

**DECISION ON THE OUTCOME OF THE SIXTH ORDINARY SESSION
OF THE AFRICAN MINISTERS' COUNCIL ON WATER (AMCOW)
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The Executive Council:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Sixth Ordinary Session of the African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW) held in Brazzaville, Congo from 28 to 31 May 2007;
2. **NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the leadership role that AMCOW has been playing in the water and sanitation sector in Africa, especially its efforts to strengthen relations with and between the Regional Economic Communities and the African River and Lake Basin Organizations in the context of the implementation of the Sirte Declaration on Agriculture and Water adopted by the Extraordinary Summit of the African Union in February 2004;
3. **ENDORSES** the Brazzaville Declaration and Decisions on water and sanitation in Africa adopted by the Sixth Ordinary Session of the Conference of Ministers;
4. **SUPPORTS** the initiative to strengthen AMCOW's relation with African Civil society organizations to enhance the achievement of the water and sanitation MDGs in Africa;
5. **CALLS UPON** Member States to increase their cooperation efforts to create more transboundary water basin organizations, where they do not exist, for the sustainable and integrated management of surface and underground waters, and **URGES** them, to this end, to make use of the "Guidelines for the Establishment of Cooperative Framework Agreement for the integrated Management of Transboundary Basin" that the Commission of the African Union developed;
6. **FURTHER URGES** Africa's development partners to increase their support to AMCOW to ensure the sustainable management and utilization of the continent's water resources and to promote sanitation in the country towards the achievement of the relevant MDGs for the continent;
7. **REQUESTS** the Commission, the African Development Bank and the United Nations Environment Programme as well as the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Secretariat, to continue to provide policy and institutional support to the African Ministers' Council on Water.

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