

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE FOURTH ORDINARY MEETING
OF THE SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE,
SECURITY AND SAFETY
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The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Fourth Ordinary Meeting of the Specialized Technical Committee on Defence, Security and Safety, held in Addis Ababa on 7 December 2010, and which was preceded by the Seventh Meeting of the African Chiefs of Defence Staff and Heads of Security and Safety, which took place in Addis Ababa, on 6 December 2010;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the progress made in the operationalization of the African Standby Force (ASF);
3. **ENDORSES** the choice of Doula, Cameroon for the establishment of the logistical continental base of ASF and **REQUESTS** the Commission to take appropriate measures for the implementation of this decision;
4. **ENDORSES** the Declaration adopted by the Ministers of Defence;
5. **WELCOMES** the outcome of Exercise Amani Africa held in Addis Ababa, from 13 to 29 October 2010 as well as the Regional Standby Forces exercises aimed at testing the ability of the Commission and the RECs to manage multidimensional missions and facilitating efficient deployment of the ASF;
6. **REQUESTS** the Ministers of Defence to :
 - i) reflect on the issue of funding ASF, including the mobilization of predictable and reliable resources;
 - ii) explore the possibility of establishing a Standby Force to fight piracy on Africa's coasts including Indian Ocean, the Gulf of Guinea, the Horn of Africa;
 - iii) assess the level of preparedness for the deployment of ASF in the different regions of the continent;
 - iv) address the issue of compensation for the soldiers who lost their lives while on AU peace missions;
7. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to take all the necessary measures for the effective and timely implementation of the Declaration and to report regularly on the implementation of this Decision.

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