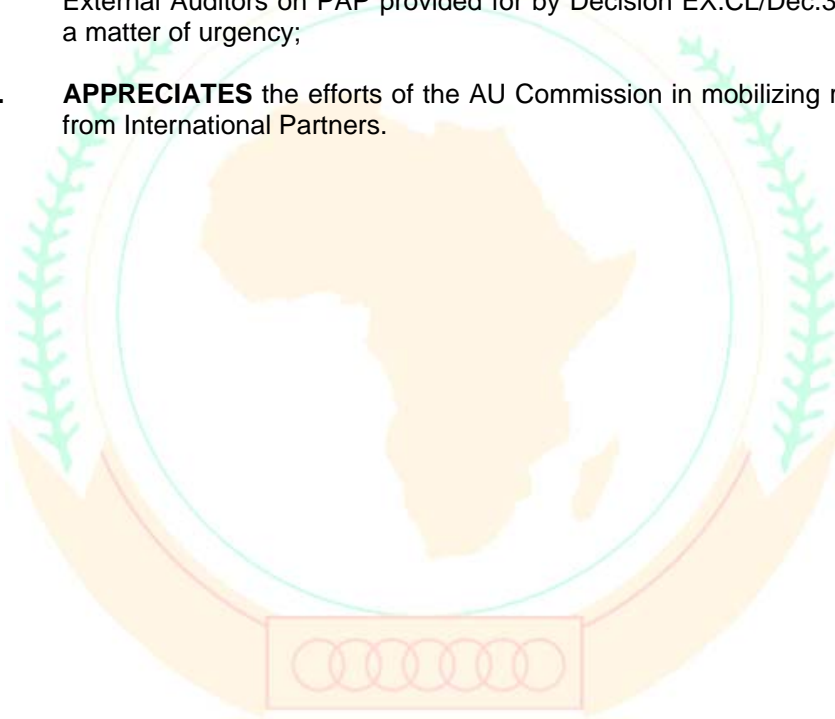


**DECISION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE
AU COMMISSION FOR 2008 - DOC.EX.CL/367 (XII)**

The Executive Council:

1. **APPROVES** the Budget of the African Union for the year 2008 amounting to US\$140,037,880:
 - A total amount of US\$ 106,554,635 assessed to Member States on the basis of the approved Scale of Assessment;
 - A total amount of US\$ 32,395,800 earmarked for the programs is secured from International Partners;
 - An amount of US\$1,087,445 financed from arrears;
2. **REQUESTS** the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) to review the Financial Rules and Regulations with regard to the carrying over of budget surpluses from one financial year to the other and make appropriate recommendations thereon, to the Executive Council;
3. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Advisory Sub-Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters to evaluate the actual surpluses under the 2007 budget and make appropriate recommendations to the Executive Council on how to allocate it;
4. **FURTHER REQUESTS** that the Advisory Sub-Committee meets on a quarterly basis with a view to regularly monitoring budget implementation;
5. **REQUESTS** the AU Commission to review the provisions of the Headquarters Agreement with the host country with a view to cutting down on operational costs, and report to the Executive Council in July 2008;
6. **ALSO REQUESTS** the AU Commission to continue to improve budget drafting, furnish timely information justifying its proposals and be more realistic in its submissions;
7. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission, in conformity with the Rules and Regulations to start budget discussions well ahead of the Assembly of the Union Sessions;

8. **DIRECTS** the establishment of the Ministerial Committee of Five charged with the implementation of the recommendations and the findings of the External Auditors on PAP provided for by Decision EX.CL/Dec.371(XI) as a matter of urgency;
9. **APPRECIATES** the efforts of the AU Commission in mobilizing resources from International Partners.



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