

**DECISION ON THE REPRESENTATION OF THE AFRICAN
DIASPORA AT ASSEMBLIES OF THE AFRICAN UNION**
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The Executive Council:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Proposal of the Republic of Senegal on 'Representation of the African Diaspora at Assemblies of the African Union';
2. **RECALLS** the Protocol on Amendments to the Constitutive Act of the African Union approved by the First Extra-Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of States and Government in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2003, of which Article 3(q) invites the African Diaspora to participate as an important component in the building of the African Union;
3. **AFFIRMS** the commitment of the Union to seek appropriate means of implementing this objective;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission as part of this process to conduct an in-depth feasibility study on the idea of having the Diaspora as the sixth region of the continent as well as develop modalities for Diaspora participation in the organs and activities of the Union;
5. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission in cooperation with the Government of the Republic of Senegal to convene a technical experts' meeting of AU Member States to examine modalities for Diaspora participation in the organs and activities of the Union, including the feasibility of the concept of the Diaspora as the sixth region and provide a report to the next Ordinary Session of Council and Assembly.

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