

DECISION ON THE PREVENTION AND COMBATING OF TERRORISM

The Assembly,

1. **RECALLS** all the relevant African Union (AU) instruments on the prevention and combating of terrorism, in particular the Algiers Convention of 1999 and the related Protocol, as well as the Plan of Action on the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism, and **NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the role played by the African Centre for Study and Research on Terrorism;
2. **EXPRESSES** serious concern over the worsening of the scourge of terrorism and the threat posed by this situation to peace, security and stability in Africa;
3. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** all terrorist attacks perpetrated in the continent and **EXPRESSES ITS DETERMINATION** to fight any form of acts of terrorism;
4. **CONDEMNS MOST VEHEMENTLY** the attack perpetrated on 11 July 2010, in Kampala, by Al Shabab terrorists, which resulted in the death and injury of innocent civilians, and **CONSIDERS** this cowardly act that targeted innocent civilians as an attack against the entire people of Africa. The Assembly **UNDERSCORES THE NEED** to leave no stone unturned to apprehend the perpetrators and the masterminds of this ignoble act, with a view to bringing them to justice and taking all other necessary measures. The Assembly **EXPRESSES** its condolences to, and solidarity with, the Ugandan Government and the families of the victims;
5. **UNDERSCORES** the need for renewed efforts and increased mobilization to combat the scourge of terrorism. In this regard, the Assembly **REQUESTS** the Commission to expeditiously submit to the Peace and Security Council concrete recommendations aimed at strengthening the effectiveness of Africa's actions in the prevention and combating of terrorism;
6. **REJECTS** all forms of blackmailing carried out by terrorist groups, such as the threat of execution or execution of hostages and demand of ransom to finance terrorist operations;
7. **REQUESTS** all African States to work closely together, directly and through the relevant organs of the AU, to implement enhanced measures for cooperation, mutual legal assistance and coordination between the security services, in order to boost Africa's collective action against terrorism;

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8. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to carry out all necessary consultations and initiate appropriate measures to mobilize wide support and effective contribution of the international community towards combating terrorism in Africa, including cutting off its financing sources and ending the payment of ransom;
9. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to submit regular reports on the status of the fight and cooperation against terrorism in Africa.



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