

**DECISION ON TICAD III AFRICA-ASIA FOLLOW-UP
CONFERENCE, TOKYO - DOC.EX.CL/188(VII)**

The Executive Council:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report;
2. **EXPRESSES** appreciation for the role of Japan in enhancing Afro-Asian cooperation through the Tokyo International Conference on Africa's Development" (TICAD) process;
3. **WELCOMES** the Declaration of H.E. Mr. Junichiro Koizumi, Prime Minister of Japan to start the Internet website "TICAD-EXCHANGE" with 8 African countries as a first step and **CALLS ON** Japan to include the rest of the African countries in the programme by the end of 2006;
4. **WELCOMES** the invitation of the Japanese Government to host the Fourth TICAD Conference in 2008;
5. **CALLS FOR** the effective implementation of the Common Political Framework to enhance Trade and Investment between Africa and Asia signed between NEPAD and TICAD in Tokyo in 2004;
6. **CALLS ON** Member States, the Commission and TICAD to establish appropriate mechanisms for the promotion of South-South triangular cooperation, particularly, technology transfer;
7. **REQUESTS** the Commission to implement, in cooperation with relevant partners, the initiative of Japan's Prime Minister on the enhancement of Afro-Asian cooperation as announced during the Afro-Asian Trade and Investment Conference (AATIC) in Tokyo in 2004;
8. **MANDATES** the Commission to coordinate and harmonise the different initiatives under the TICAD process, and identify the sources of funding and the local and regional African institutions to implement them.

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