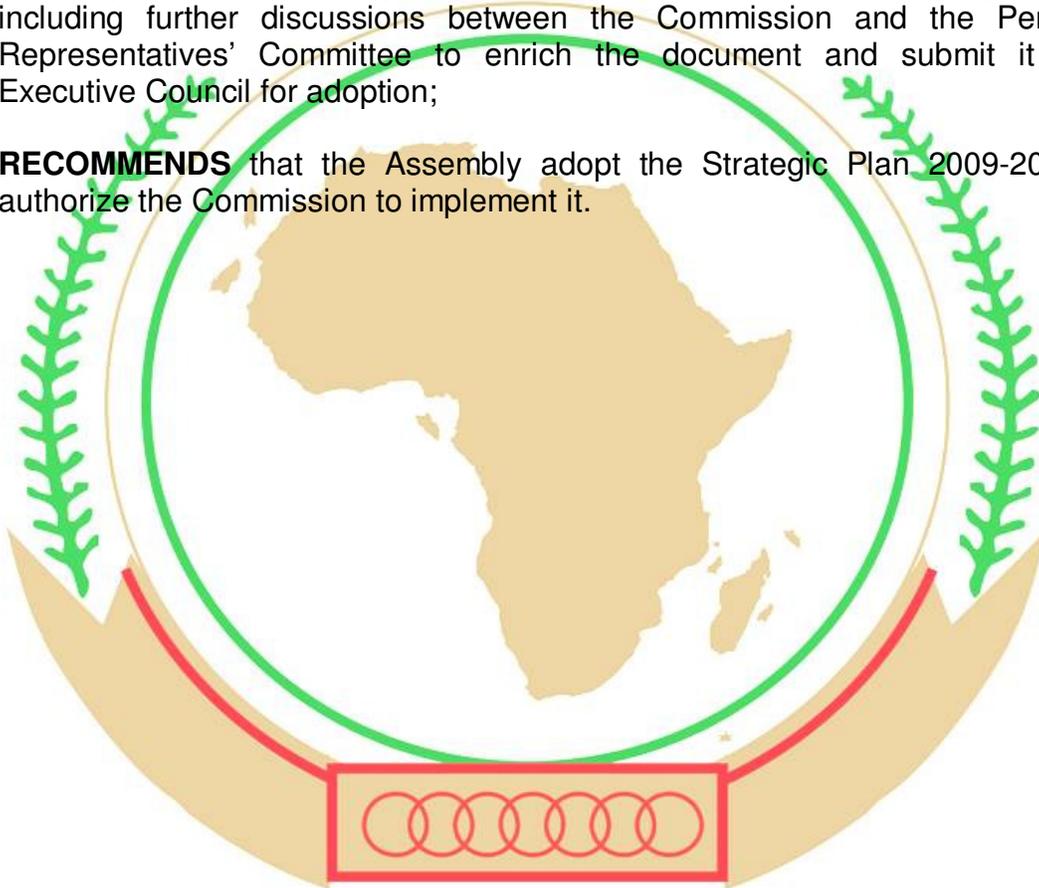
Names	Country
Mr. Rafea Ben ACHOUR	Tunisia
Mr. Ebenezer APPREKU	Ghana
Mr. Nkurunziza DONATIEN	Burundi
Mr. Minelik Alemu GETAHUN	Ethiopia
Mr. Filali KAMEL	Algeria
Ms. Lilian Bokeeye MAHIRI-ZAJA	Kenya
Mr. Adelardus KILANGI	Tanzania
Mr. Kholisani SOLO	Botswana
Mr. Blaise TCHIKAYA	Congo
Mr. Atanzio Kayafa TEMBO	Malawi
Mr. Cheikh Tidiane THIAM	Senegal

3. **RECOMMENDS** the elected Members of the African Union Commission on International Law to the Assembly for appointment.

**DECISION ON THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION
STRATEGIC PLAN 2009-2012
Doc. EX.CL/501(XV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Draft Strategic Plan 2009-2012;
2. **RECALLS** its January 2009 Decision EX.CL/Dec.481(XIV) to adopt the Strategic Plan in principle and to request the Commission to take all necessary measures including further discussions between the Commission and the Permanent Representatives' Committee to enrich the document and submit it to the Executive Council for adoption;
3. **RECOMMENDS** that the Assembly adopt the Strategic Plan 2009-2012 and authorize the Commission to implement it.



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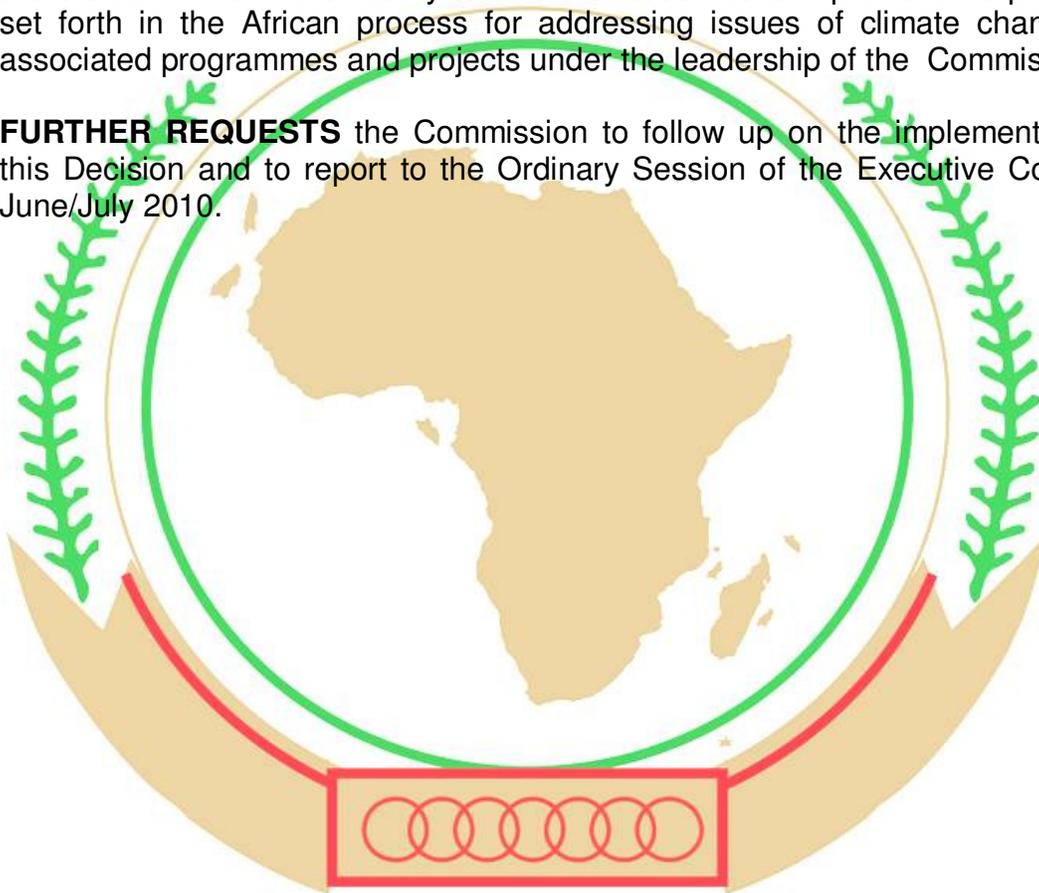
**DECISION ON THE
AFRICAN COMMON POSITION ON CLIMATE CHANGE
Doc. EX.CL/525(XV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the implementation of the February 2009 Assembly Decision on the African Common Position on Climate Change (Assembly/AU/Dec. 236(XII)) and the implementation of the February 2009 Executive Council Decision on the Report of the Twelfth Session of the African Ministerial Conference on Environment (AMCEN) held in Johannesburg, South Africa in June 2008 and Third Special Session held in Nairobi, Kenya in May 2009, respectively;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the Commission's efforts to develop a comprehensive African Strategy on Climate Change;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with partners, to elaborate a comprehensive African strategy on climate change, including development of sector technical back-up data on the impacts of climate change, its cost to the economy and the amount of carbon sequestered in various African ecosystems;
4. **RECOMMENDS** that the Assembly approves the proposed Conference of African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC) comprising of Algeria, Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mauritius, Mozambique, Nigeria, Uganda, the Chairperson of the African Union, the Chairperson of the Commission, and the Chairperson of AMCEN as well as the Negotiators/Experts on Climate Change (NECC) from all Member States to prepare for the Copenhagen Summit;
5. **RECOMMENDS** that the Assembly approves the updated Algiers Declaration on - "*African Climate Platform to Copenhagen*" adopted in Nairobi, Kenya in May 2009 which should serve as the platform of the African Common Position for the negotiation process in the new global climate change regime for the period following 2012, the year of expiry of the Kyoto Protocol;
6. **ALSO RECOMMENDS** that the Assembly mandates CAHOSCC, all AU Ambassadors and African negotiators from all Member States attending the negotiation process towards the Fifteenth Conference of Parties (COP 15) to make use of the approved African Common Position on Climate Change;
7. **FURTHER RECOMMENDS** that the Assembly approves the Commission's request for the establishment of a Unit for Climate Change and Desertification Control at the Commission, and requests the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC), through its Sub-Committee on Structures to examine the proposed structure for the Unit and make appropriate recommendations to the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in January 2010;

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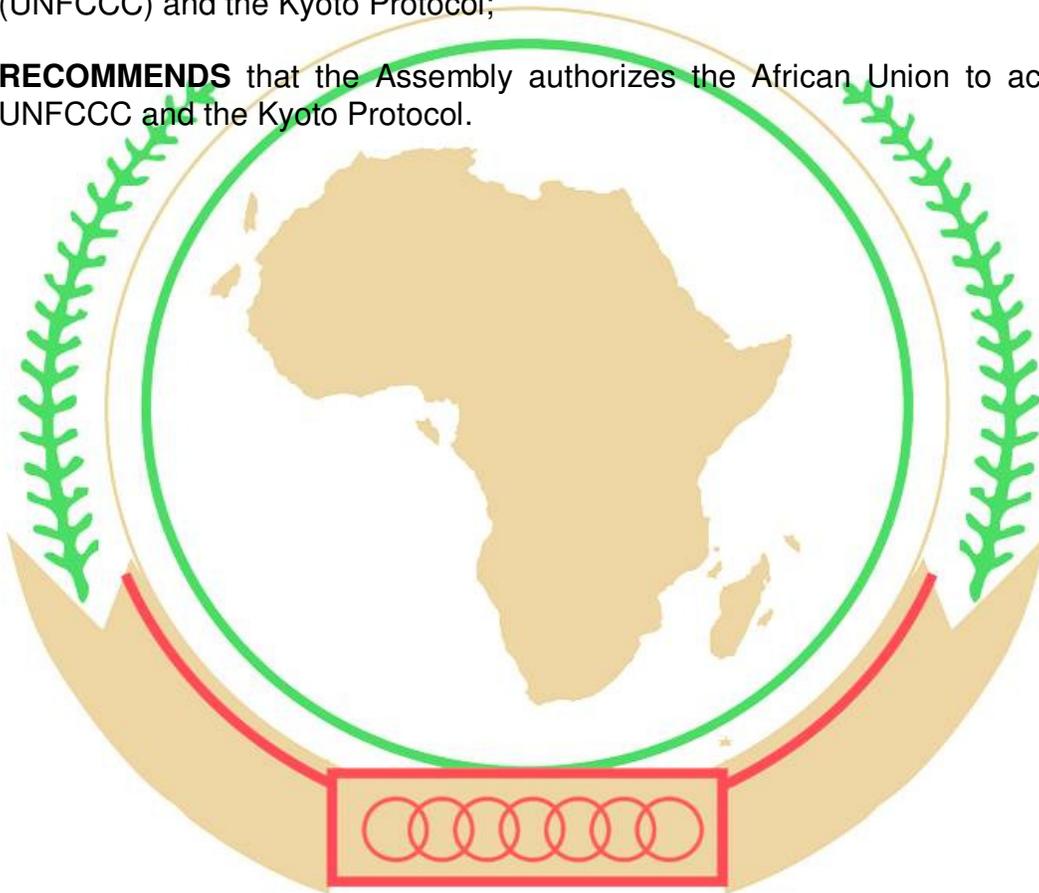
8. **REQUESTS** the Commission and the Secretariat of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and the African Development Bank (AfDB) as well as other partners to support the Regional Economic Communities and Member States in the implementation of measures to address the concerns of climate change;
9. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission and the NEPAD Secretariat in collaboration with AMCEN, development banks, including AfDB as well as UNECA, UNEP and the Global Environment Facility to mobilize resources to implement the provisions set forth in the African process for addressing issues of climate change and associated programmes and projects under the leadership of the Commission;
10. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to follow up on the implementation of this Decision and to report to the Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in June/July 2010.



DECISION ON THE ACCESSION OF THE AFRICAN UNION TO THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE (UNFCCC) AND THE KYOTO PROTOCOL

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Concept Note on the justifications for the African Union Accession to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Kyoto Protocol;
2. **RECOMMENDS** that the Assembly authorizes the African Union to accede to UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol.



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE AFRICAN MINISTERIAL
CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT (AMCEN) SPECIAL
SESSION ON CLIMATE CHANGE
Doc.EX.CL/519(XV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Third Special Session of the African Ministerial Conference on Environment (AMCEN) held in Nairobi, Kenya from 25 to 29 May 2009;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Third African Ministerial Conference on Financing for Development, held in Kigali, Rwanda on 21 and 22 May 2009 which expressed concerns at the negative impacts and serious threats of carbon emissions to Africa's economies and the continent's ability to attain the Millennium Development Goals;
3. **ENDORSES** the recommendations reached at the Third Special Session of AMCEN on the African process for combating climate change;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to support and facilitate the implementation of the recommendations of the Third Special Session of AMCEN and to report on a regular basis to the Executive Council.



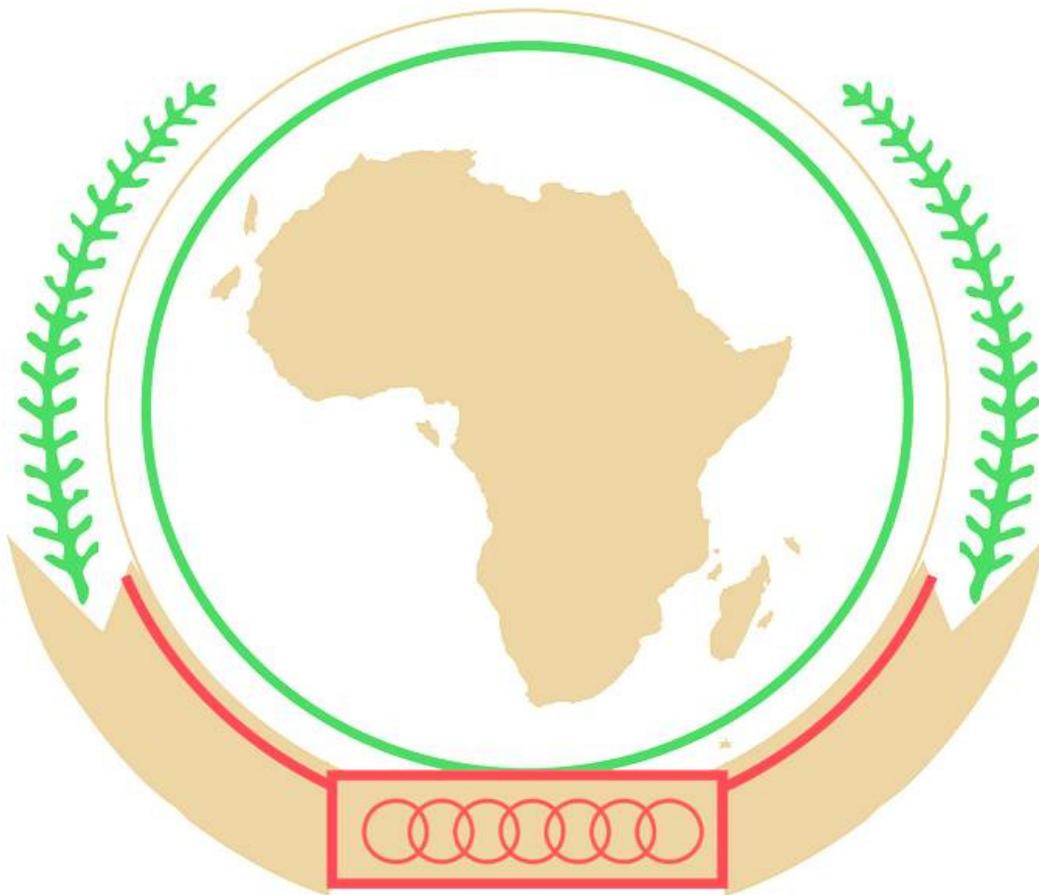
DECISION ON AFRO-ARAB COOPERATION
Doc. EX.CL/520(XV)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Chairperson of the Commission on Afro-Arab Cooperation;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the on-going preparations for the Joint Meeting of African and Arab Ministers of Agriculture and the High-Level Experts Meeting on Prospects of Investment in Africa and the Arab World, scheduled for the end of 2009 and **CALLS UPON** the African Development Bank (AfDB), the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa and other African and Arab financial institutions to provide the necessary financial and technical assistance for the organization of these important meetings;
3. **WELCOMES** the offer by the Government of Iraq to host the First Edition of the Afro-Arab Development Forum in 2010 and **REQUESTS** the commission in collaboration with the League of Arab States (LAS) to ensure maximum participation of African and Arab private sectors, civil societies including researchers, academicians and prominent individuals at this Edition;
4. **TAKES NOTE** of the postponement of the Thirteenth Meeting of the Standing Commission for Afro-Arab Cooperation (SCAAC), which was scheduled to be held in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya on 21 June 2009, and **WELCOMES** the convening of the said meeting in Tripoli, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya in October 2009;
5. **REQUESTS** SCAAC to propose the date and venue of the Second Afro-Arab Summit to be held during the first half of 2010 and to be preceded by a joint ministerial meeting, and to take all necessary measures to ensure the successful preparation of the Summit;
6. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the postponement of the Seventh Edition of the Afro-Arab Trade Fair, which was scheduled for Djibouti in 2009, and **CALLS UPON** the Host Country and the Organizing Committee of the Fair to ensure that it takes place in 2010;
7. **WELCOMES** the convening of the Joint Afro-Arab Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Food Security, and the offer by the Arab Republic of Egypt to host the said Ministerial Meeting by December 2009;
8. **REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Commission and the Secretary General of LAS to carry out consultations with a view to finding ways and means to effectively and expeditiously implement all pending decisions on Afro-Arab Cooperation taken by the Policy Organs of AU and LAS;

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9. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to follow up on the implementation of this Decision and to report to the Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in June/July 2010.



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE SECOND AFRICAN UNION (AU)/UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA (UNECA) JOINT CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN MINISTERS OF FINANCE, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Doc.EX.CL/514(XV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the African Union (AU)/United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) Joint Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development held in Cairo, Egypt, from 2 to 7 June 2009;
2. **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained in the Report and the Resolutions annexed thereto;
3. **With respect to the African Charter on Statistics:**
 - i) **CALLS ON** all Member States to sign and ratify the Charter as speedily as possible to enable it enter into force and thereby offer a regulatory and coordination framework for production of harmonized statistics in the continent;
 - ii) **REQUESTS** the Commission to work closely with Member States, the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), UNECA, the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) to establish a coordination, monitoring and evaluation mechanism for implementation of the African Charter on Statistics;
 - iii) **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission, working closely with Member States, RECs, UNECA and ACBF to finalize the comprehensive technical study on the practical modalities that need to be put in place to mobilize the financial resources required to expeditiously create an African Fund for Statistics Development and, in particular, identify possible sources of financing; as well as the study on a statistics harmonization strategy.
4. **With respect to the Congress of African Economists on Regional and Continental Integration:**
 - i) **REQUESTS** the Commission to organize every two (2) years, the Congress of African Economists on Regional and Continental Integration to enable them to further contribute to the process of African integration, the resolution of major economic problems facing the continent and to participate in decision-making in the AU;

- ii) **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to organize, in collaboration with RECs, the Association of African Universities, the academic and research institutes in Africa, the Second Congress of African Economists in 2010 and submit the outcomes and recommendations thereof to the Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in June/July 2010.

5. On the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs):

- i) **URGES** Member States to forward national statistics data, on a regular basis, to the Commission, UNECA and AfDB for the purpose of preparing evaluation reports on progress achieved in the implementation of the MDGs;
- ii) **REQUESTS** the Commission to fully take ownership of the process and content in the elaboration of joint documents with technical partners such as AfDB and UNECA, and to ensure that the Vision of the African Union is taken into account;
- iii) **REQUESTS** the Commission, working closely with UNECA, to promote mutual apprenticeship, best practices and experience sharing, particularly through poverty reduction strategies in Africa;
- iv) **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission, working closely with UNECA and AfDB, to assist Africa in formulating the 2010 United Nations Systems Mid-Term Evaluation Report on progress made towards achieving the MDGs;
- v) **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with UNECA and AfDB, to organize consultative regional workshops with a view to preparing the report on progress made towards achieving the MDGs and **URGES** all Member States to extend their support to this exercise;
- vi) **URGES** development partners to honour their commitment with regard to Official Development Assistance as reaffirmed at the G20 Summit held in London, England, in April 2009, and to facilitate the achievement of the MDGs.

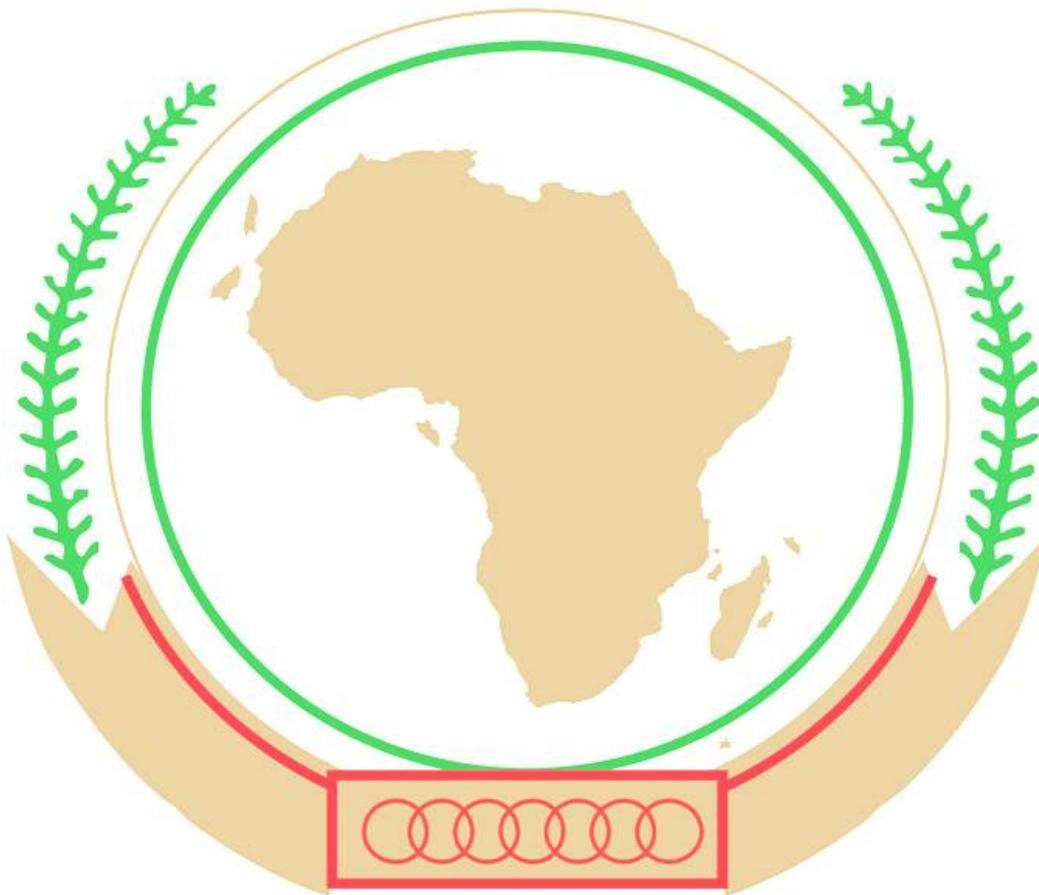
6. On the African Investment Bank:

- i) **RECOMMENDS** that the Assembly adopts the Statutes of the African Investment Bank annexed to the Protocol on the Establishment of the African Investment Bank adopted in Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.212(XII) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in February 2009;
- ii) **REQUESTS** the Commission, in consultation with Member States' experts and other stakeholders, to elaborate the planned annexes to the Statutes and present same for consideration and validation at a meeting of legal

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and financial experts to be organized before October 2009, prior to submission for adoption by the Extraordinary Conference of African Ministers of Economy, Finance and Planning due to take place in November 2009 and thereafter, through the Executive Council, to the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly in January/February 2010;

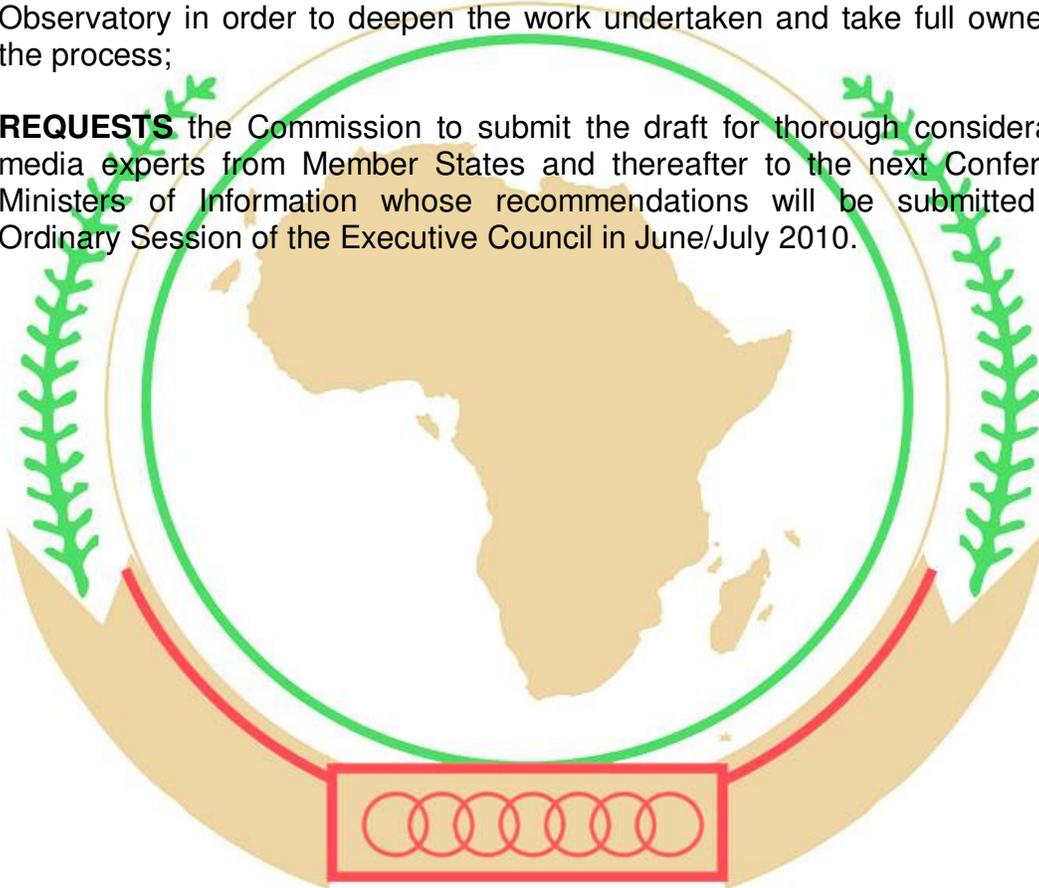
7. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report to the Executive Council on the implementation of this Decision on a regular basis.



**DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
PAN-AFRICAN MEDIA OBSERVATORY
Doc. EX.CL/505(XV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Progress Report of the Commission on the Establishment of a Pan-African Media Observatory;
2. **APPEALS** to Member States to provide feedback on the Concept Paper on the Observatory in order to deepen the work undertaken and take full ownership of the process;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to submit the draft for thorough consideration by media experts from Member States and thereafter to the next Conference of Ministers of Information whose recommendations will be submitted to the Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in June/July 2010.

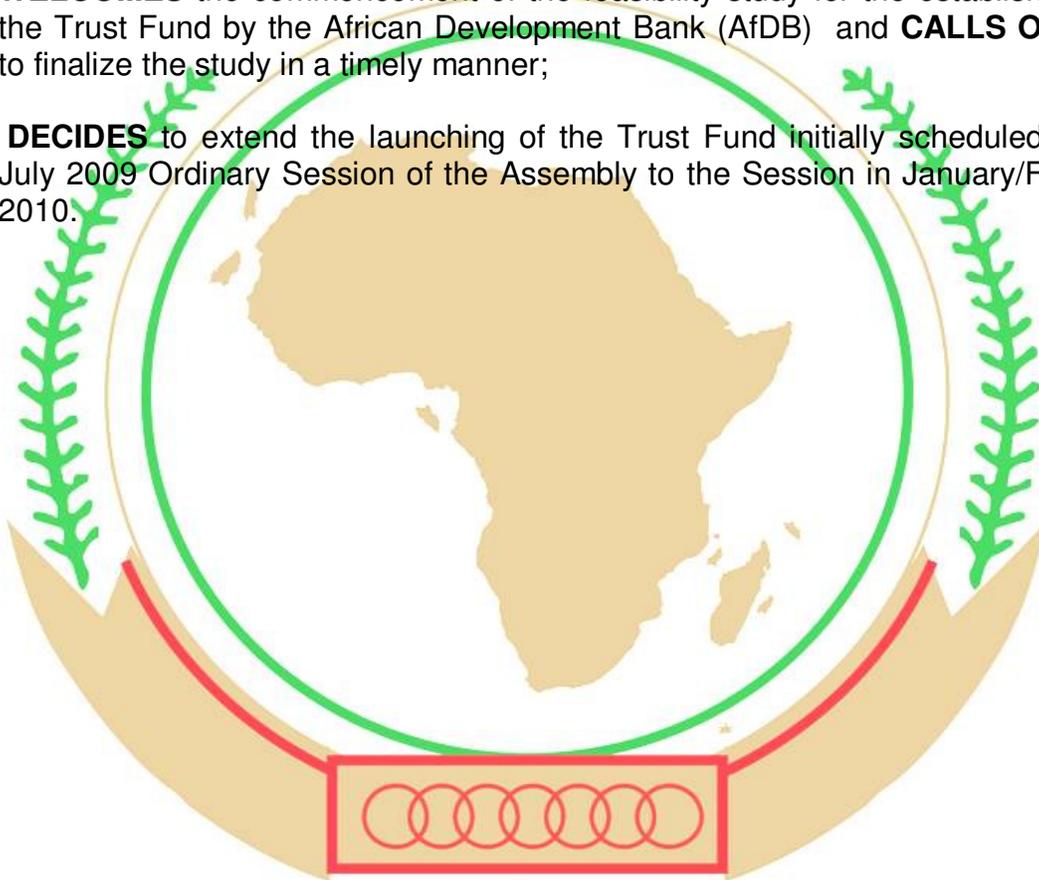


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**DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
TRUST FUND FOR AFRICAN WOMEN
Doc.EX.CL/511(XV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of progress made with regard to the implementation of Decision EX.CL/425(VIII) adopted by the Eighth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2006;
2. **WELCOMES** the commencement of the feasibility study for the establishment of the Trust Fund by the African Development Bank (AfDB) and **CALLS ON** AfDB to finalize the study in a timely manner;
3. **DECIDES** to extend the launching of the Trust Fund initially scheduled for the July 2009 Ordinary Session of the Assembly to the Session in January/February 2010.



**DECISION ON THE TWENTY-SIXTH ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE
AFRICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS
Doc.EX.CL/529(XV)**

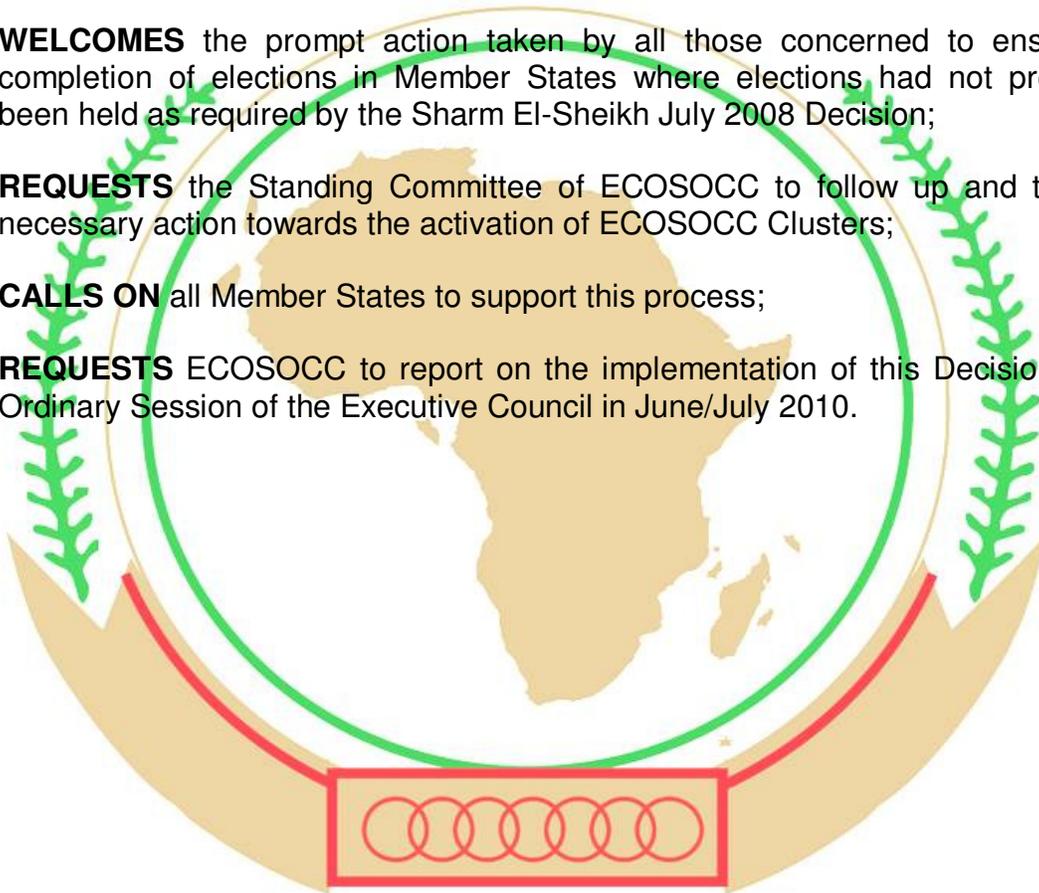
The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Twenty-Sixth Activity Report of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR), and **AUTHORIZES** its publication;
2. **INVITES** Member States to review the Report and to communicate their comments to ACHPR in a timely manner;
3. **COMMENDS** the outgoing members of ACHPR, namely, Honorable Justice Sanji Mmasenono MONAGENG, Mr. Bahame Tom Mukirya NYANDUGA, Mrs. KAYITESI Zainabo Sylvie, and Ms. Angela MELO, for their contribution to the promotion and protection of human rights in Africa.
4. **REQUESTS** the African Union (AU) Commission, in consultation with the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) to review the honorarium and allowances of the Members of ACHPR in accordance with the Financial Rules and Regulations of the African Union;
5. **FURTHER REQUESTS** ACHPR to finalize its Rules of Procedure, taking into account the comments of the various stakeholders, and ensuring that they are consistent with the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights and other AU legal instruments;
6. **REITERATES** its request that ACHPR identify possible ways to overcome financial and human resources shortcomings in the functioning of communication mechanism and to report to the Executive Council on this issue in accordance with Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.200(XI);
7. **REQUESTS** ACHPR to report on the implementation of this Decision to the Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in June/July 2010.

**DECISION ON THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND
CULTURAL COUNCIL (ECOSOCC)
Doc. EX.CL/527(XV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Presiding Officer of the Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC);
2. **ACKNOWLEDGES** progress made by ECOSOCC since its launch to ensure that it contributes effectively to the work of the African Union;
3. **WELCOMES** the prompt action taken by all those concerned to ensure the completion of elections in Member States where elections had not previously been held as required by the Sharm El-Sheikh July 2008 Decision;
4. **REQUESTS** the Standing Committee of ECOSOCC to follow up and take the necessary action towards the activation of ECOSOCC Clusters;
5. **CALLS ON** all Member States to support this process;
6. **REQUESTS** ECOSOCC to report on the implementation of this Decision to the Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in June/July 2010.



**DECISION ON THE NEGOTIATIONS OF
ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS (EPAs)
Doc. EX.CL/520 (XV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPAs) negotiations;
2. **ENDORSES** the EPAs Template prepared by the Commission, in collaboration with the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA);
3. **ALSO ENDORSES** the Declaration on EPAs negotiations that was adopted by the Fifth Ordinary Session of the Conference of African Union (AU) Ministers of Trade held in March 2009;
4. **AGREES** that development-oriented EPAs that provide adequate policy space, address supply-side constraints and reinforce AU regional integration initiatives can assist Member States in meeting the challenges relating to trade and economic development;
5. **URGES** the EPAs negotiating parties to take into account lessons from the global financial crisis in the conclusion of comprehensive EPAs;
6. **REAFFIRMS** the need for the European Union (EU) to adequately address, within the context of the negotiations of comprehensive EPAs, the contentious issues identified by the Joint Conference of AU Ministers of Trade and Finance held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in March 2008;
7. **REQUESTS** Africa's negotiating groups/countries to utilize the EPAs Template as a broad set of guidelines and should be considered as work in progress to strengthen coherence in Africa's positions in the EPAs process and preserve its developmental objectives;
8. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to continue to coordinate and harmonize the positions of Africa's negotiating groups/countries in the EPAs negotiations and **CALLS ON** the groups/countries to facilitate the Commission's coordinating role;
9. **URGES** the European Commission to facilitate the holding of an Africa-EU High-Level meeting on EPAs as requested by the Lisbon Summit;
10. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report, on a regular basis on the implementation of this Decision to the Executive Council.

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**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE AFRICAN CHIEFS
OF DEFENSE STAFF AND HEADS OF SAFETY AND SECURITY SERVICES AND
THE THIRD ORDINARY MEETING OF THE AFRICAN MINISTERS OF DEFENSE,
SAFETY AND SECURITY ON THE OPERATIONALIZATION
OF THE AFRICAN STANDBY FORCE***
Doc. EX. CL/518 (XV)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Sixth Meeting of the African Chiefs of Defense Staff and Heads of Safety and Security Services and the Third Ordinary Meeting of the African Ministers of Defense, Safety and Security on the operationalisation of the African Standby Force (ASF), held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 14 and 15 May 2009, respectively;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the Decision to defer to a later date the choice of the Continental Logistics Base;
3. **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained in the Declaration adopted by the Third Ordinary Meeting of the Ministers of Defense, Safety and Security regarding the operationalisation of ASF by 2010;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission, working closely with the relevant Regional Economic Committees (RECs)/Regional Mechanisms (RMs), as well as Member States, to vigorously pursue its efforts in order to meet the 2010 deadline for the full operationalisation of the various ASF components, as included in the Declaration;
5. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to ensure that Exercise AMANI AFRICA, aimed at testing the operationalisation of ASF is conducted within schedule;
6. **EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** to the international partners for having provided the essential financial support for the operationalisation of ASF;
7. **CALLS ON** Member States and the international partners to continue to provide the necessary support with respect to technical and financial resources for the effective establishment of ASF by 2010;
8. **REQUESTS** the Commission to follow up on the implementation of this Decision and to report to the Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in June/July 2010.

* **Reservation entered by Cameroon.**

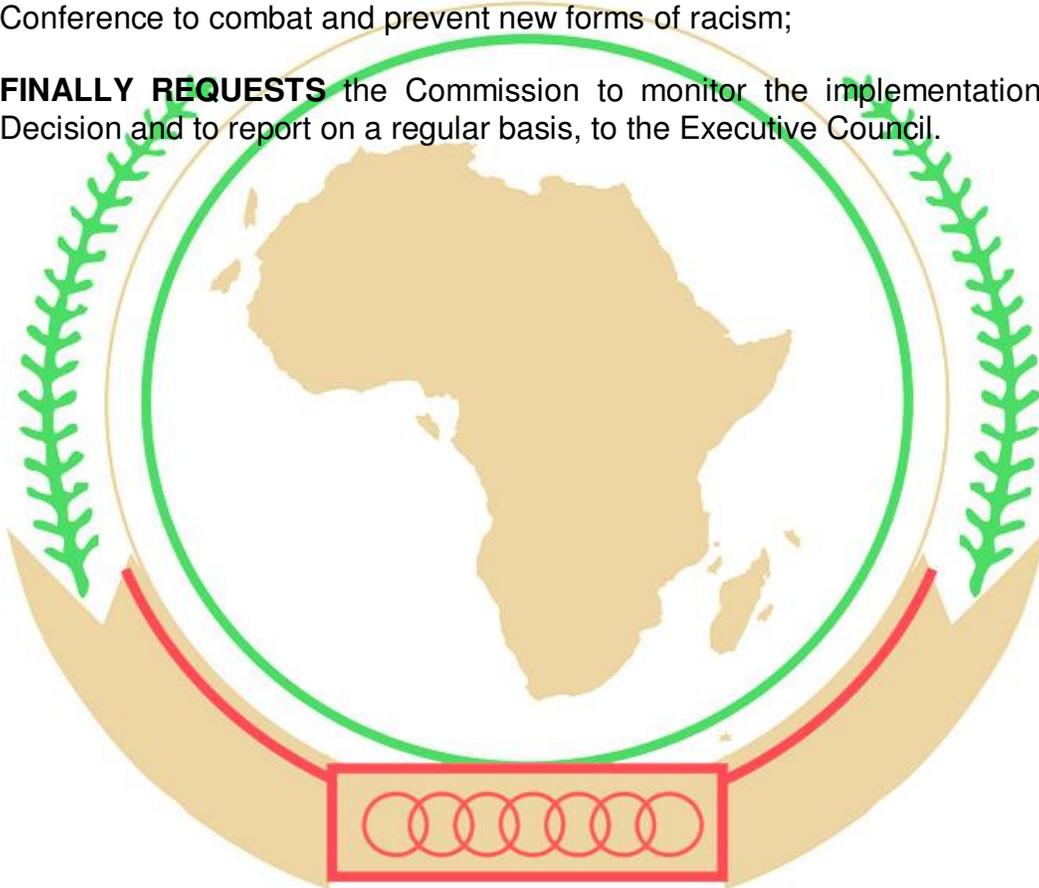
**DECISION ON THE DURBAN REVIEW CONFERENCE RELATING TO
THE EVALUATION OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE AGAINST
RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION,
XENOPHOBIA AND RELATED INTOLERANCE
DOC. EX.CL/503(XV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the Durban Review Conference Relating to the Evaluation of the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 20 to 24 April 2009, relating to the review of the progress and evaluation of the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (DDPA) by all national, regional and international stakeholders, including the evaluation of contemporary manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the Resolution passed by the Government of the United States of America expressing profound apologies for the Slave Trade and the racism that evolved from it;
3. **REAFFIRMS** the terms of DPPA as adopted at the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, held in Durban, South Africa, in September 2001;
4. **REITERATES** the commitment of Africa to continue to prevent, combat and eliminate racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, on the basis of the 2001 Durban World Conference Against Racism;
5. **APPEALS** to Member States to implement all the commitments emanating from the international and regional conferences, and to formulate national policies and plans of action to prevent, combat and eliminate racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission to revitalize the Committee of African Eminent Personalities on Reparations and Slavery and to examine ways and means of funding its work in the 2010 budget;
7. **MANDATES** the Committee to, among others study ways and means to seek acknowledgement of damages done to Africa including through instituting legal actions and political processes aimed at obtaining reparations and compensation for victims of slavery and colonisation;
8. **REQUESTS** the Commission to submit a report to the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in January 2010 on the previous work done by the

Committee, including an account of the use of the fund allocated to the said Committee;

9. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to strengthen the interaction and synergy between the various Organs and Structures concerned as well as ensuring effective coordination with the relevant African groups with the view to adopting an African Common Position in different international fora/systems;
10. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to initiate awareness-raising programmes and dialogue with regional groups and partners on the effective implementation of the DDPA and the Conclusions of the Durban Review Conference to combat and prevent new forms of racism;
11. **FINALLY REQUESTS** the Commission to monitor the implementation of this Decision and to report on a regular basis, to the Executive Council.

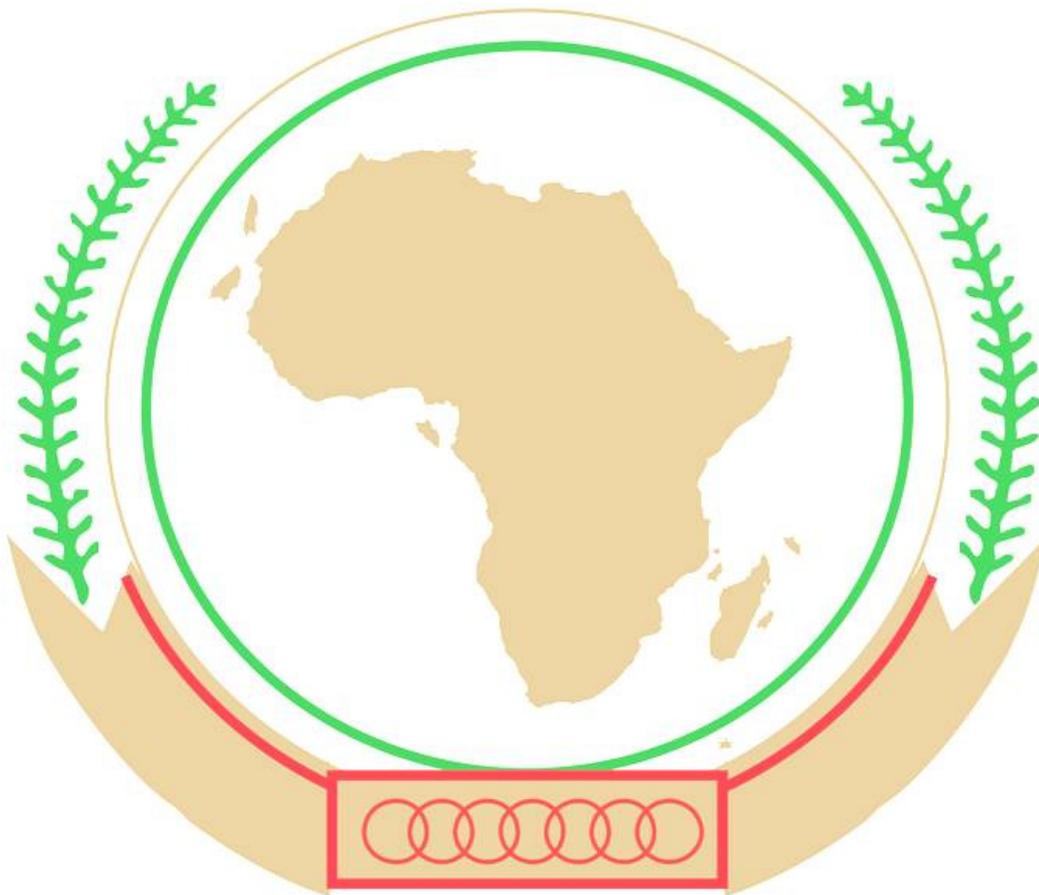


DECISION ON MULTILATERAL COOPERATION
Doc. EX.CL/504 (XV)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Sub-Committee of the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) on its activities relating to Multilateral Cooperation and on Africa's strategic partnerships;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the progress made in the preparations for the various summits scheduled to be held this year 2009;
3. **FURTHER TAKES NOTE** of the completion of the joint Plan of Action of the Africa-India Forum Summit and **REQUESTS** the Commission and the PRC to finalise it with the Indian side with the view to implementing it;
4. **TAKES NOTE** of the comments by the PRC on the study on the Global Review of Africa's Strategic Partnership with the other parts of the World submitted by the Commission;
5. **REQUESTS** the PRC to continue to work closely with the Commission with a view to concluding the Global Review and report to the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in January 2010;
6. **ENDORSES** the holding of the Second Africa-South America Summit in Caracas, Venezuela in September/October 2009 and **REQUESTS** the Commission to consult all concerned parties with a view to determining the actual dates and to inform Member States accordingly.
7. **TAKES NOTE** of the offer by the Republic of Korea to organize the Second KOREA-AFRICA Forum, at ministerial level in Seoul, from 24 to 25 November 2009 and **REQUESTS** the Commission and the PRC to take the necessary measures to ensure full participation of Member States in the preparation of this forum;
8. **CALLS ON** Member States to fully participate in both the preparation and the holding of the summits scheduled for 2009 in accordance with the Banjul format of participation;
9. **REQUESTS** the Commission to take all necessary measures to participate in the preparation and holding of future meetings of the partnership, particularly with China and Japan, as per previous decisions on this issue;

10. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to propose to the PRC, through its Sub-Committee on Structures, the structure of a Coordination and Management of Partnerships Unit to be located in the Office of the Chairperson, and to make appropriate recommendations to the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in January 2010.



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DECISION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN UNION BOARD OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the nominations submitted by the Regional Deans following consultations within their respective regions;
2. **DECIDES** to appoint the following Member States to serve on the Board of External Auditors for the Financial Year 2009-2010:

Central Region

Cameroon
Chad

Eastern Region

Mauritius
Sudan

Northern Region

Egypt
Alternate Member: Libya

Southern Region

South Africa
Lesotho

Western Region

Gambia
Ghana
Niger

Alternate Member: Togo

**DECISION TO INCREASE ALLOWANCES OF AFRICAN
UNION ELECTED OFFICIALS AND STAFF
Doc.EX.CL/497(XV) a**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) on the matter of revision of allowances of staff and the periodicity of review of staff salaries and allowances;
2. **RECALLS** its Decision EX.CL/Dec.466(XIV) of January 2009 in Addis Ababa wherein it authorized the PRC to revisit the proposed revision of allowances as well as the five-yearly periodicity of the review of salaries and allowances and submit a report to the July 2009 Summit;
3. **RECOMMENDS**, based on the review, to increase the allowances of the elected officials and staff members of the Commission as follows:

Post Adjustment Allowance: Forty-five percent (45%) of the difference between the AU multiplier and the average of the International Civil Service Commission's(ICSC) Post Adjustment rates for the period May 2008 to April 2009;

Housing Allowance: Twenty percent (20%) increase at the current housing allowance;

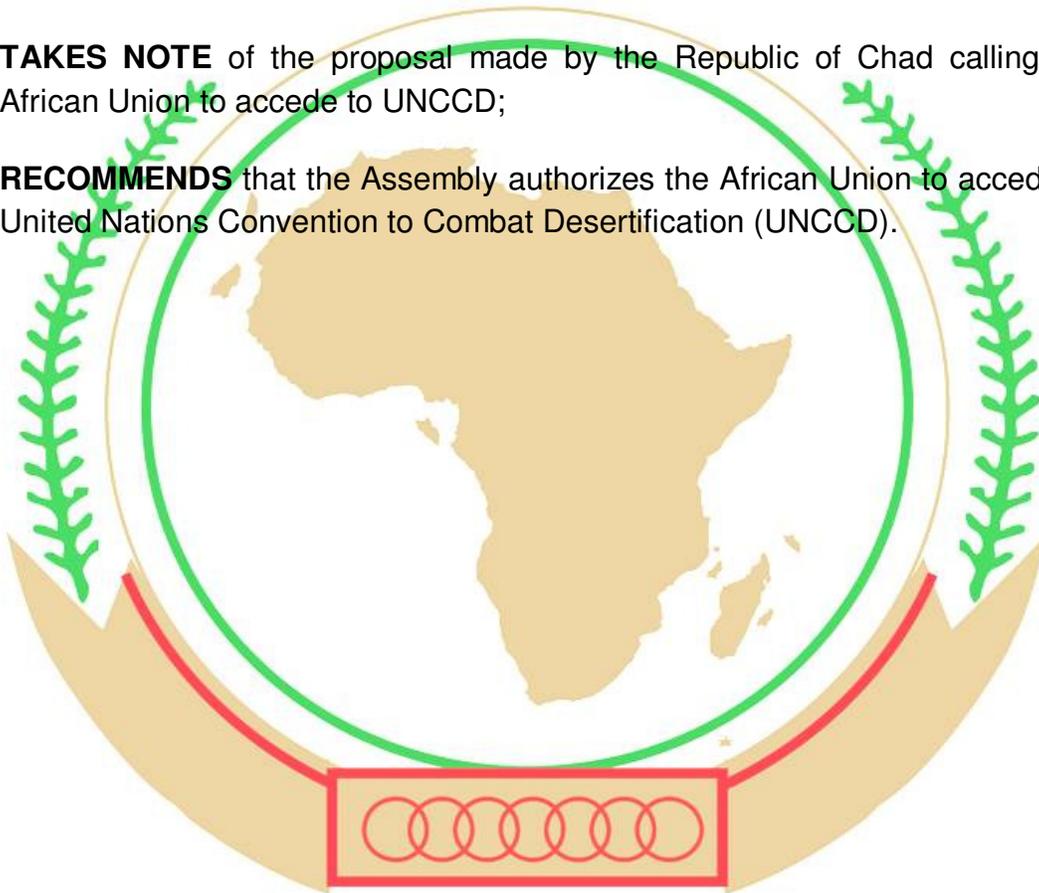
Education Allowance: Twenty percent (20%) increase at the current education allowance for both international and local staff.
4. **ALSO DECIDES** that the increase shall take effect from 1 January 2009;
5. **APPROVES** the recommendation to revise the periodicity of review of staff salaries and allowances from five (5) years to three (3) years.

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**DECISION ON THE AFRICAN UNION ACCESSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS
CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION (UNCCD)
Doc.EX.CL/512(XV) Add.3**

The Executive Council,

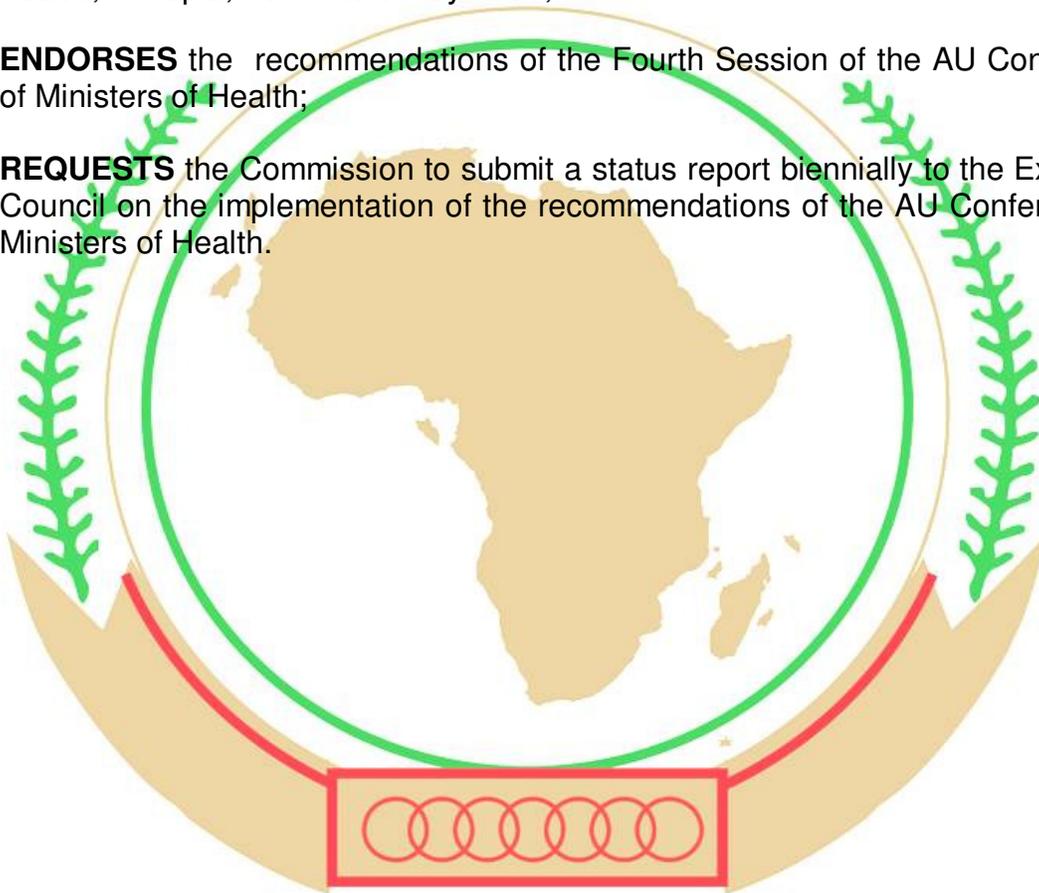
1. **RECOGNIZES** the importance of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa for the livelihoods of millions of Africans affected by land degradation, desertification and drought;
2. **TAKES NOTE** of the proposal made by the Republic of Chad calling on the African Union to accede to UNCCD;
3. **RECOMMENDS** that the Assembly authorizes the African Union to accede to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE FOURTH SESSION OF
THE AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF HEALTH
Doc.EX.CL/516(XV)**

The Executive Council,

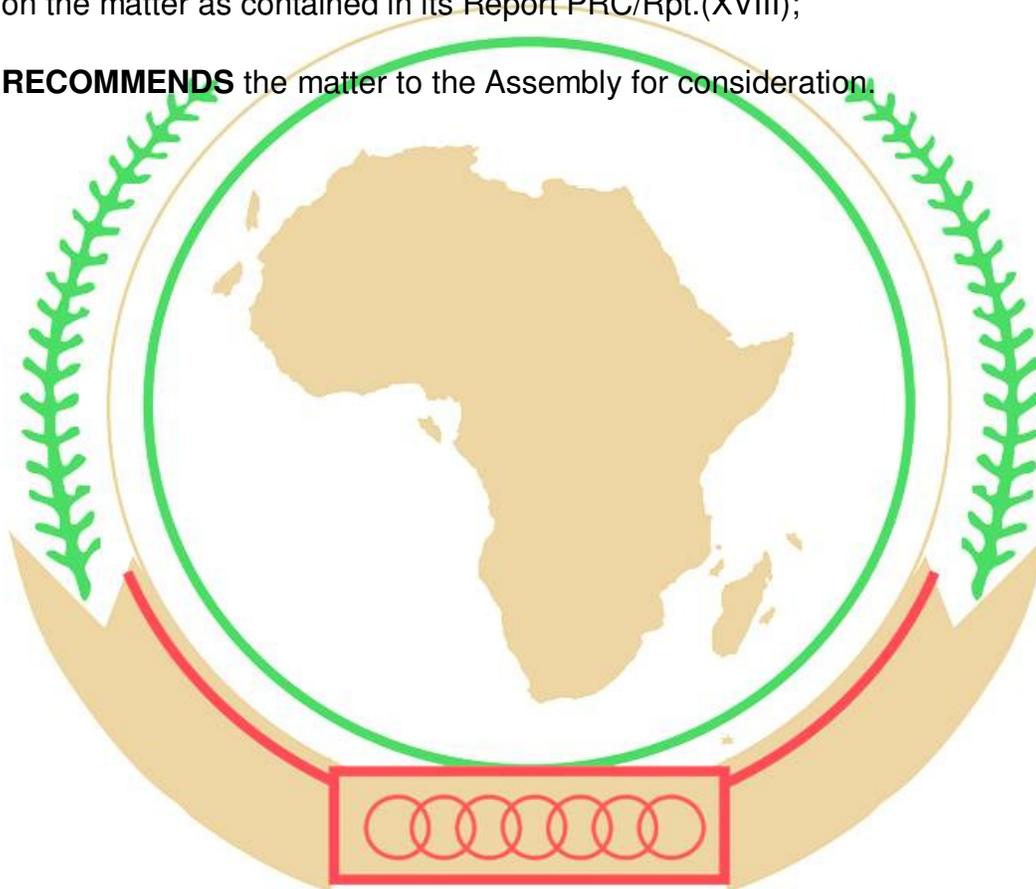
1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Fourth Session of the African Union (AU) Conference of Ministers of Health on the theme “*Universal Access to Quality Health Services: Improve Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health*” held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 4 to 8 May 2009;
2. **ENDORSES** the recommendations of the Fourth Session of the AU Conference of Ministers of Health;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to submit a status report biennially to the Executive Council on the implementation of the recommendations of the AU Conference of Ministers of Health.



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE
SELECTION OF A NEW FLAG FOR THE AFRICAN UNION
Doc.EX.CL/500(XV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Selection of a New Flag for the African Union;
2. **ENDORSES** the recommendations of the Permanent Representatives Committee on the matter as contained in its Report PRC/Rpt.(XVIII);
3. **RECOMMENDS** the matter to the Assembly for consideration.



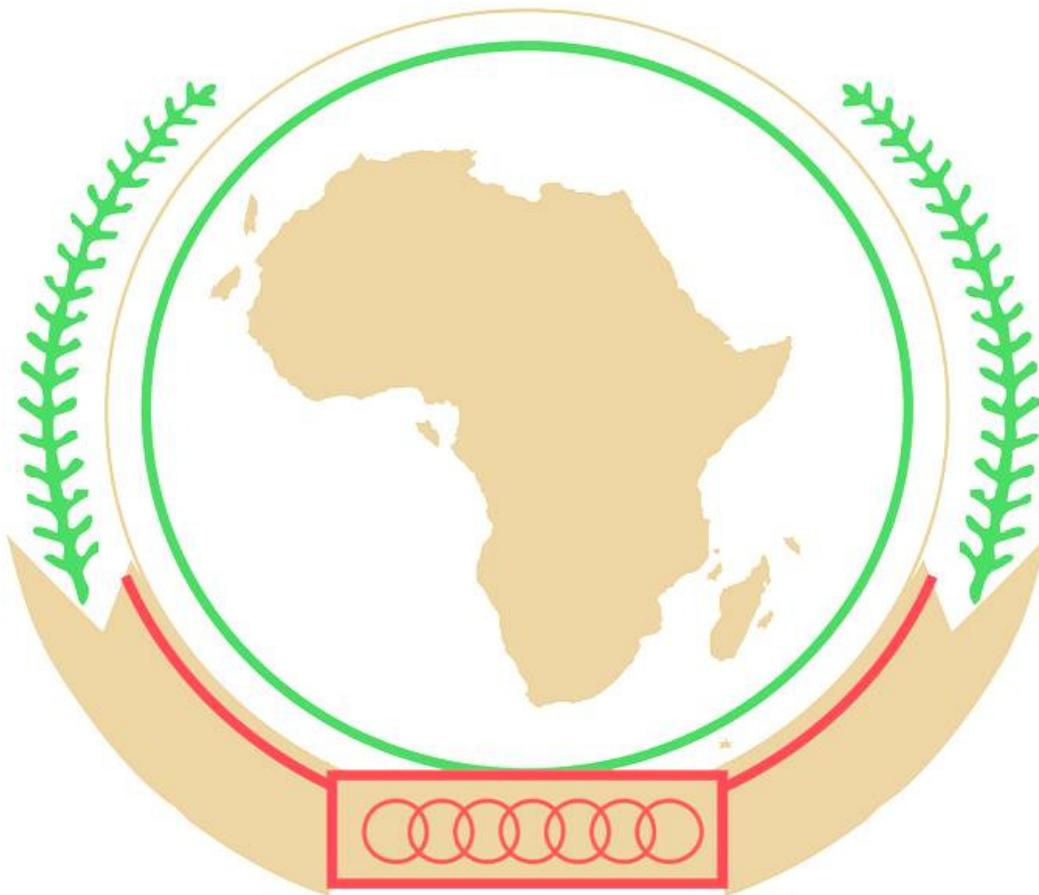
DECISION ON THE SITUATION IN PALESTINE AND THE MIDDLE EAST
Doc.EX.CL/524(XV)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the Situation in Palestine and the Middle East, and **RECALLS** all resolutions and decisions adopted by the OAU/AU on the Situation in Palestine and the Middle East;
2. **REITERATES** its full support for the legitimate struggle of the Palestinian people, under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), their sole and legitimate representative against the Israeli Occupation, to obtain their inalienable national rights, including their right to self-determination, return to their homeland and property, and to live in peace and stability in an Independent Palestinian State with Al-Quds Al-sharif (Jerusalem) as its capital, in accordance with the principle of International Law, all pertinent United Nations (UN) Resolutions, particularly Resolution 194, which calls for the return of refugees to their homeland and properties, and the resolutions and decisions of the OAU/AU;
3. **REAFFIRMS** its full support for a peaceful solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict on the basis of the principles of the International Law and all relevant resolutions, and **CALLS UPON** Israel to end its occupation of the Palestinian and Arab territories;
4. **STRESSES** the need for the UN Security Council to shoulder its responsibilities under the UN Charter, and **CALLS ON** it to exercise its role in maintaining International peace and security in order to achieve a comprehensive, just, and lasting peace;
5. **EXPRESSES** its serious concern at the statement made by the new Israeli administration rejecting the creation of an independent Palestinian State with Jerusalem as its capital an end to settlements in the Palestinian territories and **CALLS UPON** the Israeli Government to fulfil its obligations and to move forward in the peace process on the basis of the resolutions on international legitimacy, agreements signed and the principle of land for peace;
6. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the brutal Israeli practices and repressive measures against Palestinian citizens in the Occupied Palestinian territories, including Jerusalem, and **CALLS ON** Israel to stop these serious violations immediately, and on the International Community to exert pressure on Israel accordingly;
7. **EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER** the war crimes and violations of International Law and International Humanitarian Law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, and **CALLS UPON** the international community to prosecute those responsible for these crimes and bring them to international courts and tribunals;

8. **URGES** Israel to accept the principle of negotiations with the Palestinian side in order to find a peaceful, comprehensive, just and lasting solution to the ongoing conflict in the Middle East;
9. **AFFIRMS** that the Palestine Liberation Organization is a full partner in the peace process; and **CALLS UPON** Israel to accept the international efforts aimed at establishing the Independent Palestinian State with Al-Quds Al-Sharif (Jerusalem) as its capital, and to respond to the demands of the international community;
10. **EXPRESSES** its full support for the tireless efforts aimed at putting an end to the division in Palestinian ranks, and to the strengthening of the Palestinian national unity, in order to ensure the geographical and political unity of the Palestinian territories;
11. **FURTHER EXPRESSES** its deep appreciation for the relentless efforts made by the Palestinian leadership for the achievement of lasting peace between all parties;
12. **WELCOMES** the statements by the Government of the United States of America demanding that the Israeli Government halts the illegal settlement activities in the Occupied Palestinian Territories;
13. **URGES** the Israeli authorities to put an end to unilateral policies and procedures imposing a *fait accompli* on the ground, including the immediate cessation of all settlement activities, the elimination of the Apartheid Wall, and the preservation of the status of Jerusalem as well as of Islamic and Christian holy places; and **CALLS UPON** Israel to stop its excavations around and under Al-Aqsa Mosque and the demolition of houses in and around the city of AL-Quds (Jerusalem), which aims to expel the indigenous population of the city;
14. **EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN** over the worsening humanitarian situation and increasing sanitary and economic deterioration in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, due to the constant siege, daily ongoing Israeli invasions, restrictions on the movement of persons and constant closures and blockades of the Palestinian commercial crossing points with neighbouring countries; and **URGES** the Israeli authorities to immediately and without delay remove all blocked and to re-open all crossing points;
15. **EXPRESSES ITS GRAVE CONCERN** over the deterioration of the living and health conditions of Palestinian prisoners and detainees in Israeli Jails; **CONDEMNS** all inhuman Israeli practices against prisoners and detainees; and **URGES** the Israeli Government to release all prisoners and captives from the jails of the Israeli Occupation Authorities;

16. **FURTHER CALLS UPON** the government of Israel to put an end to its occupation of all Arab lands occupied since 1967, including the Syrian and Lebanese territories, and to abide by the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions, particularly Resolutions 242 and 338, the Madrid Declaration, the Land for Peace Principle, the Arab Peace Initiative and the Road Map, in order to reach a just, comprehensive, lasting and peaceful solution to the Arab-Israeli Conflict.



**DECISION ON AFRICAN CANDIDATURES WITHIN THE
INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM
Doc.EX.CL/531(XV)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Ministerial Committee on Candidatures;
2. **APPROVES** the recommendations contained therein;
3. **ENDORSES** the following Candidatures:
 - i) The Republic of Cameroon for membership of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for the period 2009-2011;
 - ii) The Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya for membership in the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for the period 2009- 2011;
 - iii) The Republic of Niger for membership of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for the period 2009- 2011;
 - iv) The Republic of Nigeria for non-permanent seat of the United Nations Security Council for the period 2010-2011;
 - v) The Republic of Gabon for non-permanent seat of the United Nations Security Council for the period 2010-2011;
 - vi) The Republic of Senegal for membership of the Council of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO);
 - vii) The Arab Republic of Egypt for re-election for membership of the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO);
 - viii) Burkina Faso for membership of the Executive Board of UNESCO;
 - ix) The People's Democratic Republic of Algeria for re-election for membership of the Executive Board of UNESCO;
 - x) The Republic of Uganda for membership of the Council of UNESCO International Bureau of Education;

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- xi) The Republic of Uganda for membership of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP);
- xii) The Republic of Uganda for membership of the Intergovernmental Council for the Development of Communication (IPDC);
- xiii) The Republic of Uganda for membership of the Intergovernmental Council for the Management of Social Transformation (MOST);
- xiv) The Arab Republic of Egypt for Membership of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations;
- xv) The Arab Republic of Egypt for membership of the International Maritime Organization (IMO);

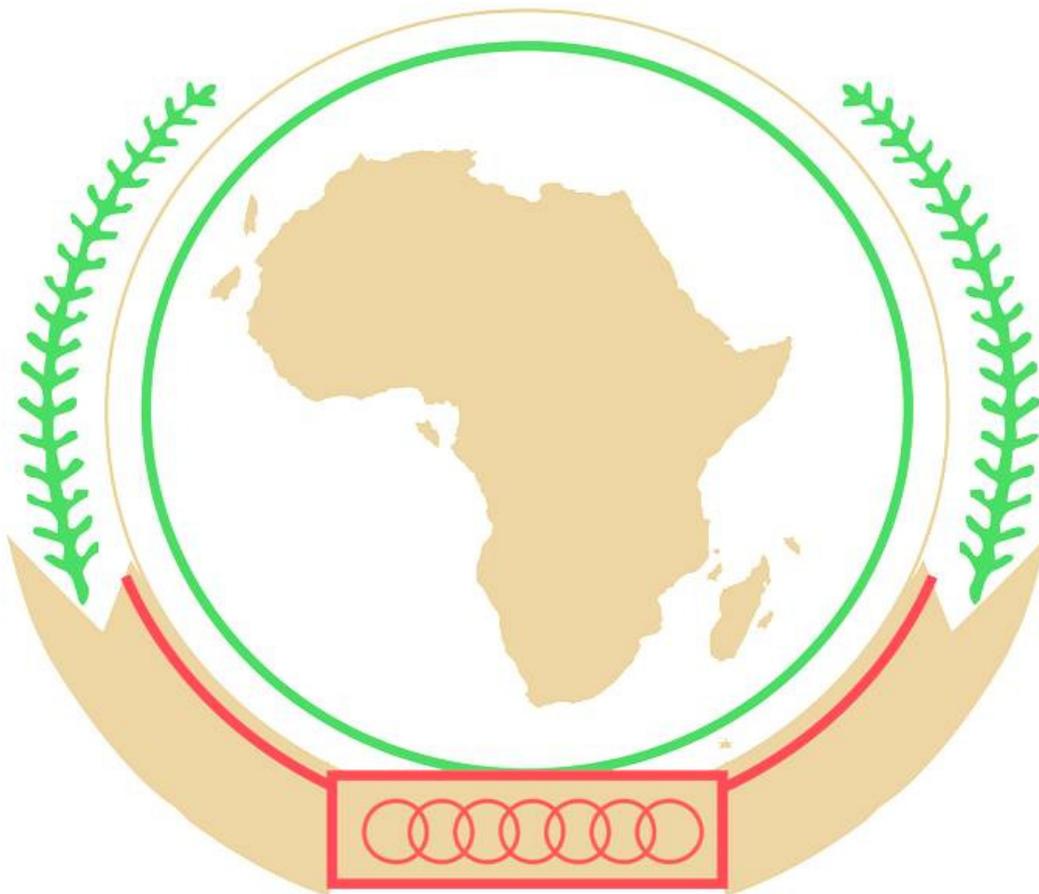
4. **ALSO ENDORSES** the following Candidatures:

- i) Dr. Luis Gomes Sambo from Angola for re-election to the post of Regional Director for Africa of the World Health Organization (WHO);
- ii) Ambassador Naela Gabr from Arab Republic of Egypt for Membership of the International Committee on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW);
- iii) Ambassador Dani Benchaa from Algeria for the post of Director General of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW);
- iv) Mr. Kingston Papie Rhodes from Sierra Leone for re-election for membership and the Chairmanship of the International Civil Service Commission of the United Nations;
- v) Mr. Collen Vixen Kelapile from the Republic of Botswana for re-election to the United Nations Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

5. **REITERATES** its support for the candidature of H. E. Dr. Faruk Hosni, Minister of Culture of the Arab Republic of Egypt for the post of Director General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO);

6. **REQUESTS** the Commission to convey to the Secretary General of the United Nations the importance of respecting the principle of rotation in filling the senior positions of all Organs, Agencies, Funds and Programmes of the United Nations System, including the position of Secretary General of UNCTAD, hence ensuring the rightful share of Africa in such positions;

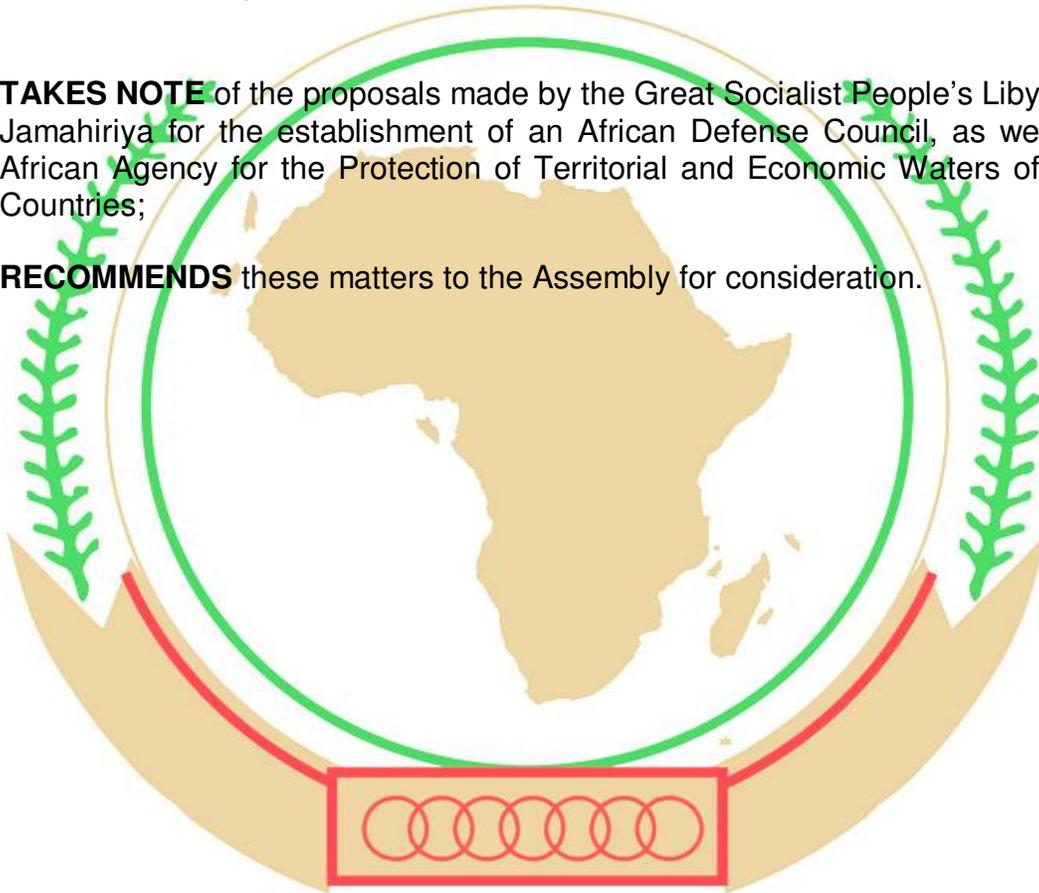
7. **CALLS ON** all Member States of the African Union to adhere to the Decisions of the Assembly regarding the endorsement of African Candidatures within the International System, in order to maintain a unified voice in support of these Candidatures and to preserve the credibility of African Decisions;
8. **FURTHER CALLS ON** all Member States to strictly adhere to the Rules of Procedure of the African Ministerial Committee on Candidatures within the International System, in order to ensure equal and fair opportunity for all Member States and their individual candidates.



**DECISION ON THE PROPOSALS MADE BY THE GREAT SOCIALIST
PEOPLE'S LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
AN AFRICAN DEFENSE COUNCIL AND AN AFRICAN AGENCY
FOR THE PROTECTION OF TERRITORIAL AND ECONOMIC
WATERS FOR AFRICAN COUNTRIES
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The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the proposals made by the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya for the establishment of an African Defense Council, as well as an African Agency for the Protection of Territorial and Economic Waters of African Countries;
2. **RECOMMENDS** these matters to the Assembly for consideration.



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