

DECISION ON THE MANAGEMENT OF AFRICA'S NATURAL RESOURCES
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The Executive Council:

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1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the African Development Bank (AfDB) on the "2007 Big Table" on the theme of Africa's natural resources.
 2. **AFFIRMS** its strong commitment to Africa's ownership of its natural resources and to the efficient and prudent management of these resources for the achievement of sustainable development with a strong emphasis on local value addition;
 3. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with ECA and AfDB to organize a meeting of Ministers responsible for Natural Resources in Member States to reflect on major issues pertaining to the exploitation and management of African natural resources as a catalyst for development, and to submit a report to the next Ordinary Session of the Council scheduled for January 2008.

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