

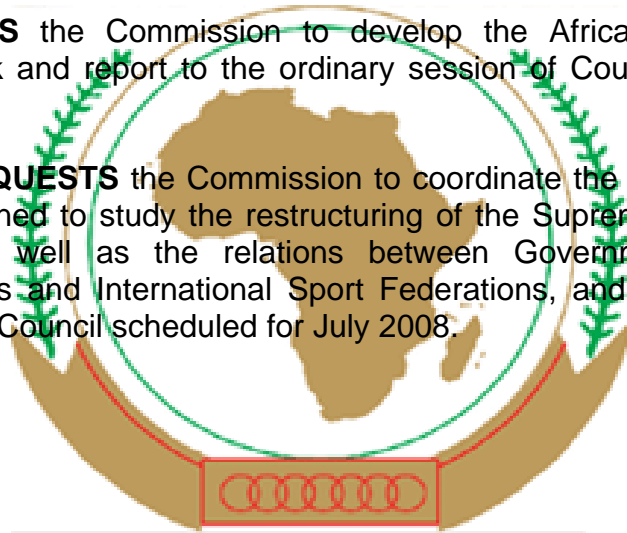
**DECISION ON THE FIRST SESSION OF THE AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE
OF MINISTERS OF SPORTS - DOC. EX.CL/353 (XI)**

The Executive Council:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the First Session of the African Union Conference of Ministers of Sports;
2. **COMMENDS** the Ministers for providing leadership to development of sport as contained in the Strategic Plan of the Commission; in recognition of the role of sport as a vehicle for achieving the Millennium Development Goals; and in implementing the Declaration of the 8th Assembly of the Union on the International Year of African Football (IYoAF), 50th Anniversary of the Confederation of African Football and ushering in the 2010 World Cup as an African event;
3. **WELCOMES** the hosting by Algeria of the 9th All Africa Games to be followed by the Africa-Asia Games in Algiers, Algeria, in July 2008;
4. **RECOGNISES** the role that sport plays in the socio-economic development, and as a vehicle for peace building and regional integration;
5. **EXPRESSES** concern about the limited provisions for the inclusion of sport and physical education in educational curricula at all levels in educational institutions, including those for women and girls, persons with disabilities and for youths in conflict and post conflict situations, and refugees and displaced persons;
6. **URGES** Member States, the African Sport Federations and International Sport Federations to keep the development of sport on the Continent high on the agenda of their national development plans, in conformity with previous commitments at all levels; and **ALSO URGES** Member States to continue cooperating with the Commission in strategizing for the popularization of all sport in Africa;
7. **CALLS** for the institutionalization of the Conference of Ministers of Sport in line with the decision on the Specialized Technical Committees;
8. **MANDATES** the Bureau of the Conference of Ministers of Sport to oversee the implementation of the activities called for in the Addis Ababa Declaration of 8 June 2007;
9. **CALLS UPON** Member States to implement activities programmed to roll over to 2010, to popularize the International Year of African Football and the 2010 FIFA World Cup African Legacy Programme;

10. REQUESTS the Commission to develop the African Union Sport Policy Framework and report to the ordinary session of Council scheduled for July 2008;

11. ALSO REQUESTS the Commission to coordinate the work of the Committee commissioned to study the restructuring of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa, as well as the relations between Governments, National Sport Federations and International Sport Federations, and report to the ordinary session of Council scheduled for July 2008.



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