

DECISION ON AFRO-ARAB COOPERATION - DOC. EX.CL/356 (XI)

The Executive Council:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Chairperson of the Commission on Afro-Arab Cooperation;
2. **COMMENDS** the Commission and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States for their timely initiative to transform the Afro-Arab Cultural Institute in Bamako, Mali, to an Afro-Arab Institute for Culture and Strategic Studies (AAICSS);
3. **WELCOMES** the role to be played by the AAICSS in addressing strategic issues and shaping the future direction of Afro-Arab Cooperation on the basis of research;
4. **URGES** the parties to expedite the transformation process of the Afro-Arab Cultural Institute to the AAICSS;
5. **CONGRATULATES** the Chairperson of the Commission and the Secretary General the League of Arab States for concluding the General Agreement on Cooperation between the African Union and the League of Arab States signed in 2007;
6. **ENDORSES** the Agreement, and **CALLS UPON** the Chairperson of the Commission and the Secretary General of the League of Arab States to take all necessary measures to ensure successful implementation of the provisions of the Agreement.

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