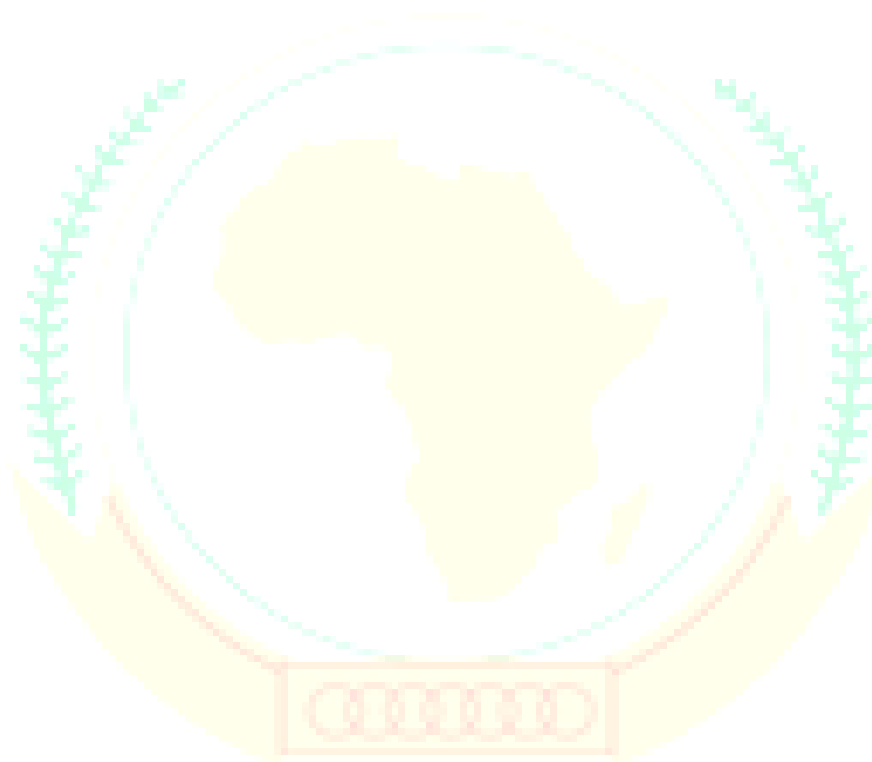


**DECISION ON THE PAN-AFRICAN CULTURAL CONGRESS (PACC)**  
**DOC. EX.CL/317 (X)**

**The Executive Council:**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report and the Consensus Statement of the First Pan-African Cultural Congress of the African Union (PACC) held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in November 2006;
2. **COMMENDS** the Commission for organizing the Congress and for creating an appropriate forum for cultural practitioners, experts, researchers, policy-makers, civil society organizations in the field of culture;
3. **WELCOMES** the theme of the Congress "*Culture, Integration, and African Renaissance*" which captures the general direction the continent and its people should take to meet the demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> century;
4. **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained in the Consensus of the Congress and in particular the proposal to convene PACC once every three (3) years and to organize a Pan-African Cultural Festival every year, the venue of which should be based on the principle of rotation in the different regions and capitals of Member States of the Union;
5. **REAFFIRMS** its commitment to the promotion of dialogue and exchange of views, ideas, experiences and best practices in the field of African culture;
6. **ALSO REAFFIRMS** its determination towards the protection, promotion, and use of Africa's tangible and intangible cultural heritage since it is the link between the past, the present and the future of Africa;
7. **REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Commission to follow up with the implementation of this Decision and the convening of PACC as provided in Paragraph 4 above;

8. **ALSO URGES** the United Nations Education, Science and Culture Organization (UNESCO), the Regional Economic Communities and other partners to provide necessary support to the Commission in its effort to institutionalize PACC and organize the subsequent sessions.



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