DECISION ON THE STATUS OF SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION OF OAU/AU TREATIES - DOC. EX.CL/371(XII)

The Executive Council:

- 1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the Status of Signature and Ratification of OAU/AU Treaties;
- 2. COMMENDS the Chairperson and the Commission as a whole for the ongoing efforts aimed at encouraging Member States to become States Parties to the OAU/AU Treaties;
- 3. **REITERATES ITS APPEAL** to Member States to prioritize and accelerate the signing and ratification/accession to OAU/AU Treaties;
- 4. FURTHER REITERATES ITS APPEAL to the Pan-African Parliament to assist with advocacy and sensitization of Member States to expedite the process of ratification/accession to OAU/AU Treaties;
- 5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to expedite resolving the inconsistencies in various linguistic texts, in particular in Arabic and Portuguese, and to set up a team of experts in this regard;
- 6. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to take the necessary steps to expedite the implementation of the previous decisions of the Executive Council on harmonization of ratification procedures and the review of OAU/AU treaties and to report thereon to the next ordinary session of the Executive Council scheduled for July 2008.

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