

**DECISION ON THE INTERIM PERIOD**

**The Assembly:**

**1. TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Secretary General on the implementation of the Lusaka Decision AHG/Dec.160 (XXXVII);

**2. DECIDES:**

- i. **TO ADOPT** the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and the Statutes of the Commission;
- ii. **THAT THE TRANSITION PERIOD** shall come to an end with the convening of the Inaugural Session of the Assembly;
- iii. **TO PROVIDE** for an interim period with effect from 9 July 2002 for a duration of one (1) year after which the Second ordinary session of the Assembly shall appoint the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson as well as the Commissioners through the Executive Council.
- iv. **TO DESIGNATE** the Secretary General, the Assistant Secretaries General and the Staff of the General Secretariat of the OAU as the Interim Commission in accordance with Article 33 (4) of the Constitutive Act;
- v. **THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL** shall be the Interim Chairperson of the Commission and the Assistant Secretaries General shall be acting Commissioners and to **AUTHORISE** him to allocate the portfolios as appropriate;
- vi. **TO AUTHORISE** the Interim Commission to complete its proposals on the structure of the Commission for submission to Member States and undertake all the necessary measures to facilitate the election and appointment of the Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson and the Commissioners in July 2003;
- vii. **TO AUTHORISE** the Interim Chairperson to prepare the financial implications of the structure of the Commission and undertake the necessary consultations with Member States prior to submitting them to the Executive Council and ultimately to the Assembly in July 2003;
- viii. **TO AUTHORISE** the Interim Chairperson to continue implementing the other activities identified in the Secretary General's Report relating to the Lusaka Decision;
- ix. **TO AUTHORISE ALSO** the Interim Commission to continue with the process of transferring the assets and liabilities of the OAU to the African Union;
- x. **TO URGE** those countries which have not yet ratified the Constitutive Act to do so expeditiously; and to **REITERATE** its appeal to all Member States which have not yet done so to sign and ratify the Protocol on the Pan-African Parliament; and
- xi. **THAT** the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and the African Committee of Experts on Rights and Welfare of the Child shall henceforth operate within the framework of the African Union;
- xii. **TO CONGRATULATE** and **EXPRESS** its appreciation to the Secretary General, the Assistant Secretaries General and the Staff of the General Secretariat on the excellent work done and their dedication and commitment to the cause of the African Union which has made the launching of the African Union possible.

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