

**DECISION ON THE STATUS OF SIGNATURE AND
RATIFICATION OF OAU/AU TREATIES
DOC. EX.CL/605(XVII)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the Status of Signature and Ratification of OAU/AU Treaties;;
2. **WELCOMES** efforts made by the Commission and Member States towards signature, ratification/accession of OAU/AU Treaties during the period February to June 2010;
3. **REITERATES** its appeal to Member States to prioritize and accelerate the signing and ratification/accession to OAU/AU Treaties and appeals in particular to the Member States which are not yet states parties to the following treaties to give them:
 - i) The Treaty establishing the African Economic Community (1991);
 - ii) The Protocol relating to the establishment of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union (2002);
 - iii) The African Convention on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (revised version) (2003);
 - iv) The African Youth Charter (2006);
 - v) The Charter for African Cultural Renaissance (2006);
 - vi) The African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (2007);
 - vii) The Protocol on the Statute of the African Court of Justice and Human Rights (2008);
 - viii) The African Charter on Statistics (2009);
 - ix) The Protocol on the African Investment Bank (2009);
 - x) The African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala Convention) (2009);

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- xi) The Revised Constitution of the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFAC) (2009).
4. **ALSO REITERATES** its appeal to Member States to ensure that they comply with the decisions of the policy organs and initiate the process of ratification of new treaties within a period of one (1) year after its adoption in accordance with Executive Council Decision EX.CL/Dec.459 (XVI) on the Status of Signature and Ratification of OAU/AU/ Treaties and the Harmonization of Ratification Procedures adopted by the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2009;
5. **REQUESTS** all AU organs and in particular the Pan-African Parliament, the African Union Commission on International Law, the Economic, Social and Cultural Council, the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child as well as the Regional Economic Communities, International and Regional Organisations, and Civil Society to assist with advocacy and sensitisation of Member States to expedite the process of ratification of/accession to OAU/AU Treaties;
6. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to expedite the implementation of previous decisions on the review of OAU/AU Treaties;
7. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to regularly report to the Executive Council on the implementation of this Decision.

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