

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ON THE AUDIT
OF THE UNION AND THE REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL
COMMITTEE ON THE UNION GOVERNMENT
DOC. ASSEMBLY/AU/8 (X)**

The Assembly:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Executive Council on the Audit of the Union and the Report of the Ministerial Committee on the Union Government;
2. **NOTES** that the Executive Council could not reach a general consensus on key issues and approaches in light of the Accra Declaration of 3 July 2007 (Assembly/AU/Decl.2 (IX)), due to time constraints;
3. **REAFFIRMS** that the ultimate objective of the African Union is the United States of Africa with a Union Government as envisaged by the Founding Fathers of the Organization of African Unity;
4. **DECIDES** to refer the issue of the Union Government to the existing Committee of Ten now elevated to the level of Heads of State and Government and expanded to include the immediate past Chairperson of the Union, under the chairmanship of the current Chairperson of the Union, with the same Terms of Reference (TORs). The membership of the Committee is as follows:
 - Tanzania (current Chairperson of the Union)
 - Ghana (immediate past Chairperson of the Union)
 - Botswana
 - Cameroon
 - Gabon
 - Egypt
 - Ethiopia
 - Libya
 - Nigeria
 - Senegal
 - South Africa
 - Uganda
5. **MANDATES** the Committee to consider the Report of the Executive Council on the Union Government as well as the background reports and submit appropriate recommendations to the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly in July 2008;
6. **AUTHORIZES** the convening of an Extraordinary Session of the Executive Council within three (3) months to consider the Report on the Audit of the African Union and the comments of the Commission as well as those of the other organs of the Union, with the view to making appropriate recommendations thereon to the Assembly, through the Committee of Heads of State and Government.

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