

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE EXTRAORDINARY CONFERENCE
OF MINISTERS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY – DOC. EX.CL/315 (X)**

The Executive Council:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the Extraordinary Conference of Ministers of Science and Technology;
2. **WELCOMES AND SUPPORTS** the Declaration of 2007 as the launching year of building constituencies and champions for science, technology and innovation in Africa;
3. **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** the call for Member States to promote Africa's Research and Development (R&D) and develop innovation strategies for wealth creation and economic development by allocating at least 1% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of national economies by 2010 as agreed by Khartoum Decision (EX.CL/Dec.254 (VIII));
4. **ALSO SUPPORTS** the establishment of a Pan-African Intellectual Property Organization (PAIPO);
5. **ENDORSES** the need for South-South and North-South cooperation in science, technology and innovation, and to enhance its role in international partnerships;
6. **ALSO ENDORSES** the recommendations of the Extraordinary Conference of Ministers of Science and Technology.

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