

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE TWELFTH
SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND
DEVELOPMENT (UNCTAD)
DOC. EX.CL/420 (XIII)**

The Executive Council:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Twelfth Session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD XII);
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the Accra Declaration and the Accra Accord adopted by UNCTAD XII, in May 2008;
3. **WELCOMES** the re-affirmation and strengthening of the mandate of UNCTAD as the focal point of the United Nations (UN) for the integrated treatment of trade and development and interrelated issues in the areas of finance, technology, investment and sustainable development and **URGES** that UNCTAD be endowed with adequate resources to effectively carry out its mandate;
4. **TAKES NOTE** of the directive of UNCTAD XII to the UNCTAD Secretariat to enhance, across all areas of its mandate, its work on the special problems of the African continent and the Least Developed Countries (LDCs);
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to ensure effective implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding between the AU Commission and UNCTAD signed in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in April 2008 and to organize, as soon as possible, a meeting with the UNCTAD Secretariat with a view to developing and prioritizing a programme of activities that will enhance the capacity of African countries;
6. **URGES** the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to address the development opportunities and challenges of globalization in accordance with the Accra Declaration and the Accra Accord.

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