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**REPORT ON THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL AND THE ASSEMBLY**

INTRODUCTION

This Report is a synopsis of implementation of the various Decisions, Declarations and other measures of the policy organs of the Union, by the Departments, Directorates and Units of the Commission during the period under review, that is July to December 2007.

During their various Ordinary, Extraordinary and Special Sessions, the Executive Council and the Assembly of the Union, indeed, adopted quite a number measures at the conclusion of their deliberations. Such decisions constitute the legal authority which commits the Commission and other organs of the Union to pursue activities in furtherance of the integration process in the Continent. Many of the activities were carried out in collaboration with Member States in the form of consultation and coordination meetings designed to harmonize viewpoints and actions, and were quite often geared to adoption of common positions and harmonized policy decisions.

The activities carried out during the period under review cover diverse subjects and a number of vital issues of interest to Member States. They range from legal, administrative, financial, political and peace and security issues to economic, social and cultural matters. Some of the activities form part of the reports on the Agenda of the Executive Council and/or that of the Assembly.

In view of budget and human resource constraints during the period under review, some of the decisions with high degree of financial implications were not implemented; while others, for technical reasons and/or time constraints, were differed to a later date pending improved or conducive conditions or when the constraints would have eased.

LEGAL MATTERS

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<p>Ex. CL./Dec.352 (XI) Decision on the Report of the Status of the OAU/AU Treaties (Doc. EX.CL/296 (X))</p>	<p>1. APPEALS to Member States to prioritize and accelerate the signing and ratification/accession processes to OAU/AU treaties;</p> <p>2. REQUESTS the Commission with the assistance of Member States, to harmonise the texts in the different official languages;</p> <p>3. REQUESTS Member States to submit to the Commission information on their ratification/accession procedures to treaties to enable the Commission finalize implementation of the previous decision of the Executive Council on harmonization of ratification procedures within Member States;</p> <p>4. ALSO REQUESTS the Commission to expedite the implementation of the</p>	<p>In the process of implementation.</p> <p>The Commission has, through Notes Verbale requested member States to submit their respective procedures as at 1 December 2007, Nineteen (19) Member Sates had responded.</p> <p>This has partially been implemented and is part of OLC's activities for</p>		<p>In view of the number of activities that the Office had to carry out, it had to postponed this to early 2008</p> <p>Whilst some Member States have complied, others are yet to submit any information on their ratification/accession procedures to the Commission. The latter is now process of finalizing the study in readiness for a meeting of Ministers of Justice/Attorneys General scheduled for 10 – 14 March 2008.</p>

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	<p>previous decisions of Council, particularly on the review of OAU/AU Treaties including outdated treaties, especially those that date back as far as the 1960s which have not entered into force;</p> <p>5. FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission to expedite resolving the inconsistency in various linguistic texts and to appoint an Arabic speaking legal expert to assist in this regard.</p>	<p>2008.</p> <p>In the process of implementation</p>		<p>The OLC is involved in the implementation of the programmes of all other departments and was not able, due to constraints of human resources, to prioritize this activity important, as it no doubt is. However, it is now under implementation..</p>

WOMEN, GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT

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<p>Assembly/AU/Dec.13 (VIII) on the Reports on the Implementation of the AU Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa</p>	<p>APPEALS to Member States that are yet to submit their baseline reports to urgently submit these reports, for the AU to have a base upon which to build on the progress made</p> <p>CALLS ON Member States to implement all the commitments made in the SDGEA</p>	<p>Since the last Assembly of January 2007, six Member States namely: Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali and Rwanda submitted also their baseline reports on SDGEA. Until now we have 15 Member States which had submitted their baseline reports on SDGEA namely: Algeria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Lesotho, Mali, Mauritius, Namibia, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa and Tunisia</p> <p>The AUWC (African Union Women's Committee) had its second meeting from 18-19 April 2007 and during the meeting it was decided that lobbying and advocacy activities will be carry out for effective implementation of SDGEA. Also considering the important role of National Parliaments in the implementation and popularization of the content of SDGEA, a conference on the Role of Parliament in the Popularization and Implementation of the SDGEA was organized at AU Headquarters in Addis Ababa from 10-12 October 2007</p> <p>The AUC is planning to organize a</p>	<p align="center">-</p> <p align="center">-</p>	<p>Lack of internal capacity in National Machineries to analyze Gender issues Report on SDGEA</p> <p>Existing knowledge GAPS on SDGEA at National Level</p>

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	<p>ALSO CALLS upon the Commission to assist Member States in the process of reporting on the SDGEA, and take necessary steps in this direction</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to urgently organize a continental conference on Economic Empowerment of African Women in order to articulate strategies to elevate the economic statuses of African women, including the establishment of the African Trust Fund for Women</p> <p>ALSO APPEALS to Member States that have not yet done so,</p>	<p>training programme for the Officials for ministry in charge of Gender and Women's Affairs on the reporting on the implementation of SDGEA</p> <p>The AU Office in Malawi began the preliminary contacts with the Government of Malawi to see how the Republic of Malawi can host this conference early in 2008. In the meantime, the AU Gender Directorate in conjunction with the NEPAD Gender Unit and ECA have commissioned a Desk Study on Women's involvement in the Economy which will produce baseline data on African Women's empowerment, performance in economy, opportunities, constraints and threats for consideration by conference</p> <p>The AUC-Gender Directorate continues to work with Coalition of CSOs, SOAWR (Solidarity for African Women's Rights) for the early ratification of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa by all member States, its popularization and domestication, through targeted meetings, publication and</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>Insufficient technical and budgetary internal capacity in the Gender Directorate to assist Member States in synthesis and reporting</p> <p>-</p> <p>Member States ratification/accession to Protocol still slow but</p>

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	to sign and ratify/accede to the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People's Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa	dissemination. In this regard, African Union Commission and the Solidarity for African Women's Rights (SOAWR) organized a regional Consultation on strategies for accelerating the ratification of the AU Protocol on the Rights of Women across northern Africa from 2 to 4 April 2007 in Tunis, Tunisia.	-	encouraging

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

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<p>Assembly/AU/Dec.15 1 (VIII) on the Flag of the African Union</p>	<p>DECIDES to launch a competition for the selection of a new flag for the African Union</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to take all the necessary measures to organize the competition with the following agreed orientations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the background of the flag should be green colour to symbolize Africa's hope; - Member States should be represented by stars on the flag. 	<p>The Commission launched the AUC Flag competition since the last Assembly of January, precisely on the 8th of February 2007.</p> <p>A Note Verbal to that effect was sent to all AU Member States and also through announcements posted on the Au Website. Meanwhile, information about the Competition was disseminated to the entire public through the AU website.</p> <p>The criteria for participation in the competition were mentioned in the Terms of Reference prepared by the Services of the Commission specifying that the Competition was opened to all Africans including those in the Diaspora following the technicalities stipulated in the Decision of the Assembly.</p> <p>At the end of the official deadline for submission of the proposals by candidates, which was set for 30 April 2007, the total amount of files received were as follows:</p>	<p>- implemented</p> <p>- implemented</p>	

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	<p>DECIDES that the design proposed by leader of the Great Libyan Arab Jamahiriya should be taken as one of the entries for the competition</p> <p>Request the Commission to submit outcome of the selection to the 9th Ordinary Session of the Assembly in July 2007.</p>	<p>The Commission received 117 proposals submitted by 74 candidates. Some candidates presented more than one samples of the draft.</p> <p>Following the Decision 151/VIII, the project that was presented in the name of the leader of Great Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, would equally feature amongst the proposals to be presented.</p> <p>A Committee for the selection has been set up to proceed with the first selection of the proposals for consideration and finalise a report to be submitted to the Assembly of Heads of State and Government.</p> <p>The Selection Committee is composed of African Experts drawn from the AU member States.</p> <p>The meeting of the Selection Committee has been scheduled for the month of March 2008 to consider all the proposals.</p>	<p>Implemented</p> <p>Not implemented</p>	

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<p>EX.CL/Dec.296(IX) DECISION ON THE AU CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS “TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PAN-AFRICAN RADIO AND TELEVISION CHANNEL” DOC. EX.CL/266 (IX)</p>	<p>TAKES NOTE of the Report;</p> <p>RECALLS the decision of the 5th Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government held in July 2005, in Sirte on the establishment of a Pan-African Television Channel - Doc. EX.CL/205(VII) ADD.3;</p> <p>ALSO RECALLS that at the January 2006 Khartoum Summit the Executive Council adopted the Report of the Expert’s Meeting held in Cairo, Egypt from 21 to 23 November 2005;</p> <p>TAKES NOTE of the Report of the follow-up committee on the Establishment of the Pan-</p>	<p>At the request of the Executive Council, the Commission has begun considering ways of carrying out an exhaustive feasibility study for the effective implementation of the project.</p> <p>The activities undertaken so far include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The putting in place of an interdepartmental Committee for the implementation of the study. This Committee is made up of some officials of the Commission who are at the same time members of the follow-up Committee responsible for the establishment of the Pan-African Radio and television Channel. - The preparation of the Terms of Reference by the Commission for the choice of the Experts to carry out the studies. The 		

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	<p>African Radio and Television Channel held in Cairo from 15 to 17 February 2006;</p> <p>ACKNOWLEDGES the importance of establishing a Pan-African Radio and Television Channel which is an expression of the Common aspirations of the people of Africa to balanced information that gives a true image of the content and facilitates exchanges with a view to popularizing a project which is of priority to African integration.</p> <p>WELCOMES the offer by Egypt to bear 10% of the project budget;</p> <p>INVITES Member States to redouble efforts towards the establishment of a Pan-African Radio and Television channel to transmit general information under the auspices of the African Union. The Channel shall be the property of its Member States which will have the responsibility to decide on the partnerships to be contracted, in terms of technical knowledge and financing;</p>	<p>Committee responsible for the feasibility study, during its working session, deemed it necessary to appoint two Experts who would carry out an efficient study for the project. The first Expert would be in charge of the legal, financial, technological and technical aspects of the project, under the supervision of the second Expert, who in turn, would be the project manager and the person to implement and finalise the report of the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The application forms and the Terms of Reference were sent by Note Verbal to all the Member States of the follow-up Committee in charge of the Establishment of the Pan-African Radio and Television Channel. - The call for candidatures was equally advertised through the AUC Website - The Commission received the applications sent by Member States and conducted the short-listing process. - Because the first consultation was not conclusive (only five applications were received), a larger call for candidatures was organised for the second time, involving all AU Member States. This, because the first 		<p>Not Implemented</p>

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	<p>URGES Member States to commit themselves to support and speed up the process for the implementation of the Radio and Television channel designed essentially to provide the African public with information, sports, culture, documentaries and African films, likely to expand possibilities of communication among the peoples;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to organize a meeting of high ranking officials from Member States and experts to examine the various aspects relating to the legal framework, the financing as well as the technological and technical components of the project and submit a comprehensive report on all these aspects;</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission to conduct a comprehensive study on the issue and submit it for consideration, first by the high ranking officials from Member States and thereafter by African Ministers of Information and</p>	<p>consultation that was restricted to only members of the follow-up Committee in charge of the Establishment of the Pan-African Radio and Television Channel. At the closing date of the submission of applications for the second consultation, the Commission received 15 candidatures; 14 of them were received from 09 Member States while 01 came from a non-African State. The candidatures received are summarised as follows: 07 candidatures for the post of Team Leader, 06 candidatures for the post of Technician and 02 candidatures not appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A meeting of the Committee for the selection of candidates was held to define the criteria for selection of the candidates. - Out of the 15 candidates, two candidates were selected for the posts of Project Manager and Technician. - The official memo to that effect was sent to administration and other competent services of the Commission to consider and finalise the contracts. <p>The Commission is presently preparing the contracts to be finalised and sent to the TV Experts that were chosen.</p>		

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	Communication who will Submit their conclusions and recommendations to the Ordinary Session of the Assembly in July 2007.			

PEACE AND SECURITY

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<p><u>EX.CL/Dec.370 (XI)</u></p> <p>Decision on the Conference of African Ministers in charge of Border Issues, held in Addis Ababa on 7 June 2007</p>	<p>Requests the Chairperson of the Commission and Member States to take all necessary measures to implement the Declaration on the AU Border Programme and to submit regular reports thereon to the policy organs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organization by the Commission, in Djibouti, on 1 and 2 December 2007, of an experts meeting with the participation of RECs, African river basin organizations, the Secretariat and other United Nations agencies, as well as other partners of the AU and specialized structures. The meeting provided an opportunity to elaborate a matrix for the implementation of the AU Border Programme (AUBP), giving priority to the activities to be undertaken and identifying partnerships to be built. - Ongoing measures for the mobilization of expertise and the requisite resources for the monitoring and implementation of the AUBP. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Insufficiency of human and financial resources required - Complexity of issues at stake which require a meticulous approach
<p><u>EX.CL/ Decl.1 (XI)</u></p> <p>Declaration on the situation in Côte d'Ivoire</p>	<p>Reiterates the full support of the AU for the Ouagadougou Political Agreement (APO).</p> <p>Encourages the Ivorian parties to pursue and intensify their</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participation of the AU Special Representative in CI in the 2nd meeting of the Evaluation and Monitoring Committee (CEA) in Ouagadougou, 4 September 2007. - Exploratory mission, in November 2007, by the Women, Gender and 		<p>-Insufficient human and financial resources</p>

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	efforts within the context of the APO and to continue lending the Facilitator the necessary support.	<p>Development Directorate of the Commission, in partnership with the NGO Femmes Africa Solidarité, to examine with the Ivorian women the modalities of a possible support, by the AU, for their initiatives. This mission is to be followed by a mission of high ranking women to Côte d'Ivoire.</p> <p>- Submission by the Commission of a Report on the situation in CI to the 104th meeting of the PSC, held on 20 December 2007. The PSC endorsed 2nd and 3rd Supplementary Agreements to the APO, signed on 28 November 2007, and invited the United Nations Security Council to also endorse these two Agreements.</p>		<p>financial resources</p> <p>- Delays in the implementation of the 'APO</p>
<p>EX.CL/Dec.374(XI) Decision on conflict situations in Africa (On Darfur)</p>	<p>URGES for continued and concerted efforts by all concerned, to promote confidence with the view to facilitating the successful conclusion of the peace process in Darfur</p>	<p>- AU Liaison Office in CI maintains regular contacts with the APO signatories and other stakeholders, as well as with members of the international community involved in the process.</p> <p>- Intensification by the AU Special Envoy for Darfur, Salim Ahmed Salim, and his UN counterpart, Jan Eliasson, of their consultations with the Sudanese parties, as well as with a wide range of Darfurian and other stakeholders, with a view to preparing for the start of the substantive negotiations.</p>		<p>- Divisions within the rebel movements</p>

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	<p>Calls for the adoption of a UNSC resolution authorizing the establishment of UNAMID</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Convening by the Special Envoys of meetings in Arusha, Tanzania, and N'Djamena, Chad, in August and September 2007, respectively. - Opening of the Darfur Peace Talks in Sirte, Libya, on 27 October 2007. - Submission by the Commission of a Report on the AU/UN Hybrid Operation, on the basis of which the PSC endorsed UNAMID deployment, paving the way for the adoption by the Security Council, on 31 July 2007, of resolution 1769 (2007), authorizing the establishment of UNAMID for an initial period of 12 months. - Establishment by the AU and the UN, as part of the preparations for the transfer of authority from AMIS to UNAMID, of a multidisciplinary transition planning team. - Establishment of the initial Headquarters operating capability. - Finalization of the preparations for the deployment of the three Formed Police Units from Bangladesh, Nepal and Nigeria. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Refusal by some of the leaders of the Movements, including Abdulwahid El Nour (SLM/A) and Khalil Ibrahim (JEM), to attend the Sirte Talks - Shortfalls in critical mobility capabilities for UNAMID, especially in areas of aviation and heavy ground transportation units. - Challenging security situation, including attack in Haskanita against AMIS on 29 September 2007

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Progress in the force generation process. 		
<p>EX.CL/Dec.374(XI) Decision on conflict situations in Africa (Somalia)</p>	<p>WELCOMES the efforts by the Commission for the deployment of the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) and APPEALS to AU member States and partners to provide the requisite support for the full deployment and sustenance of AMISOM on the ground.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sensitization of AU member States to provide troops and support for AMISOM. - Efforts to mobilize financial and logistical resources from AU Partners. - Letter from Chairperson of the Commission to the UN Secretary-General to echo call by the PSC for the deployment of a UN peacekeeping operation and provision of support to AMISOM pending such deployment. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continued financial and logistical constraints facing the Commission prevented significant progress in strengthening AMISOM. Out of the 8,000 troops authorized by PSC, only 2 Ugandan battalions are on the ground, in Mogadishu, to date. - No member State made new pledge of troops in spite of the repeated calls of the AU policy organs, demarches by the Chairperson of the Commission and appeals by the UN Security Council - Very few member States provided financial or logistical support for AMISOM. The support mobilized so far is mainly provided by partners

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	<p>ENCOURAGES the Commission, working with IGAD, the League of Arab States, the United Nations, and other stakeholders, to continue to provide support for the early convening of the envisaged National Reconciliation Congress (NRC) in Somalia</p>	<p>- Convening of the NRC in Mogadishu, from 15 July to 30 August 2007. Over 2,600 participants took part in the NRC, AU was represented. NRC adopted several recommendations</p>		<p>- Limited support by partners</p> <p>- Precarious security situation on the ground, which contributed to limiting the scope of AMISOM operation.</p> <p>- Boycott of the NRC by some of the actors who could have contributed to its success: section of the Hawiye clan, which is predominant in Mogadishu, as well as opposition groups based abroad.</p> <p>- Lack of adequate follow-up of the recommendations of the NRC.</p> <p>- Heightened tension within the TFG, with a deepening rift between President Yusuf and Prime Minister Gedi, which led to the resignation of Prime Minister Ali Gedi on 29 October 2007 and his replacement by Nur Hassan Houssien.</p>

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<p><u>EX.CL/Dec.374(XI)</u></p> <p>(Comoros)</p>	<p>EXPRESSES concern at the serious difficulties facing the reconciliation process in the Comoros.</p> <p>WELCOMES the decisions adopted by the PSC on 9 May and 9 June 2007, as well as the communiqué adopted by the countries of the region in Cape Town, on 19 June 2007.</p> <p>ENCOURAGES the countries of the region to pursue and intensify their efforts to enable the PSC to meet as soon as possible to take the required decision on the situation in the Comoros;</p>	<p>- Support from the Commission for the holding of meeting of countries of the region in Pretoria on 8 and 9 July 2007, which adopted and submitted proposals for resolving the crisis.</p> <p>- Report to the PSC meeting of 13 August 2007, which requested the Commission to work with countries of the region with a view to submitting concrete proposals to it, including sanctions against the illegal authorities of Anjouan.</p> <p>- Support from the Commission for the meeting of senior officials of countries of the region and countries contributing troops to ESAM in Addis Ababa, on 4 September 2007, which elaborated recommendations that were considered by the Ministerial Committee of countries of the region in Pretoria, on 18 September 2007.</p> <p>- Report to the PSC meeting held in Addis Ababa, on 10 October 2007, at the end of which the PSC adopted the recommendations submitted by the</p>		<p>- Insufficient resources available to enable the Commission to ensure the effective monitoring of sanctions.</p> <p>- Inadequate logistics means of the ESAM and lack of a naval component to ensure that the restriction of maritime links to and from Anjouan are respected.</p> <p>- Non deployment of additional contingents to reinforce ESAM</p>

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		<p>Ministerial Committee of countries of the region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report of the PSC on the status of implementation of sanctions, at its 102nd meeting held on 26 November 2007, at the end of which the PSC decided to extend the sanctions for an additional period of 60 days. - Ongoing initiatives to facilitate the holding of a meeting to submit any recommendation they may deem appropriate. 		
<p><u>EX.CL/Dec.374(XI)</u> Decision on conflict situations in Africa DOC.EX.CL/356(XI)</p> <p>(Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development (PCRD))</p>	<p>REITERATES its support for the efforts being deployed towards post-conflict reconstruction and development of the member States emerging from conflict situations and</p> <p>APPEALS for continued and increased support for these countries;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organization in Lusaka, jointly with COMESA, of a Workshop, from 17 to 19 July 2007, to sensitize civil society and other stakeholders on the PCRD Policy and to involve them in its implementation; - A web page on the AU Website and a brochure on PCRD have been completed in all AU working languages; - Holding of a Solidarity Conference on the Central African Republic on 19 October 2007, during which pledges were made by AU Member States; 		

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<p><u>EX.CL/Dec.374(XI)</u></p> <p>Decision on conflict situations in Africa DOC.EX.CL/356(XI)(APSA)</p>	<p>NOTES WITH SATISFACTION the efforts deployed towards the operationalization of the continental peace and security architecture, including the Continental Early Warning System, the Panel of the Wise and the African Standby Force, and ENCOURAGES the Commission to pursue and intensify its efforts in this respect.</p>	<p>- Adoption of the document on the Modalities for the functioning of the Panel of the Wise by the PSC on 12 November 2007.</p> <p>- Official inauguration of the Panel of the Wise in Addis Ababa, on 18 December 2007, in the presence representatives of Member States and other members of the diplomatic corps accredited to Ethiopia.</p> <p>- Holding on 18 December 2007, of the inaugural meeting of the Panel, focusing on the consideration of its work programme for 2008.</p> <p><u>Continental Early Warning System:</u></p> <p>- Development of a software, the Africa News Brief, which will facilitate automatic information gathering from a variety of open sources in real time and in all AU languages.</p> <p>- Assessment of the AU's IT infrastructure to support such a software.</p> <p>- The Commission is in the process of acquiring the necessary equipment that will make the new data and information gathering system for the CEWS fully operational in 2008.</p>		

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		<p>- Elaboration of a Methodology Handbook on Strategic Conflict Assessment (SCA) to be finalized during a meeting with the Regional Mechanisms for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution in mid-February 2008 and is intended to be a common methodology for use by both the AU and the Regional Mechanisms,</p> <p><u>African Standby Force (ASF) :</u></p> <p>- Finalization of the policy documents of the ASF which will be validated by the African Ministers of Defence and Security,</p> <p>- Finalization of the study on the ASF logistics depots and recommendations submitted by the Study Team in July 2007,</p> <p>- Holding, in July 2007, of a preparatory workshop on the Rapid Deployment Force. For the AU, the focus is on endowing itself, within the framework of the ASF, with a rapid deployment capability,</p> <p>- Meeting on training of the ASF in Addis Ababa, in October 2007, at the end of which a training plan for the ASF, covering the period October 2007 - June 2010, was adopted,</p>		

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		<p>- Completion of the elaboration of the first draft on the evaluation of the ASF, which will be finalized at the beginning of 2008. The objective is for the document to serve as a guide for RECs/Regions in the evaluation of the operational availability of ASF brigades.</p>		
<p><u>EX.CL/Dec.374(XI)</u> Decision on conflict situations in Africa DOC.EX.CL/356(XI) (AU-UN Cooperation)</p>	<p>WELCOMES the joint Communiqué adopted by the meeting between the United Nations Security Council and the African Union Peace and Security Council, held in Addis Ababa on 16 June 2007.</p> <p>ENCOURAGES the two organs to strengthen their cooperation with a view to promoting peace and security in Africa.</p>	<p>Briefing organized by the Commission for the PSC on the occasion of its 98th meeting held on 8 and 23 November 2007. The PSC adopted a document meant to be a contribution to the report, to be submitted by the UN Secretary-General to submit to the UN Security Council pursuant to Statement by the President of the Security Council of 28 March 2007.</p>		

POLITICAL AFFAIRS

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HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, REFUGEES, DISPLACED PERSONS DIVISION			
SITUATION OF REFUGEES, RETURNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS EX.CL/Dec. 319(X)			
Para. 4 – Appeals to countries of origin to create conducive conditions for the return of their nationals in safety and dignity	On-going exercise. The Commission, in collaboration with the UNHCR continued to monitor the voluntary repatriation operations, in particular the Burundese, Sudanese, Rwandese, Congolese from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Somali refugees from Somaliland. Further urged Member States to create conducive conditions for refugees and IDPs for sustainable reintegration in their communities		Funding for the repatriation operations is not readily available due to donor fatigue. International community not honouring their pledges
Para. 8 – Calls upon the international community to increase its assistance to victims of forced displacement in Africa	Partly implemented. Efforts continue to take place and liaise with relevant partners mainly UNHCR, ICRC, WFP, AHA & IOM through joint programmes & activities which among other things is to bring awareness of donor fatigue strategy for resource mobilization		Donor fatigue especially for the protracted cases and lack of human resources

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<p>Para. 9 – Requests the Commission together with the PRC Sub-Committee on Refugees, and the AU Partners, in particular the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, International Committee of the Red Cross, World Food Programme and International Organization for Migration to keep monitoring closely the problem of forced displacement in Africa</p>	<p>Fully implemented Undertook field assessment missions to Ethiopia Guinea, Cote d'Ivoire, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Sudan and granted financial contributions as follows: -US\$ 10,000 Ethiopia towards purchasing scholastic materials for primary school children in camps on World/Refugee Day- 20 June -US\$100,000 Guinea, -US\$ 100,000 Cote d'Ivoire -US\$ 200,000 Liberia -US\$ 200,000 Sierra Leone</p> <p>- Monitored the situation of refugees, returnees and internally displaced persons through information sharing with Partners on ground</p>		<p>Lack of adequate human resources to assess as many countries as needed</p>
<p>Para. 10 – Further Requests the PRC Sub-Committee on Refugees and the Commission to work closely with AU Partners in the planning and preparations of the Special Summit on Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons scheduled to take place in 2008</p>	<p>Three meetings took place - PRC Sub-Committee on Refugees - Bureau of the PRC Sub-Committee on Refugees -Task Force comprising the Bureau of the PRC Sub-Committee, Regional Representations, AU Partners and some members of the Coordinating Committee on Assistance and Protection to Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons to pave the way forward for the preparations of the Special Summit. Division of responsibilities has been done in the areas of theme, topics and other supporting documents with the partners. Intense consultations are going on for the venue, dates and other logistics</p>		

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Commission to continue implementing its Work Programme in accordance with the various Decisions, Recommendations and Resolutions in collaboration with the PRC Sub-Committee on Refugees, UNHCR and other AU Partners and other relevant humanitarian agencies	<p>Continued to implement its work programme for 2007 in the following areas:</p> <p>Disaster Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assistance to victims of floods and drought as follows: - US\$50,000 Burundi - US\$ 75,000 Ghana - US\$ 50,000 Togo - US\$ 50,000 Mozambique - US\$ 100,000 Sudan - US\$ 75,000 Uganda <p>b. Promotion of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) through meetings with African Ambassadors in Addis Ababa</p> <p>c. A series of conferences, meetings and seminars/workshops were held with AU partners and other organizations in the field of humanitarian issues which helped among other things to implement Decisions of Executive Council and Summit of Heads of State and Government</p> <p>d, AU/Partners meeting for implementation of joint specific activities</p> <p>e. AU Consultative Meeting on the Draft AU Convention for the Protection and Assistance of IDPs (Internally Displaced Persons) for Member States Legal Experts meeting in September 2007</p>		Lack of human resources prevented the Commission to carry out some programmes and activities with the AU Partners

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SITUATION OF REFUGEES, RETURNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS EX.CL/Dec. 353 (XI)			
Para. 3 – Calls on the international community to increase its assistance to victims of forced displacements, in both host and home countries, particularly within the context of post-conflict reconstruction with a view to ensuring their long-term interaction	On-going exercise Urged the international community to redouble their efforts in assisting the victims of forced displacement through humanitarian meetings, conferences and seminars		Dwindling resources and donor fatigue especially for protracted cases
Para. 4 – Requests the Commission to continue efforts to reactivate the coordination Committee on Assistance and Protection to Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons (CCAR), to finalize the terms of Reference for its working group; to submit same for validation to the office of the Legal Counsel and for approval at the next Session of Council	Fully implemented Finalized the Terms of Reference for the Working Group of CCAR, forwarded the document to Legal Counsel and submitted to Executive Counsel for consideration and adoption in January 2008		
Para. 5 – Welcomes the preparatory initiatives taken by the Task Force for the Special Summit of Heads of State and Government on Forced Displacements in Africa, scheduled to take place in 2008 and calls upon the Task Force to continue the preparation for the successful outcome of the Special Summit	On-going exercise The Task Force met several times towards the preparations of the 2008 Special Summit in particular on the theme, documentation, venue and allocation of responsibilities		

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<i>Para. 6</i> – Takes note of the concept paper on the African Union’s policy on access to post-primary education for victims of forced displacements and requests the Commission to submit same for consideration by the Conference of Ministers of Education, scheduled in September 2007 in South Africa, prior to adoption by the Executive Council	Fully implemented Participated in the meeting of Ministers of Education in South Africa in August 2007 and amended the concept paper accordingly for consideration and adoption by the Executive Council in January 2008		
DEMOCRACY, GOVERNANCE, HUMAN RIGHTS AND ELECTIONS DIVISION			
EX.CL/Dec.320 (X) AFRICAN CHARTER ON DEMOCRACY, ELECTIONS AND GOVERNANCE Para 4 - Invited Member States to take necessary measures, as soon as possible, to sign and ratify the Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance	Partly implemented		Funds were not allocated in the regular budget. In the absence of a budgetary allocation, the Commission undertook to mobilize funds from partners to conduct the popularization and sensitization activities with a view to improving knowledge of the Charter by different national and international stakeholders, and its rapid signing and ratification by

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			<p>Member States.</p> <p>The Commission addressed a note to Member States to inform them of the opening of the Charter for signature and ratification. It should be noted that to date, eleven (11) States have signed the Charter, namely: Bénin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Congo, Djibouti, Guinea, Mali, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda and Togo.</p> <p>Among other activities, the Commission organized a brainstorming session with partners in Windhoek, Namibia on 29 and 30 October 2007 and mapped the way forward.</p>

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			It will organize sensitization workshops at the level of RECs in this respect, the first of which will be held in Lesotho from 20 to 22 December 2007.
<p>EX.CL/ Dec. 326 (X) PALESTINE AND THE MIDDLE EAST</p> <p>Para 10- Calls upon the International Community and the Members of the Quartet Committee to continue exerting its utmost efforts in the quest for reinvigorating the negotiations and to salvage the peace process, and Express the AU support for the organization of an international Peace Conference on the Middle East conflict.</p>	<p>The Commission participated in a number of meetings at which the Palestinian issue was discussed. The Summit of the League of Arab States, which was held in Riyadh on 29 and 30 March 2007, constituted the most important of these meetings.</p> <p>Among other results, the Summit established a Ministerial Committee mandated to initiate individual and collective contacts aimed at promoting the Arab Peace Initiative and seeking the support of different actors, including the African Union. In this respect, a delegation of the Ministerial Committee visited the Headquarters of the Union.</p> <p>The Commission also participated in the following meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International Meeting on Support of Israeli-Palestinian Peace, which took place on 22 and 23 March 2007 in Rome; - Meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People held in Pretoria on 9 and 10 May 2007. 		

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	The Commission was thus given the opportunity to reiterate the African Union's position on the Palestinian issue, its solidarity with the Palestinian people and its willingness to support the efforts initiated by the International Community to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.		
<p>EX.CL/Dec.345 (X) CANDIDATURES WITHIN THE INETRATIONAL SYSTEM</p> <p>Para 3- Recalls the applicable provision of article 14(3) of the Rules of Procedures of the Committee on Candidatures which states that "Decision of the Executive Council on the recommendations of the Committee shall be binding on all Member States".</p>	This decision was transmitted to all Member States to solicit their support as well as to the AU Permanent Delegations in Brussels, Geneva and New York for the information of the African Group and follow-up action.	The decision was not fully implemented by some Member States	The support of Member States for African candidatures is not always translated into action during elections.
DGHRE DIVISION			
<p>EX.CL/ Dec. 365 (XI) THE MIDDLE EAST AND PALESTINE</p> <p>Para 15- Calls upon the International Community to lift the siege, boycott and blockade against the Government so as to ease the difficult living conditions of Palestinian people which stirs up tension and violence;</p>	This decision was transmitted to all Member States, to the UN as well as to the AU Permanent Delegations for the information of the African Group and follow-up action.		

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<p>EX.CL/Dec.376 (XI) CANDIDATURES WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM</p> <p>Para 5 – Calls for strict compliance with the relevant provisions of:</p> <p>i) Rule 14(3) which stipulates that “Decisions of the Executive Council, approved by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Union, on the recommendations of the Committee on a particular candidature shall be binding on all Member States”.</p> <p>ii) Rule 14(4) which also provides that “Member States that fail to comply with the Decisions of the Executive Council on candidatures may be subjected to sanctions in accordance with Article 23 of the Constitutive Act of the African Union”.</p> <p>Para 6 – Also call for compliance with the Rules of Procedure of the Committee and with previous Decisions regarding the deadline for submission of candidatures for consideration by the Committee.</p>	<p>This decision was transmitted to Member States to enlist their support for different African candidatures within the international system and to draw their attention to the contents of paragraphs 5 and 6.</p> <p>It was also sent to delegations of the African Union in New York, Geneva and Brussels for the sensitization of African Groups and follow-up.</p>		

HUMAN RESOURCES, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

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<p>Assembly/AU/Dec.92 (VI) Decision on the Second Decade of Education for Africa (2006-2015) and the Framework of the Plan of Action for the Second Decade – (EX/CL/224 (VIII)) Rev.2</p>	<p>Develop and implement the Second Decade of Education for Africa</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan launched in 2006 • Implementation strategies and partnerships have been developed for implementation of the Plan in the areas of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tertiary Education ○ TVET ○ Teacher development ○ Curriculum and teaching and learning materials ○ Education Management Information Systems 	<p>Complete strategies and proceed with implementation as set out in the Plan of Action</p>
<p>Assembly/AU/Dec.110 (VI) Decision on the Establishment of an African Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (AFESCO) (Doc. EX.CL/243 (VIII) Add.10</p>	<p>Establishment of an African Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (AFESCO)</p>	<p>The Republic of Sudan has not responded with a detailed proposal as requested.</p>	<p>Wait for the republic of Sudan to respond</p>
<p>Assembly/AU/Dec.139 (VIII) Decision on the Establishment of an African Education Fund – Doc. EX.CL/314 (X)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitate the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Second Decade of Education for Africa; - Secure funding to strengthen the Education Department at AUC and RECs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan is being implemented • SADC, UNESCO, ADEA have integrated Plan into their programmes • Received EU support for laying foundation for implementation and hiring two consultants. Posts have 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue according to Plan of Action. • Seek more strategic partnerships • Re-advertise for posts at higher professional level

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish the African Education Fund; - Formalization of working relations between the Commission and expert agencies such as the Association of African Universities (AAU) and ADEA 	<p>proved difficult to fill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting held with RECs to outline framework for collaboration and follow up of the implementation of the second decade; and explore ways and means of capacity building for this purpose • Secured commitment from AfDB to establish the African Education, Science and Technology Fund; Several high level meetings held to discuss fund. AfDB are currently carrying out a feasibility study on the establishment of the Fund; • MOA signed with AAU to be the lead expert agency with the AUC for implementation of higher education programmes • MOU with ADEA ready for signing. ADEA has committed to providing expertise for the AUC in the areas of EMIS, publicity among others • MOU with UNISA under review by Legal Counsel • MOU discussions started with ACDE • MOU discussions with FAWE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up with AfDB • Enhance current collaboration with partners. Seek more partnerships to ensure ownership of Plan of Action by a wide range of stakeholders
<p>EX.CL/Dec.325 (X) Decision on the report of the Second Extraordinary Session of the Conference of Ministers of Education of the African Union</p>	<p>Implement decisions of the report of the Second Extra-ordinary Session of the Conference of Ministers of Education of the African Union</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steering Committee of COMEDAF established; met 29th to 30th May 2007; and 9-11 January 2008 • COMEDAF III held in Johannesburg August 2007 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proceed with implementing the Plan of Action and decisions from subsequent COMEDAF and Summit meetings • AUC should formalize the

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Education of the African Union <u>DOC.EX.CL/314 (X)</u>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNESCO have seconded one Senior Officer to the Education Division with effect from December 2007 The Commission has recruited one Senior Policy Officer for Education, but she has delayed to report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> secondment for the Officer to be well received and facilitated to work Improve terms and conditions of service at the AUC
<u>Khartoum, Decision EX.CL/Dec.254 (VIII) on Science and Technology</u>	The Commission, the NEPAD and Member States to be responsible for mobilizing financial and technical resources to implement programmes and projects contained in the Africa's Science and Technology Consolidated Plan of Action.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An African Science and Innovation Fund (ASIF) programme was proposed to the extra-ordinary meeting of the AMCOST November 2006 the fund was aiming at mobilizing technical and financial resources for the implementation of the Consolidated Plan of Action. An amendment proposal was presented to the AMCOST III 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The AUC will submit an official proposal to the African Development Bank (AfDB) seeking to establish a Science, Technology and Innovation fund; A feasibility study will be conducted to establish the modalities of the fund; and The Bureau of AMCOST, AUC and NEPAD will expedite the creation of the fund and should not wait until AMCOST IV.
<u>Assembly/AU/Dec.138 (VIII) Decision On The need to establish a single Pan- African Intellectual Property Organization (PAIPO)</u>	The commission to facilitate the establishment of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization	An inter-departmental meeting for the AUC departments those are working in linkage with Intellectual property issues was held in the AUC compound to have other departments contribution and Recommendation	A meeting with the World Intellectual Property Organization, African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) and African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) designed to take place in the next semester. Consultant to do strategic analysis for the situation on the ground and to propose the linkage between the

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			existing organizations (ARIPO, OAPI) and the PAIPO and also to advices in the optimum way to involve the North Countries, since the North Countries are not a members of any of the existing organizations.
<p><u>Assembly/AU/Dec.161 (VIII)</u> <i>Decision declaration of 2007 as the launching year of building constituencies and champions for science, technology and innovation in Africa</i></p>	<p>2007 was declared as the launching year of building constituencies and champions for science, technology and innovation in Africa</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HRST Developed a concept papers on: the Conference of African Women in Science and Technology. • The First African Union Conference of African Women in Science and Technology was conducted in August 2007 • The African Science and Technology day • The department launches the AU-WIPO Award • The department in developing stage of the African Best Scientific Award 	<p>Implementation of the outcomes of the First African Union Conference of African Women in Science and Technology</p> <p>Celebrating annually the African Science and Technology day by the 30th of June, of each year</p>
<p><u>Assembly/AU/Dec.161 (VIII)</u> <i>Decision for Achieving 1 % GDP for Science and Technology by 2010</i></p>	<p>Achievements of 1 % GDP for Science and Technology by 2010</p>	<p>The HRST department is in the development stage of African Science and Technology policy framework.</p>	<p>The proposed science and Technology policy development programme is consisting of the following Phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase (1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) African Science and

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			<p>Technology Strategic planning meeting;</p> <p>(b) African Science statistics system; and</p> <p>(c) The AUC survey for the Science and Technology in the member states.</p> <p>Phase (2)</p> <p>(a) The analysis of the survey outcome; and</p> <p>(b) Producing the African Science and Technology 2007 survey report.</p> <p>Phase (3)</p> <p>(a) SWOT analysis of the African Science and Technology sector;</p> <p>(b) Drafting the African Science and Technology optimum Policy;</p> <p>(c) Workshop for defining the optimum African Science and Technology policy;</p> <p>(d) Member states comments on the draft policy; and</p> <p>(e) Finalizing the African Science and Technology optimum policy</p> <p>(f) Presenting of the African Science and Technology Policy by the AMCOST.</p> <p>Phase (4)</p> <p>(a) Capacity building programme to the member state official on</p>

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			<p>the African Science and Technology optimum policy.</p> <p>Phase (5) (a) Monitoring and elevation the implementation of the policy; and (b) Production of the biennial Science and Technology African report.</p>
<p>EX.CL/Dec.292 (IX) <i>Decision on the 1st ordinary session of the Conference of AU Ministers of Youth (DOC.EX.CL/262(IX))</i></p>	<p>The Commission, the Regional Economic Communities and the Member States should improve cooperation and develop coordination mechanisms for the implementation of the Charter</p>	<p>The charter is officially launched (ADF-V) and many countries are in the process of popularization (Angola, Cameroon, Djibouti, Togo, Burundi, DRC, Congo, Liberia, Nigeria, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Mali, Cote D'Ivoire, Tanzania, etc.)</p> <p>Seven Member States signed the Charter and three have ratified.</p> <p>HRST reminded through 2 notes verbal to all Member States their role towards the Charter and provided various tools to support the process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategy to popularize the African Youth Charter, - Plan of action to accelerate the ratification. - Contest of Poster to promote the charter - Celebration of the 1st Nov 2007: African Youth day - Preparation of the celebration of the Year 2008: Year of the African Youth 	<p>Follow up of the popularization, ratification and implementation of the Charter continues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation of the plan of action for the year of African Youth (YAY) – 2008 and its implementation in Africa - Awarding ceremony for the poster contest - Organization of the next 1st November

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	<p>The Commission should process the revitalization of the Pan African Youth Union</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional workshops organized to advocate for the Charter, - The developed plan of action to accelerate the revitalization of the PYU was presented to the Bureau of Ministers of Youth - Executive committee meeting of PYU held in November 2007 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mechanisms for new election to be developed - MOU between AUC and PYU for the implementation of the Program of action of PYU, Resource mobilization strategy Etc.
<p>EX.CL/Dec. 291 (IX) Decision on the 1st AU Conference of Ministers Responsible for Communication and Information Technology</p>	<p>Calls upon Member States to implement all the commitments made in the Declaration and in particular the African Regional Action Plan on Knowledge Economy (ARAPKE).</p> <p>The Conference of AU Ministers responsible for Communication and Information technology be held regularly and that the Institutionalization of the Conference be carried out in line with the process of establishing the Specialized Technical Committees (STCs).</p> <p>Commission to ensure active participation in the Forthcoming Events, Conferences and Activities emergent from the World Summit on Information Society and also URGES the member states, civil society and the private sector to participate in the events</p> <p>Stronger collaboration for the promotion of Communication and</p>	<p>Steering Committee meeting and Bureau meeting took place to in Cairo, Egypt on 25-26 March for the Steering Committee meeting and 27 March for the Bureau meeting. The meetings discussed and made their recommendations on the following items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. ARAPKE flagship projects. b. Resource mobilization. c. DSF 1% Principle. d. Policies and Regulatory framework conducive to the development of telecommunications, information and communication (ICT) Networks and Services in Africa. <p>Implementation of ARAPKE flagship projects: The Steering Committee of the CIT Ministerial Conference formalized a working group to undertake the process of identifying the flagship projects of ARAPKE. The group has selected 11 projects and the resource mobilization process will determine the</p>	<p>Second Meeting of ICT Ministers: The meeting scheduled to be in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, tentatively on the end of October 2007</p> <p>Promotion of using ICT: The Activities will take place in the period of the ICT Week with the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize of AICTW, Paperless day and other • ICT Best Practices Competition (AUBPA). • Open a discussion forum on ICT Key Issues. <p>The Department planning to organize a workshop for the African common position on the Internet Governance issue, the International meeting will be held Nov 2007 in Brazil.</p>

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	Information Technology in the Continent.	implementation phase and its modalities for the selected projects	
AHG/Dec.164 (XXXVII) July 2001(Biosafety)	<p>The assembly: Reiterates its commitment and support for the ongoing two processes initiated by the Secretariat of elaborating:</p> <p>6 (b) an African Biosafety Model Law and an Africa-wide Biosafety System</p> <p>7. "...calls on Member States to use these Model as a basis for finalizing their national legislation by adapting their provisions to the national context and within the framework of the WTO negotiations"</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An African Model Law on Safety in Biotechnology developed by the AUC and has been available to Member States since April 2002 • The Model Law has largely been and continues to be used by member States in the development of their national biosafety frameworks and laws 	Revision of the Model Law according to Africa's Priorities in biotechnology and sub-regional meetings to discuss it and its implementation.
CM/Dec.623 (LXXIV) July 2001	<p>Executive Council: 1.Commends the Secretary General on his initiatives and efforts ...in developing the draft African Model Law on biosafety and an Africa-wide Biosafety System</p> <p>Council urges member states to:</p> <p>i) Participate effectively in the two on-going processes of developing model laws and to use these models as a basis for finalizing their national legislations by adapting their provisions to the national context and within the framework</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An African Model Law on Safety in Biotechnology developed by the AUC and has been available to Member States since April 2002 • The Model Law has largely been and continues to be used by member Stets in the development of their national biosafety frameworks and laws 	Revision of the Model Law According to Africa's Priorities in biotechnology and sub-regional meetings to discuss it and its implementation.
EX/CL/Dec.26 (III) July 2003	<p>The Executive Council: 2) Stresses the need for Member States to equip themselves with the necessary human and institutional</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An AU Biosafety Project is being implemented through the financial support of the German government through its German technical 	Revision of the Model Law According to Africa's priorities in biotechnology and sub-regional

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	<p>capacities to deal with Biosafety issues within the framework of implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety</p> <p>3) Endorses the steps so far taken at national and regional levels aimed at putting in place and Africa-wide Biosafety System as well as an Africa-wide Capacity Building Program in Biosafety in order to strengthen the abilities of Member States to deal with Biosafety issues</p> <p>4) Urges Member States in abiding by the provisions of the Cartagena Protocol, to use the African Model Law on Biosafety prepared by the AU Commission as a basis for drafting their national legal instruments in Biosafety, taking into account their national peculiarities, in order to create an harmonized Africa-wide space and system in Biosafety for the regulation of genetically modified organisms movement, transportation and importation in Africa;</p> <p>5) Appeals to the developed countries, particularly Africa's development partners willing to assist Africa in this endeavour, to grant the necessary resources as well as financial and technical support towards the implementation of this program</p> <p>6) Requests the Chairperson of the Commission to convene a meeting of Experts and Civil Society</p>	<p>cooperation (GTZ) which aims at providing the AU with the effective tools to support its member States in the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and utilize the Model Law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An AU Biosafety Unit has been established within the Department of Human Resources Science and Technology that is currently implementing the AU Biosafety Project • An African Strategy on Biosafety has been developed (in 2006) for which guides the safe application of modern biotechnological activities in the Region. African Regional Workshop on Capacity Building on Risk Assessment and Risk Management held in August 2007 in Collaboration with the Convention on Biological Diversity • Revision of the Model Law is in process to adapt the Model law to the developments in the technology and based on the trends being taken at national levels <p>• A draft revised African Model Law on Biosafety is available and has been presented to AMCOST as we</p>	<p>meetings to discuss it and its implementation.</p> <p>Prepare issues papers on Biosafety to support the Implementation of the Model and the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety</p> <p>Organize other regional and sub-regional meetings on biosafety issues</p> <p>Revision of the Model Law according to Africa's Priorities in biotechnology And sub-regional meetings to discuss it and its implementation;</p> <p>Translate the Biosafety Strategy and dispatch to Member States and Sub-regional discussions Both with the Revised Model Law</p> <p>Follow up the AMCOST III recommendation to involve others relevant Ministers for their comments on the draft revised model law, AUC leadership in biosafety in Africa, and institutionalization of the Biosafety Unit</p>

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	<p>Organizations to give further consideration to this issue and come out with proposals for an African Common Position for adoption by the policy organs of the AU</p> <p>7) Requests the Chairperson of the Commission to ensure sustainability of the program on Capacity building in Biosafety in Member States and ensure that Council is regularly informed on annual basis</p>	<p>progress made by the Biosafety Unit in implementing the Biosafety Project</p>	
<p>EXT/AU/EXP/ST/Decl/13(II) REV1 November 2006</p>	<p>Commitments of the Ministers of Science and Technology:</p> <p>2) Work together to develop a 20 year African Biotechnology Strategy with specific regional technology goals to be implemented through our Regional Economic communities (RECs) and to develop and harmonize national and regional regulations that promote the application and safe use of modern biotechnology</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Context paper on the revision of the model law is prepared; • Meetings are scheduled in the second semester 2007 for sub-regional discussions on the Biosafety Strategy and the Revised Model Law. • The Model law was introduced and noted by the AMCOST III 	<p>Revision of the Model Law According to Africa's priorities in biotechnology and sub-regional meetings to discuss it and its implementation;</p> <p>Translate the Biosafety Strategy and dispatch to Member States and Sub-regional discussions both with the Revised Model Law.</p> <p>To present the Model Law to all relevant Ministries for their comments.</p>

SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Decision	Commitments	Activities Undertaken	Responsible	Remarks
HEALTH				
African Regional Nutrition Strategy Ex/CL/Dec.248 (VIII)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Print, publish, and disseminate the Strategy ▪ Print, publish, and disseminate the Strategy ▪ Establish Taskforce 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Printing in Progress ▪ TORs for task force ready 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Social Affairs 	There is need to inaugurate the Task Force
Accra Decision on CAMH3				
Monitoring and reporting mechanism for the implementation of the Abuja 2006 Commitments on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Disseminate together with Abuja Outcomes to Member States to ensure 2008 Reporting ▪ Disseminate Reporting Mechanism to all stakeholders and share responsibilities at various levels to assist Member States to Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dissemination in progress ▪ Inter-Agency Meeting to agree on responsibilities postponed to end of February 2008 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Social Affairs 	
Africa Health Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Implementation Plan for the Africa Health Strategy adopted by the Au Conference of Ministers of Health Bureau 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Printing of Africa Health Strategy underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Social Affairs 	
Plan of Action on Violence Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Member States to develop National Action Plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regional Workshops planned for next year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Social Affairs 	
Assembly/AU/Dec.55 (IV) On production of quality generic drugs in Africa, and the development of a Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Plan for Africa.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Plan for Africa adopted ▪ Technical Committee to elaborate Phase II Plan has been established comprising 12 Member states 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ First technical Committee Meeting held in October 2007 and an outline for the Phase II Plan has been adopted ▪ Second meeting scheduled for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Social Affairs 	

Decision	Commitments	Activities Undertaken	Responsible	Remarks
		February 18-19, 2008 in South Africa		
SOCIAL WELFARE				
Banjul Decision				
Decision On The Fourth Ordinary Session of the Labour and Social Affairs Commission Doc. Ex.Cl/290 (Ix)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ REQUESTS the Commission to:- - to finalize the Draft Social Policy Framework in Africa; - organize a meeting of Social Development Ministers to consider the SPF prior to its submission to the Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in July 2007; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consultant has been recruited and is working on the finalization of the Draft SPF; ▪ The SPF will be presented to the meeting of Ministers of Social Development to be held in May 2008 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Social Affairs 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ REQUESTS the Commission: - to work out the financial implications for the establishment of the Advisory Council for Ageing; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Because of the high financial costs involved in the setting up an Advisory Council, a Steering Committee will be put in place in the meantime to follow-up the implementation of the Plan of Action on Ageing in Africa ▪ The AUC is liaising with HelpAge International to identify members of the Steering Committee and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Social Affairs 	The DSA is also liaising with the ECA on the ageing Agenda including the implementation of the MIPAA and AU Plan of Action on Ageing

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		<p>work out its TOR;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The proposal on the Steering Committee will be submitted to the meeting on Social Development for consideration 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CALLS ON the Commission in collaboration with the ARI Governing Board to: - take all the necessary measures to review the mandate and structure of ARI; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consultant has been recruited to carry out the study on ARI and make proposal on its restructuring; ▪ Report of Consultant will be submitted to the ARI GB in March 2008; ▪ Recommendations of the ARI GB will be submitted to the meeting on Social Development in May 2008 for consideration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Social Affairs 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ URGES Member States: - to capitalize on existing African institutions such as the African Centre for Applied Research and Training in Social Development (ACARTSOD) in conducting research in the Continent; - to provide support to the Centre by becoming members and fulfilling their financial obligations 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Member States ▪ Social Affairs 	<p>ACARTSOD can indeed play a major role in conducting research and disseminate them to Member States</p>

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Decision On The Enactment Of A Legislation for Organizing And Ensuring Respect For Social Life In Africa Doc.Ex.Cl/311(Ix)Add.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ REQUESTS the Commission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to carry out a study for the enactment of a legislation for organizing and ensuring respect for social life in Africa; - to report to the next Ordinary session of the Executive Council in January 2007. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A desk review of existing instruments on Social Development was conducted; ▪ DSA participated in the Roundtable to develop effective strategies to implement the Al-Ghaddafi's Initiative on African Youth, Children and Women in the 21st Century. ▪ The matter will be included in the Conference of Ministers of Social Development in May 2008 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Social Affairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ As a Centre for Research ACARTSOD should carry out the study and liaise with the relevant AU Departments; ▪ Since youth and women issues are under different directorates there is need to involve them in the exercise.
MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT				
DECISION ON AFRICA-EU MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT – DOC. EX.CL/313 (X)	MANDATES the Commission to develop an implementation plan of the Joint Africa-EU Declaration on Migration and Development	A Plan of Activities was developed	Social Affairs	
	URGES Member States to allocate adequate resources for the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Joint Africa-EU Declaration on Migration and Development;	Plans are underway to organize consultative meetings with RECs and MS and come up	Social Affairs, MS and RECs	

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		with modalities		
	REQUESTS the Commission, in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration and other partners, to advocate for the implementation of the Joint Africa-EU Declaration on Migration and Development;	Several meetings between the AUC and the International Organization of Migration took place 2007 and more are planned for 2008.	Social Affairs and IOM.	
	FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission to submit a progress report on the implementation of the Joint Africa-EU Declaration annually to the Executive Council.	The report is being prepared and will be submitted to the July Summit 2008		
	REQUESTS Member States and the Commission to take part in the Global Forum on Migration and Development scheduled from 9 – 11 July, 2007 in Brussels, Belgium as a follow-up to the UN High Level Session on Migration in September 2006;	The AUC attended the 1 st Global Forum in Brussels July 2007	Social Affairs and MS	Forty three AU MS participated in the Forum and presented the African Common position on Migration and Development
	ALSO REQUESTS the Commission to report on the outcome of the Global Forum on Migration and Development to the January 2008 Ordinary Session of the Executive Council;	A report is distributed for MS's information	Social Affairs	The second Forum will take place in the Philippines
<u>SPORT AND DEVELOPMENT</u>				
Sport and Development ACCRA, GHANA EX.DC.360 (XI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Request the Bureau of the Conference of Ministers of Sport to oversee the implementation of the activities called for in the Addis Ababa Declaration of 8 June 2007 ▪ Request the AUC co-ordinate the work of the Committee on Sport to study on the restructuring of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa, as well as the relations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Committee on Sport set up by the Ministerial Conference on Sport will meet in February 2008 in Tripoli. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Social Affairs Social Affairs	The Committee was suppose to meet in Tripoli in November 2007 but due to

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	<p>between Governments, National Sport Federations and International Sport Federations, and report to the ordinary session of Council scheduled for July 2008.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Request the Commission to develop the African Union Sport Policy Framework and report to the ordinary session of Council scheduled for July 2008; <p>the institutionalization of the Conference of Ministers of Sport in line with the decision on the Specialized Technical Committees;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	<p>Activity ongoing</p> <p>Second meeting of the Ministerial Conference will be convened in May 2008</p>	<p>Social Affairs</p> <p>Social Affairs</p>	<p>technical constraints le meeting have been postponed to February 2008</p>
ACERWC				
Accra Decision				
Decision on the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child. DOC.EX. CL/366 (XI).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ REQUESTS that the Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Starts considering the reports already received from State Parties. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ACERWC has already adopted its documents on the procedure for consideration. ▪ In February 2008, the Committee will study the 4 reports of Egypt, Mauritius, Nigeria, and Rwanda on the pre session. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ACERWC 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Committee's: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To play an active role in the convening of the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ACERWC actively participated in the Pan-African Forum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ACERWC 	

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	<p>Second Pan-African Forum on Children which will be held in September 2007.</p> <p>- To assess achievements made in the implementation of the 2001 Plan of Action on Children (Africa Fit for Children).</p>	<p>on Children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An inter session was also held. ▪ Will follow up the implementation of the PLA 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AU Commission: <p>- To strengthen the Committee and to urgently ensure the full and effective functioning of its Secretariat.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The secretary is already recruited. ▪ The Members will undertake missions to lobby for the ratification of the charter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Social Affairs 	<p>The other posts for secretary will be posted as soon as possible.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Commission: <p>- To submit the outcome of the Second Pan-African Forum on Children to the UN General Assembly Special Session on Children.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The outcome document, the call for Accelerated Action on the implementation of the PLA towards an Africa Fit for Children was presented to the UNGASS in December 2007. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Social Affairs 	
Banjul Decision				
Decision of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child DOC.EX.CL/233 (VII).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Member States: <p>- To ratify the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child as a matter of priority.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ACERWC 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AU Commission: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Social Affairs 	<p>The other posts</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To strengthen the Committee and to urgently ensure the full and effective functioning of its Secretariat. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> secretary is already recruited. ▪ The Members will undertake missions to lobby for the ratification of the charter 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for secretary will be posted as soon as possible.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AU Commission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To undertake study on the measures required to ensure continuity of the membership of the Committee, including the possibility of the renewal of the mandate of the members for one more term. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The AUC and the ACERWC will make proposals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Social Affairs ▪ ACERWC 	

INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENERGY

Decisions: No & Title	Decisions: Action required	Implemented (Fully/Partly) (Actions taken)	Not Implemented	Remarks / Constraints
<p><u>Assembly/AU/Dec. 148 (VIII)</u> <u>EX.CL/Dec.321 (X)</u> Decision on the first conference of African ministers responsible for hydrocarbons (oil and gas)</p>	<p>Foster cooperation and solidarity among Member States to improve the supply of petroleum products, build capacities in the management and monitoring of upstream and downstream activities of hydrocarbon sector with a view to maximizing the revenues of African oil and gas producing countries</p>	<p>The study jointly conducted by AU and ADB on the African Petroleum Fund completed in May 2007 contributes to that. And a continental policy for cooperation and solidarity in hydrocarbons sector will be elaborated with the financial support of African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF)</p>		
	<p>Take the necessary measures to finalize studies for the establishment of the African Petroleum Fund and to communicate the documents thereon to Member States</p>	<p>Completed in May 2007 and documents will be sent to Members States after a validation workshop of experts.</p>		
	<p>Formulate policies and strategies for the development of new, clean and renewable energies, particularly bio-fuels as an alternative to hydrocarbons</p>	<p>The First High Level jointly organized by AU, Brazil and UNIDO Biofuels Seminar on will be held at the AUC, 30 July -1st August 2007.</p>		

Decisions: No & Title	Decisions: Action required	Implemented (Fully/Partly) (Actions taken)	Not Implemented	Remarks / Constraints
	The Commission in collaboration with the African Development Bank (ADB), the African Energy Commission (AFREC), the RECs, Member States and development partners to implement the Plan of Action adopted.	Some activities have been lunched within 2007 budget		
<u>EX.CL/Dec.293 (IX)</u> Decision on the first conference of African ministers responsible for electrical energy	Member States to give the energy sector enough priority in their development policies with particular regard to poverty reduction strategies	Ongoing.		
		The Commission will monitor compliance on continuous basis and prepare reports.		
	The Commission to take all the necessary measures, in collaboration with the RECs and other partners, towards the implementation of the electricity Action Plan	Activities have been lunched for the implementation of the Plan of action such as for the continental Policy, institutional study for major projects, operationalisation of AFREC (official launching on 22 nd October 2007), creation of the African Electrotechnical Standardization Commission (AFSEC) and the General Assembly will be hold in November 2007etc.		

Decisions: No & Title	Decisions: Action required	Implemented (Fully/Partly) (Actions taken)	Not Implemented	Remarks / Constraints
<p><u>EX.CL/Dec.294 (IX)</u></p> <p>Decision on the first conference of African ministers responsible for railway transport</p>	<p>1. Member States to give the enough priority to transport matters in their development policies with particular regard to poverty reduction strategies</p>	<p>Report of the Ministerial Conference including the Brazzaville Declaration and Action Plan has been made available to Member States and other stakeholders.</p>		
		<p>The Commission will monitor compliance on continuous basis and prepare reports.</p>		
	<p>2. The Commission to take all the necessary measures, in collaboration with the RECs and other partners, towards the implementation of the railway transport Action Plan</p>	<p>MOU of cooperation between AU and the International Union of Railways (UIC) has been signed.</p>		
		<p>AU and UIC in collaboration with the Government of South Africa are organising a joint Railway Professional Conference to be held in November 2007 in Johannesburg.</p>		<p>The conference will consider, inter alia, harmonisation of technical standards</p>
		<p>A Concept paper and Terms of Reference for a study on the creation of a Railways Development Fund has been done.</p>		<p>Technical and logistical preparations are ongoing</p> <p>Study to be initiated in the second half of 2007.</p>

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		Preliminary study on the elaboration for a Railway Development Vision for Africa reaching year 2025 has been undertaken.		The outcome of the preliminary study will be considered at the Railways Professional Conference in South Africa.
<p><u>EX.CL/Dec.295 (IX)</u></p> <p>Decision on the conference of African ministers responsible for air transport</p>	1. African airlines to strengthen cooperation through commercial agreements and harmonization of tariffs in order to enhance connectivity of intra-African route networks and minimise the cost of air travel in the Africa;	Continuous consultations are undertaken with the African Airlines Association (AFRAA) on strategies for encouraging African airlines to enhance their commercial and operational cooperation with a view to improving efficiency of air transport services in the continent.		AFRAA made a statement at 3 rd AU Conference of Ministers responsible for Air Transport held in Addis Ababa in May 2007 urging African countries to liberalise air transport markets as a key strategy to improving air transport in the continent.
	2. Member States to create conducive environment for cross-border investments for the commercial creation of African multinational (regional) airlines.	AUC is encouraging various initiatives for the creation of multinational airlines e.g. the Regional Airline Promotion Company (Société de promotion d'une compagnie aérienne régionale – SPCAR) and Air CEMAC.		Progress report on the SPCAR initiative was presented at the 3 rd AU Conference of Ministers responsible for Air Transport held in Addis Ababa in May 2007.
	3. Member States to ensure full and timely payment of contributions and arrears owed to the African Civil Aviation	Further consultations with the Bureau of AFCAC were held, and the call for payment by all AFCAC Member states was reiterated at the 3 rd Conference		There has been some improvement in the contributions of Member States to AFCAC.

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	African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) whose interim arrangement with ICAO ended 31 December 2006.	reiterated at the 3 rd Conference of African Ministers responsible for air transport.		Some Member States have seconded staff to the AFCAC Secretariat.
				The situation regarding arrears is still far from satisfactory.
	4. International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the African Development bank (ADB), as well as development partners to support the implementation of the air transport Action Plan for Africa.	Consultations are ongoing with ICAO, UNECA, ADB and the RECs on the implementation of the air transport Action Plan.		
		A joint AU/ICAO/ATAG/WB Forum on Air Transport in Africa was held from 23 to 25 April 2007 with focus on determining the support needed from international partners to Africa's air transport industry development.		
		Preparation of the MOU on African Union / ICAO cooperation is in final stages and signing is planned in July 2007.		
5. The Commission and the RECs to speed up the harmonization of competition rules in the field of Air Transport.	Most RECs have already adopted rules of competition and implementation mechanisms			

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		Studies have been initiated by the AU Commission on the harmonisation of competition rules and dispute settlement mechanism as well as on evaluation of the implementation of the 1999 Yamoussoukro Decision.		Preliminary study reports were presented at the 3 rd AU Conference of Ministers responsible for Air Transport
		Study on the Executing Agency of the Yamoussoukro Decision was presented at the 3 rd AU Conference of Ministers responsible for Air Transport where decisions were taken regarding the modalities it is setting up.		

RURAL ECONOMY AND AGRICULTURE

Decision Number	Status of Implementation	Constraints
<p>Assembly/AU/Dec.135 (VIII) Decision on the Summit on Food Security in Africa</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produced Pamphlet on the status of the allocation of 10% National Budgetary resources to Agriculture Development. • Received significant increase in the number of countries reporting the status of allocation of national budgetary resources to agriculture. • Organized the Second AU/NEPAD/RECs and Pillar Lead Institutions Meeting on CAADP Implementation. • Organized the CAADP Partnership Platform Meeting. • Draft Frameworks for CAADP Pillars (1, 2, 3 and 4 being developed). • Organizing a meeting on the development of a Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for CAADP in December in collaboration with NEPAD Secretariat and ReSAKSS • International Technical Committee (ITC) of the Food Security Summit has met several times to develop the Action Plan to be presented to the Ministers of Agriculture next year. • Feasibility study for the establishment of an African Common Market for Agricultural Products has been finalized with a validation workshop planned for January. • ASBP Report circulated to Member States. • Informative letters and ASBP Proposal disseminated to potential donors. • AU focal point on ASBP attended a training/stakeholders meeting at FAO HQ, Rome. • Release of funds from FAO for the take-off of the TCP on ASBP. • TCP Budget Reviewed. • ASBP Pamphlets Developed • Sensitization Mission to RECs on the ASBP and upcoming consultative workshop on establishing institutional arrangements conducted. 	<p>Continued low response from Member States in completing and returning the questionnaires.</p> <p>Several consultative workshops planned with stakeholders for a consensus to be achieved before these draft frameworks could be adopted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Translation of the documents into the four AU working languages took some time to complete. <p>The administrative procedures involved in the FAO in getting these pamphlets printed has led to significant delay in getting the</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultant recruited by AU/FAO to develop draft project profiles on ASBP. • Receipt of List from Deans of AU Member States nominated to participate in the institutional arrangements workshop. • Finalized the invitation letters for participants to the institutional arrangements workshop. • Finalized the Letter of Agreement for the transfer of funds from the FAO to the AU for the organization of the Institutional arrangements workshop. 	<p>significant delay in getting the pamphlets printed.</p> <p>Due to the legal issues involved in the signing of the Letter of Agreement, a lot of delay was experienced from both the AU and the FAO in finalizing this LOA.</p>
<p>Assembly/AU/Dec.134 (VIII) Decision on Climate Change for Development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A steering Committee to guide the preparation of the programme of implementation of the Decision has been established. - Members of the 'Joint Secretariat' composed of the AUC, AfDB, and ECA, have each designated a focal point for the implementation of the Decision. - The Joint Secretariat held many consultative meetings resulting in the development of an initial Climate for Development in Africa (ClimDevAfrica) programme of implementation. - The first meeting of the Steering Committee reviewed and requested that the Draft ClimDevAfrica programme be revised for 'bankability' purpose. - Consultants have been hired by the AfDB and the ECA to prepare a more bankable ClimDevAfrica programme. Work on this is in progress and a draft is expected by end of December 2007. 	<p>The consultative process has been rather time consuming. Given the crosscutting nature of climate change and development, it has been difficult to find good 'all round' consultants. Furthermore, the development partners have not been very forthcoming in providing assistance for the process.</p>
<p>Assembly/AU/Dec.137 (VIII) Decision on the Implementation of the Green Wall for the Sahara Initiative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sensitization missions undertaken to Burkina Faso, Chad, Djibouti, Nigeria and Senegal, as well as to the IGAD and CILSS Secretariats to discuss the Initiative and plans for its implementation at national and sub-regional levels. 	<p>Limited financial resources to continue with the consultations.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- An understanding was reached with these countries and RECs on the way forward i.e., that the AUC to lead the preparation of synergetic and integrated draft implementation plan.- A meeting of select independent African Experts was convened at the AUC from 17 to 21 September 2007, where a draft programme of implementation was prepared.- Draft programme now being peer reviewed.	

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Decisions : No & Title	Status of implementation		
	Implemented (fully/partly) (Action taken)	Not implemented	Constraints
Sirte Declaration of 9 September 1999 on the review of Abuja Treaty for the Rationalization of REC	A Commission conducted and submitted a study on the rationalization of RECs to the RECs and Member States for comments before fine tuning.		
Assembly/AU/Dec.113 (VIII) Decision on the institutionalization of the Conference of African Ministers in Charge of Integration (Doc.Ex.CL./282 (IX))	The Conference was institutionalized and met in its Second Session on 26 and 27 July 2007, in Kigali, Rwanda.		
Ex.CL/Dec.120 (V) Decision on Training Programme on Economic integration in Africa	The second edition took place from August to septembre 2007, for Anglophones and October to November 2007, for Francophones.		
Ex.CL.330 (X) Decision on the elaboration of an African Charter on Statistics (Doc.Ex.CL/308 (X))	The draft Charter has been validated by a meeting of statisticians in Rwanda from 4 to 6 June 2007. It is submitted to the Executive Council for consideration and to the Assembly for adoption. A study on a mechanism for the implementation of the charter and AU fund for the development and harmonization of statistics is underway.		
Ex.CL/Dec.333 (X) Decision on Private Sector Development (Doc.Ex.CL/302 (X))	The Second EU-Africa Business Forum was successfully organized jointly with the European Commission in Accra, Ghana, on 21-22 June, 2007. The outcome was a Private Sector Declaration with a series of recommendations to be implemented by identified stakeholders.		
Ex.CL/Dec.198 (VII) Decision on Follow-up on Africa-Europe Summit (Doc.EX.CL/127 (V))	The Second Africa-EU Summit was held in Lisbon, Portugal on 8-9 December 2007. The Summit adopted the Joint Strategy, first Action Plan and a Declaration. The meeting was preceded by a Ministerial Troika meeting in Accra, Ghana on 31 October 2007 and a preparatory Joint Ministerial Meeting in Sharm-		

Decisions : No & Title	Status of implementation		
	Implemented (fully/partly) (Action taken)	Not implemented	Constraints
	El-Sheikh, Egypt, on 4-5 December 2007.		
Doc.EX.CL/255 (IX) Decision on the Alternative Sources of Financing the AU	The consultancy was advertised, bids received and evaluated and successful bidder notified. The contract is being finalized and the study is expected to commence in January 2008.		Delays experienced at the level of the Tender board. However, all outstanding issues have been resolved.
Assembly/AU/Dec.109 (VI) Feasibility study on the establishment of a Pan-African Stock Exchange	The Commission sent out questionnaires to Member States and undertook missions to a selected number of countries. The results of the study will be validated by experts in a workshop to be held during the second quarter of 2008		
Assembly/AU/Dec.109 (VI) Feasibility study on the creation of Pan African Oil Fund	The joint AU/AfDB studies focusing on (i) the impact of high oil prices on African economies, (ii) the prospects of the hydrocarbons sector (oil and gas) in Africa, and (iii) mechanisms for the establishment and operation of the Pan-African Oil Fund are being finalized.		
Ex.CL/Dec.242 (VIII) Decision on the Interim Report on the Establishment of Financial Institutions (Doc.EX.CL/217 (VIII))	A joint African Union Commission (AUC)/ Association of African Central Banks (AACB) committee was set up to expedite the establishment of the African Central Bank. The joint committee meeting held in Addis Ababa in November 2007 decided that a study be undertaken to establish the plan of action for the creation of the African Central Bank. The Commission and the Libyan Authorities have agreed on the memorandum of understanding for the setting up of the technical committee for the African Investment Bank, and it will be signed on a date to be agreed on. The memoranda of understanding for the African Central Bank and the African Monetary Fund are being finalised by the Commission and Nigerian and Cameroonian Authorities, respectively.		Financial. The technical committees would effectively be set up in 2008 provided that the funds requested are approved in the 2008 budget.
Assembly/AU/Dec.78 (V)	The AUC has been participating in the New		

Decisions : No & Title	Status of implementation		
	Implemented (fully/partly) (Action taken)	Not implemented	Constraints
Decision on the review of MDGs	initiative of the UN Secretary General, the Africa MDG Steering and Working Group, on reviewing the progress towards attaining the MDG. A Report on the meetings held has been prepared and would be forwarded to the PRC, Executive Council and the Summit.		
EX.CL/Dec.242 (VIII) Decision on the G8 Follow-up	The AUC follows up on the commitments made by the G8 at the African Partnership Forum.		
Assembly/AU/Dec.73 (V) Decision on the institutionalization of the Conference of African Ministers of Economy and Finance		In order to implement the decision taken by the Ministers to co-host the conference with UNECA, the Commission has postponed the 2007 conference to the 2008 joint AU-ECA conference	

TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Decisions	Status of Implementation	Remarks
<p>EX.CL/Dec.367 (XI) Decision on the status of negotiations of Economic Partnership Agreements with the European Union</p>	<p>The Commission plays the advocacy role for extension beyond 31 December 2007, the deadline for the conclusion of EPA negotiations.</p> <p>Different meetings were organized by the Commission for the adoption of a common approach, but at the last meeting held in Brussels for Experts and Ministers, the RECs took different positions vis-à-vis the EU with regard to the signing of EPAs.</p>	<p>Different positions of Member States and RECs on the conclusion of EPAs.</p> <p>Continuous actions</p>
<p>EX.CL/Dec.359 (XI) Decision on WTO Negotiations</p>	<p>The Commission is playing an advocacy role after the resumption of negotiations.</p> <p>The Commission, as the coordinator of the negotiation group, continues to seek ways and means of ensuring that the African common position takes into account the development aspect</p>	<p>Continuous actions</p>
<p>EX.CL/Dec.368 (X) Decision on the management of Africa's natural resources</p>	<p>A meeting on the management of natural resources was scheduled to be held in Addis Ababa in November 2007, but was not held due to lack of funding.</p>	<p>Not implemented due to lack of funds. The meeting on natural resources will be held in 2008.</p>

IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISION NO. EX.CL/Dec.375 (XI)
ON THE SPECIAL AUDIT ON THE FIRST CONFERENCE OF
INTELLECTUALS OF AFRICA AND THE DIASPORA

1. It is to be recalled that in Accra, Ghana, both the PRC and the Executive Council considered the report on the Special Audit on the First Conference of Intellectuals of Africa and the Diaspora (CIAD I). While endorsing the recommendations of the PRC in its report to the Executive Council, among other things, Council decided that the Chairperson of the Commission should:

- (a) Take necessary measures to implement those recommendations, including applying sanctions against culprits; and
- (b) Report to the next ordinary session of Council scheduled for January 2008.

2. This report is in fulfillment of this obligation.

(I) Actions Taken by the Commission Post-Accra

3. The Commission wishes to indicate that after the Accra meeting, the Chairperson of the Commission took steps to implement the PRC recommendations which include the following.

- (i) Requesting the Chairperson of the Board of External Auditors, Mr. Rexie LH Chiluzi and a member of the Board, Mr. Charles Ndorimana, to carry out additional work in order to, among other things, identify guilty staff and what happened to the unspent balance of US\$ 7 million appropriated from the General Fund for the Dakar Conference. The aim was to ensure that there was no arbitrariness in determining guilty staff and to assure Member States that the unspent balance was indeed returned to the General Fund;
- (ii) Discussing with Senegal, as host country, in order to determine the refunds it should make to the Commission for expenditure it should have met in accordance with the host country agreement;
- (iii) Discussing with the Government of South Africa with a view to obtaining refund of the VAT paid by the Commission; and
- (iv) Determining the receivables from Rapidawn Marketing and Communications Ltd and attempting to recover it from the company.

(II) Identification of Staff Responsible for Lapses and Losses

3. With respect to this, the Commission wishes to indicate that the Auditors were able to identify responsible staff after a detailed study of all the documents, receipt of the responses to the questionnaires sent to the concerned staff and personal interviews of the staff that were available. Regrettably, the team's attempt to interview the Deputy Director of Cabinet at the time of the Conference, the then acting Director of Administration, Human Resources Development and the Executives of Rapidawn, failed because none of them responded to the repeated request including offer to pay for their trips to Addis Ababa. Rapidawn did not respond to the Auditors' questionnaires and they adjudged the responses from the other two as incomplete. A personal interview would have provided more clarification to assist the Auditors in reaching a conclusion.

4. However, the Auditors identified what went wrong and who, or which service was responsible for lapses and losses. Consequently, and in accordance with Article 58 of the Staff Regulations and Rules, the Chairperson has directed the Deputy Chairperson to set up the Joint Disciplinary Committee to determine actions to be taken against the staff concerned. The Committee is also to play the role of Losses Committee, in accordance with Articles 66 - 68 of the Financial Rules and Regulations, with a view to determining the losses the acts of the concerned staff caused the Commission. The work of the Joint Disciplinary Committee also acting as the Losses Committee will allow the serving staff and ex-staff concerned to be able to defend themselves before the Committee takes its decisions on their guilt or otherwise. The names of those involved cannot be made public now since the Disciplinary Committee is yet to complete its work.

(III) Discussion with the Government of Senegal

5. It will be recalled that in June last year, the Commission indicated that the Chairperson of the Commission and the Foreign Minister of Senegal had agreed to set up teams from both sides with a view to working together to determine whether or not Senegal met its obligations and what amount, if any, it should refund to the Commission for the payments the latter made from which the former should have been responsible.

6. The Commission is glad to report that after detailed work done separately and then jointly by Senegal and the Commission, there is now clarity on what is outstanding to the Commission. It is as follows:

i)	Double payment for the Office Accommodation (Meridien Hotel is to refund this)	-	US\$ 26,140.00
ii)	Transportation of AUC Staff to and from Dakar and Per Diem	-	US\$238,349.35
iii)	Security	-	US\$ 10,983.36
iv)	Accommodation at Hotel Ngor Diarama for some AUC Staff		US\$ 27,183.18
v)	Computer Hire	-	US\$ 3,185.18
	TOTAL		US 305,841.05

7. In addition, the following was also agreed as being due to the Commission:

(a)	Refund for Accommodation at Le Meridien for AUC Staff	-	US\$ 56,331.39
(b)	Value Added Tax	-	US\$ 40,172.29
	TOTAL		US\$ 96,503.68

8. This means that a total of US\$ 402,344.73 is expected from Senegal, including from Hotel le Meridien and the Tax services.

9. The Commission wishes to stress that Senegal had not refused to meet its obligations and had, in fact, made payments for the accommodation allocated to it by hotel Le Meridien. Regrettably, this hotel had, in one case, billed the Commission twice, and insisted on being paid. The hotel has, as we previously reported, refunded the double payment the Commission made. Concerning office accommodation the hotel has given a written confirmation that both Senegal and the Commission have made payments and that a refund would be made to the Commission in respect of this. As regards the accommodation for guests and AUC staff, the hotel confirmed that the Government of Senegal has made a payment of 99.77 millions FCFA. The final verification is now going on to ascertain how many AUC Staff were covered in the payment made by the Government of Senegal.

10. It is also to be pointed out that Senegal had not met the international travel cost for the AUC staff because, according to the host agreement, this was to have been made from a special fund created from contributions from various donors. However, the fund was not created as no money was contributed by others. Accordingly, Senegal has undertaken to respect the usual AU practice whereby countries which host AU meetings meet the cost arising from taking the meeting outside the Headquarters, namely transportation and per diem. Similarly, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was not aware that the Commission paid for the provision of security during the Gala night and will refund that to the Commission. It will also assist in obtaining refund for the VAT from relevant Senegalese Services.

11. The Commission wishes to express appreciation to the Government of Senegal for its cooperation and to say that the matter had lasted for so long because there was no meaningful dialogue between Senegal and the Commission until now. It believes that this matter would have been clarified much earlier had the reconciliation exercise taken place earlier.

(IV) VAT Refund from the Government of South Africa

12. A total of US\$ 280,431.23 has been identified as being Value Added Tax paid to the South African Government on goods and services obtained by Rapidawn for the Commission. The Commission has been in constant touch with the Government of South Africa both through the Embassy and the Department of Foreign Affairs. It is

aware that the latter is discussing the matter with its Finance counterpart and the South African Tax Authorities. The Commission has made an appeal to the Government of South Africa to ensure that the refund is made and has provided it with necessary documentations requested for, including the contract between the Commission and Rapidawn. It therefore hopes to have a positive response soon.

(V) Receivables from Rapidawn

13. Based on the work done by an AUC Task Force and Rapidawn, the Commission had concluded that the receivables due from the latter was US\$494,860.61. This includes the sum of US\$ 60,065.93 which was considered due to Rapidawn as a result of the 50 – 50 cost saving sharing clause, but on a pro-rata basis rather than on total savings from the budget sum for air transportation demanded by Rapidawn. The Auditors did not accept that this was even due to Rapidawn since the company achieved only 7.4% savings as against a minimum of 10% savings that it was required to achieve to be entitled to share in the savings.

14. Before the Auditors completed their work, the Commission had, through the Embassy of South Africa and Rapidawn's solicitors, indicated to the Company that it was expected to refund to the Commission a total US\$494,860.61 and demanded that the refund be made. However, from the work done by the Auditors, Rapidawn is now expected to refund a total of US\$ 554,966.53 made up as follows:

(a)	Unaccounted balance from advance given		
	To RDM	-	US\$492,573.36
(b)	Refunds on accommodation of RDM staff	-	US\$ 33,124.65
(c)	Unspent balance of sponsorship	-	US\$ 6,865.67
(d)	Outstanding claims due Rapidawn	-	US\$ (6,601.14)
(e)	Eagle Corporate Travel for Rapidawn Staff	-	US\$ 28,964.00
	TOTAL		US\$554,926.54

15. The Company has just been requested to make the refund.

(VI) Accountability of the US\$ 7 million

16. With respect to this, the Auditors indicated as follows:

“A review of the general ledger entries, disbursement and adjustment vouchers along with bank statements for Bank Accountants opened in both Dakar and Johannesburg disclosed that after the creation of the Special Fund in September 2004, payments were made directly from the Commission's Bank Account.

It was also noted that sums of **US\$2,749,479.30** and **US\$ 1,100,000** were transferred to South Africa and Senegal respectively where bank accounts to service the Conference were opened.

A scrutiny of payments made from the amount transferred to South Africa disclosed that a total of **US\$ 781,351.86** was used for the Conference and the balance of **US\$ 1,968,127.44** was transferred to Pan African Parliament as subvention as per letter ref No. **PBFA/6/5/365 dated 30 March 2005 from his Excellency the Deputy Chairperson** which was addressed to the President of Pan African Parliament.

It was further observed that out of **US\$ 1,100.000**, which was transferred to Senegal through Credit Lyonnais Bank, a total of **US\$988,201.25** was used for the Conference and the balance of **US\$ 111,798.75** was transferred back to the General Fund Account.

An analysis of the general ledger entries along with disbursement and adjustment vouchers disclosed that a total amount of **US\$4,739,989.35** was the actual amount representing the expenditure incurred on the Conference leaving a balance of **US\$2,260,010.65** which was still in the General Fund and part of which was the amount transferred to Pan African Parliament as explained the above paragraph.”

17. It is hoped that from the Auditor’s report, it will be clear that the unspent balance was not taken out of the General Fund and that only US\$ 4,739,989.35 was actually spent. If the outstanding receivables referred to, amounting to US\$1,237,702.50, materialize, the total expenditure for the conference will be reduced to US\$ 3,502,286.85. The Commission recognizes that this is still a considerable sum of money. It therefore reiterates its earlier pledge to ensure better financial management in the future.

Conclusion

18. In Accra, there was general consensus that the Dakar Conference episode should be brought to a close. It is hoped that with the additional steps taken since Accra the matter would, indeed, be brought to that closure. It undertakes to pursue the outstanding matters.

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