

**DECISION ON THE THEME, DATE AND VENUE OF THE
EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE
ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION**

The Assembly,

1. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.347(XVI) adopted by the Sixteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly in January 2011 on the theme of the January/February 2012 Summit which is: "*Boosting Intra-African Trade*";
2. **ENDORSES** the recommendation of the Executive Council regarding the necessity to have henceforth one (1) theme per year and **CONFIRMS** that the above-mentioned theme will be for the whole year of 2012 including for the celebrations of Africa Day on 25 May 2012;
3. **DECIDES** that the dates of the Eighteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly to be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, shall be the following:
 - i) Twenty-third Ordinary Session of the Permanent Representatives Committee: 23 and 24 January 2012;
 - ii) Twentieth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council: 26 and 27 January 2012;
 - iii) Eighteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly: 29 and 30 January 2012.



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