

**DECISION ON THE FIRST AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS  
RESPONSIBLE FOR MARITIME TRANSPORT - DOC. EX.CL/349 (XI)**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report on the First African Union Conference of Ministers Responsible for Maritime Transport;
2. **ENDORSES** the Abuja Declaration and Plan of Action on Maritime Transport in Africa;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with the RECs, specialised institutions, Member States and other stakeholders to take all the necessary measures to ensure the implementation of the Action Plan for the development of the maritime transport sub-sector in the continent;
4. **URGES** the Commission to particularly expedite the development of a continental policy, and a legal and institutional framework for coordinating the development of the maritime transport industry;
5. **APPEALS** to the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA); the African Development Bank (AfDB), the European Union and other development partners to support the implementation of the Plan of Action of the African Union on maritime transport;
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission to submit periodic reports on the implementation of this Decision to the Executive Council.

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