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**REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS
OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND THE ASSEMBLY**

INTRODUCTION

This Report is a synopsis of implementation of the various Decisions, Declarations and other measures of the policy organs of the Union, by the Departments, Directorates and Units of the Commission during the period under review, that is January to June 2008.

During their various Ordinary, Extraordinary and Special Sessions, the Executive Council and the Assembly of the Union, indeed, adopted quite a number measures at the conclusion of their deliberations. Such measures constitute the legal authority which commits the Commission and other organs of the Union to pursue activities in furtherance of the integration process in the Continent. Many of the activities were carried out in collaboration with Member States in the form of consultation and coordination meetings designed to harmonize viewpoints and actions, and were quite often geared to adoption of common positions and harmonized policy decisions.

The activities carried out during the period under review cover diverse subjects and a number of vital issues of interest to Member States. They range from legal, administrative, financial, political and peace and security issues to economic, social, scientific and cultural matters. Some of the activities form part of the reports on the Agenda of the Executive Council and/or that of the Assembly.

In view of budget and human resource constraints during the period under review, some of the decisions with high degree of financial implications were not implemented ; while others, for technical reasons and/or time constraints, were differed to a later date pending improved or conducive conditions or when the constraints would have eased.

As the past experience has shown, many decisions were taken at various sessions with very little degree of implementation which impacts on credibility. It will be most important that for the future, decisions be taken on the basis of a thorough assessment of their financial implications, human resource and institutional capacity requirements, both at the AUC and other concerned Organs' levels as well as at the level of Member States involved in the process of implementation.

LEGAL MATTERS

Decisions: No & Title	Decisions: Action Required	Implemented (Fully/Partly) Action Taken	Not Implemented	Constraints	Ways to Overcome Constraints
<p>Ex. CL/Dec.352 (XI) Decision on the Report of the Status of the OAU/AU Treaties (Doc. EX.CL/296 (X))</p>	<p>REITERATES ITS APPEAL to Member States to prioritize and accelerate the signing and ratification/accession to OAU/AU Treaties;</p> <p>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;</p> <p>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;</p>	<p>Some Member States have made efforts to sign and ratify/accede to OAU/AU Treaties</p> <p>In the process of implementation. OLC has sent a Note Verbale to the Pan-African Parliament requesting for necessary action to be taken.</p> <p>In the process of implementation. The Commission is studying all aspects of this matter in order to come up with options on what needs to be done.</p>			
	<p>FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission to take the necessary steps to expedite the implementation of the previous decisions of the</p>	<p>(i) In the process of implementation. The Study on the ratification procedures of Member States was finalized and</p>		<p>Only 18 out of 53 Member States had submitted information on their ratification /accession procedures</p>	

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	<p>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.</p>	<p>submitted to a meeting of Experts from Member States and a Conference of Ministers of Justice & Attorneys General held at the AU Headquarters from 14 to 18 April 2008.</p> <p>(ii) With regard to the review of OAU/AU Treaties, the process of implementation has begun spearheaded by the relevant departments. In this regard, the African Maritime Charter has been reviewed, and a Draft legal instrument on Internally Displaced Persons is also under consideration.</p>		<p>to the Commission.</p> <p>Consideration of the study and the Statutes of the AU Commission on International Law was not finalized due to time constraints. The Ministers of Justice & Attorneys General decided to hold a follow up session in the latter part of the year (October/November 2008)</p>	

WOMEN, GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT

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<p>Decision on the Reports on the Implementation of the AU Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa (SDGEA) (Doc. Ex.CL/376 (XII))</p>	<p>CONGRATULATES member States that submitted their baseline reports in 2007 namely Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali, Nigeria and APPEALS to member States that are yet to submit their baseline reports to urgently submit these reports, for the AU to have a base upon which to build on the progress made</p>	<p>The AUWC (African Union Women's Committee) organized its third meeting from 24-25 April 2008 in Tunis, Tunisia and during the meeting it was decided that AUWC will undertake advocacy mission in countries where the AU Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in not known, implemented and not yet submit the reports on SDGEA.</p>	-	Lack of internal capacity in most National Gender Mechanisms to analyse Gender issues and Report on the SDGEA	The AUC is planning to organize a training programme for the Officials for Ministry in Charge of Gender and Women's Affairs on the reporting on the implementation of the SDGEA.

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	<p>ALSO CONGRATULATES member States that have signed and ratified the Protocol on the African Charter on Human and Peoples on the Rights of Women in Africa and ENCOURAGES member States that have signed and not yet ratified to do so</p>	<p>During the AUWC meeting it was decided that advocacy activities will be carry out for in the countries were the Protocol on the rights of women has not been ratified.</p>	-	<p>Member States ratification of the Protocol on Women's rights still slow but encouraging</p> <p>Lack of budget to carry advocacy activities in different countries</p>	<p>Advocacy activities will be carry out for in the countries were the Protocol on the rights of women has not been ratified.</p>
	<p>CALL ON member States to implement all the commitments made in the SDGEA</p>	<p>It has been decided that AUWC will undertake advocacy mission in countries were the AU Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in not known and implemented</p>	-	<p>Existing knowledge gaps on SDGEA at National Level</p>	<p>Undertake advocacy mission in countries were the AU Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in not known</p>
	<p>ALSO REQUESTS the Commission to assist Member States in the process of reporting on the Solemn Declaration, and take necessary</p>	<p>The AUC is planning to organize a training programme for the Officials for Ministry in Charge of Gender and Women's</p>	-	<p>Insufficient technical and financial capacity in the Gender Directorate to</p>	

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	steps in this direction	Affairs on the reporting on the implementation of the SDGEA.		assist Member States in reporting on SDGEA	
	<p>FURTHER REQUESTS the AU Commission to continue to expand and promote the Gender Parity Principle so far adopted by the Assembly to all the other organs of the African Union, including its NEPAD programme, to the RECs and encourage member States to adopt Affirmative Action at the national and local levels in collaboration with political parties and the National parliaments</p>	<p>The AUC organized the Capacity Building Workshop for the AU Gender Ministers on Financing for Development and the Paris Declaration on 27 February 2008, at the UN Headquarters during the 52nd Session of the UN Commission of Status of Women.</p> <p>The First Regional Conference on Economic Empowerment of Women was organized in Malawi in March 2008 to explore the operationalization of art.11 of the SDGEA on the establishment of African Trust Fund for Women.</p> <p>The AUC is developing the AU Gender Policy. The 2nd stakeholders consultation on AU Gender Policy held in Addis Ababa in April 2008. The Gender Policy will be presented to the</p>	-	-	-

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		Ministers in charge of gender and Women's Affairs in August 2008 for adoption by the January 2009 Summit			

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

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<p>Assembly/AU/Dec.15 1 (VIII) on the Flag of the African Union</p>	<p>DECIDES to launch a competition for the selection of a new flag for the African Union</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to take all the necessary measures to organize the competition with the following agreed orientations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The background of the flag should be green colour to symbolize Africa's hope; - Member States should be represented by stars on the flag. <p>DECIDES that the design proposed by leader of the Great Libyan Arab Jamahiriya should be taken as one of the entries for the competition</p>	<p>The Commission launched the AUC Flag competition since the last Assembly of January, precisely on the 8th of February 2007.</p> <p>A Note Verbal to that effect was sent to all AU Member States and also through announcements posted on the Au Website. Meanwhile, information about the Competition was disseminated to the entire public through the AU website.</p> <p>The criteria for participation in the competition were mentioned in the Terms of Reference prepared by the Services of the Commission specifying that the Competition was opened to all Africans including those in the Diaspora following the technicalities stipulated in the Decision of the Assembly.</p> <p>Following the Decision 151/VIII, the project that was presented in the name of the leader of Great Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, would equally feature amongst the proposals to be presented.</p>		

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	<p>Request the Commission to submit outcome of the selection to the 9th Ordinary Session of the Assembly in July 2007.</p>	<p>A panel composed of 2 representatives from each region has been formed and was due to meet from the 3rd to the 5th of June 2008 at the AU Headquarters, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.</p> <p>The Panel Committee for the selection will proceed with the first selection of the proposals for consideration and finalise a report to be submitted to the Assembly of Heads of State and Government.</p> <p>To assist the Panel and to undergo preliminary selection of the AU Flag, an internal Committee was set up.</p> <p>A meeting of the Internal Committee was held on Friday, May 2nd, 2008, at the AU Headquarters.</p> <p>A total of one hundred and six (106) submissions from all over Africa and from Africans in the Diaspora were received by the Commission, including one by the Leader of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya</p> <p>The Internal Committee went through each submission, examined if they complied with guidelines established by the Assembly vide its Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.151 (VIII) which</p>	Implemented	

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		<p>provided that it should have a green color background and Member States should be represented by stars on the Flag. The Committee categorized the submissions accordingly.</p> <p>In this regard, the Committee was of the view that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fifty-nine submissions complied with the above orientation. - Forty-three submissions, did not comply with the instruction on the announcement. - There was need for three competitors to provide a description of their work. <p>At the end of its deliberations, the Internal Committee decided to forward all submissions to the Panel for consideration.</p>		
<p>EX.CL/Dec.296 (IX) DECISION ON THE AU CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS “TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PAN-AFRICAN RADIO AND</p>	<p>TAKES NOTE of the Report; RECALLS the decision of the 5th Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government held in July 2005, in Sirte on the establishment of a Pan-African Television Channel - Doc. EX.CL/205(VII) ADD.3; ALSO RECALLS that at the</p>	<p>At the request of the Executive Council, the Commission has begun considering ways of carrying out an exhaustive feasibility study for the effective implementation of the project.</p> <p>The activities undertaken so far include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The putting in place of an interdepartmental Committee for the implementation of the study. This Committee is made up of some 		

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<p>TELEVISION CHANNEL” DOC. EX.CL/266 (IX)</p>	<p>January 2006 Khartoum Summit the Executive Council adopted the Report of the Expert’s Meeting held in Cairo, Egypt from 21 to 23 November 2005;</p> <p>TAKES NOTE of the Report of the follow-up committee on the Establishment of the Pan-African Radio and Television Channel held in Cairo from 15 to 17 February 2006;</p> <p>ACKNOWLEDGES the importance of establishing a Pan-African Radio and Television Channel which is an expression of the Common aspirations of the people of Africa to balanced information that gives a true image of the content and facilitates exchanges with a view to popularizing a project which is of priority to African integration.</p> <p>WELCOMES the offer by Egypt to bear 10% of the project budget;</p> <p>INVITES Member States to redouble efforts towards the</p>	<p>officials of the Commission who are at the same time members of the follow-up Committee responsible for the establishment of the Panafrican Radio and television Channel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The preparation of the Terms of Reference by the Commission for the choice of the Experts to carry out the studies. The Committee responsible for the feasibility study, during its working session, deemed it necessary to appoint two Experts who would carry out an efficient study for the project. The first Expert would be in charge of the legal, financial, technological and technical aspect of the project, under the supervision of the second Expert, who in turn, would be the project manager and the person to implement and finalise the report of the project. - The application forms and the Terms of Reference were sent by Note Verbal to all the Member States of the follow-up Committee in charge of the Establishment of the Panafrican Radio and Television Channel. - The call for candidatures was equally advertised through the AUC Website - The Commission received the applications sent by Member States 		

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	<p>establishment of a Pan-African Radio and Television channel to transmit general information under the auspices of the African Union. The Channel shall be the property of its Member States which will have the responsibility to decide on the partnerships to be contracted, in terms of technical knowledge and financing;</p> <p>URGES Member States to commit themselves to support and speed up the process for the implementation of the Radio and Television channel designed essentially to provide the African public with information, sports, culture, documentaries and African films, likely to expand possibilities of communication among the peoples;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to organize a meeting of high ranking officials from Member States and experts to examine the various aspects relating to the legal framework, the financing as well as the technological and technical</p>	<p>and conducted the short-listing process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Because the first consultation was not conclusive (only five applications were received), a larger call `for candidatures was organised for the second time, involving all AU Member States. This, because the first consultation that was restricted to only members of the follow-up Committee in charge of the Establishment of the Panafrican Radio and Television Channel. At the closing date of the submission of applications for the second consultation, the Commission received 15 candidatures; 14 of them were received from 09 Member States while 01 came from a non-African State. The candidatures received are summarised as follows: 07 candidatures for the post of Team Leader, 06 candidatures for the post of Technician and 02 candidatures not appropriate. - A meeting of the Committee for the selection of candidates was held to define the criteria for selection of the candidates. - Out of the 15 candidates, two candidates were selected for the posts of Project Manager and Technician. 		

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	<p>components of the project and submit a comprehensive report on all these aspects;</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission to conduct a Comprehensive study on the issue and submit it for consideration, first by the high ranking officials from Member States and thereafter by African Ministers of Information and Communication who will Submit their conclusions and recommendations to the Ordinary Session of the Assembly in July 2007.</p>	<p>- The official memo to that effect was sent to administration and other competent services of the Commission to consider and finalise the contracts.</p> <p>The Commission is presently preparing the contracts to be finalised and sent to the two Experts that were chosen.</p>		

PROGRAMMING, BUDGETING, FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING

Decisions: No & Title	Decisions: Action Required	Implemented (Fully/Partly) Action Taken	Not Implemented	Constraints	Ways to Overcome Constraints
EX.CL/Dec.378 (XII) 2008 Budget	PRC to review the Financial Rules and Regulations on budget surpluses;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents were prepared and are being submitted for consideration in the next meeting of the Sub-Committee on AFB Matters 			
EX.CL/Dec.379(XI l) Contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To enforce sanctions on concerned Member States and to continue to sensitize them to pay up their dues; 	PBFA has prepared payment plans for some countries. Sub-Committee to meet in June.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To extend exemption on Burundi and Sierra Leone; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implemented 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To apply to Tunisia a 2.88% scale of assessment for 2004&2005 and to request it to clear all its arrears on this basis; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implemented and arrears have been paid 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To finalize the analysis on the standard formula for countries in post-conflict situations and submit a comprehensive report to the Sub-Committee on Contributions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is still being worked on in consultation with Peace & Security Directorate 			
EX.CL/Dec.395(XI l)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To identify a building to accommodate the AU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mission undertaken and report to be 			

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Purchase of Property for the AU Representational Office in Washington DC	Representational Office and to submit in this connection a financial mechanism to PRC for effecting that purchase.	considered by Tender Board			
EX.CL/Dec.403(XI I) Purchase of a new building for the AU Representational Office in Brussels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To identify and submit to PRC through its Advisory Sub-Committee, the financial mechanism for the implementation of this Decision and to purchase the new building soon after 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report discussed by Tender Board and a mission to be undertaken by selected TB members. 			
EX.CL/Dec.404(XI I) Representation Allowance for Commissioners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To clear all previous payments up to 31 December 2008 as retroactively endorsed by Council and to continue payment of the representation allowance of US\$250.00 to Commissioners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implemented 			
EX.CL/Dec.407(XI I) Pan African Parliament (PAP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To carry on the amendments to EX.CL/Dec.98 (V) as specified in the Decision and in conformity with the AU Financial Rules and Regulations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal & PBFA communicated to PAP to further explain the decision made and emphasized need for PAP to implement. 			

POLITICAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

DEMOCRACY GOVERNANCE HUMAN RIGHTS AND ELECTIONS DIVISION

No.	Decisions No.	Subject	Action required	Focal Department/ Unit	ACTION TAKEN
1	EX.CL/Dec.405(XII)	Candidatures for posts within the international system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To follow up on the 6 candidatures as endorsed by Council; • To refer the candidatures of Egypt, Mauritania and Tunisia to the Governing Board of ILO for 2008-2011, to LSAC in 2008. • To refer the candidature of Dr. Abdulqawi A. Yusuf of Somalia as Judge of the International Court of Justice to the candidature Committee in July 2008. • Dr. Baba Kaigama of Nigeria to the Human Rights Council Committee was elected Member at the elections held on 25 March 2008 during the 7th Session of the Council 	Political Affairs	Elected
2	EX.CL/Dec.405(XI)	Res. 405 Para 4	Candidatures to the Governing Body of the International Labour Office for 2008/2011	Political Affairs & Social Affairs	The 6 th Ordinary Session of Labour and Social Affairs Commission held in Addis Ababa from 21 st to 25 th April 2008

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					decided on African Candidatures to ILO as follows: <u>Northern Africa</u> (Tunisia, Egypt) <u>Western Africa</u> (Nigeria, Ghana, Guinea, Benin) <u>Eastern Africa</u> (Tanzania, Sudan, Kenya) <u>Central Africa</u> (Burundi, Congo) <u>Southern Africa</u> (Mozambique, South Africa, Zambia)
3	EX.CL/Decl.1(XII)	Candidature of Hon. Theo-Ben Gurirab to the Post of president of the Inter-Parliamentary Union	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To sensitize representatives of Parliaments of AU Member States to lend Hon. Theo-Ben Gurirab support to ensure success of his candidature 		The Note Verbale sent to PAP
4	EX.CL.Dec.405(XII)	Candidature of Dr.Abdulqawi A. Yusuf of Somalia to the post of the International Court of Justice in pursuant to the provision of Decision EX.CL/Dec.345 (X)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The candidature will be resubmitted for consideration by the Ministerial Committee scheduled to be held in July 2008 		Candidature has been re-circulated to Member States
5	EX.CL/Dec.408(XII)	Commemoration of the Abolition of Slavery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convening of Expert Group meeting on Slavery and follow up of the old conference against racism in order to prepare inputs for effective participation in bicentennial events of the UN 	Political Affairs, CIDO, PBFA	The meeting to be held in June 2008 in Banjul, The Gambia

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			Special Session on Slavery and racism and the African Diaspora to be held in South Africa, October 2008		

MATRIX ON THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JANUARY 2008 HARDP DECISIONS

Decisions: No. & Title	Status of Implementation		
	Implemented (Fully/Partly) (Actions taken)	Not Implemented	Constraints
<p>EX.CL/Dec. 381(XII)</p> <p>SITUATION OF REFUGEES, RETURNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS</p> <p>Para.5 – <i>Calls upon the International Community to redouble its assistance to victims of forced displacement in Africa</i></p> <p>Paras.6 & 7 – <i>Requests the Commission and its Partners to keep monitoring closely the problem of forced displacement on the Continent; and the Commission to develop a mechanism for verification of statistics on victims of forced displacement</i></p>	<p>Partly implemented. Efforts continue to take place in collaboration with relevant partners including UNHCR, ICRC, WFP, AHA & IOM through joint programmes & activities to advocate for and raise awareness on the situation of victims of forced displacement</p> <p>Fully implemented. Field assessment missions were undertaken to Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad and Kenya between March and June 2008. More assessment missions are planned with the PRC Sub-Committee on Refugees to Angola, Somalia, South Africa, and Uganda. Brainstorming session held with Partners on mechanisms for verifying statistics on victims of forced displacement.</p>		<p>Donor fatigue especially for the protracted cases of forced displacement and lack of human resources</p> <p>Lack of adequate human resources to assess as many countries as needed</p>

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<p>Para. 8 – <i>Requests the Task Force on the Special Summit to continue with the preparations for the Summit in November 2008</i></p> <p>Para. 9 – <i>Requests the Commission to Convene a Second Meeting of Member States Legal Experts to finalize the Draft AU Convention on IDPs before the Special Summit</i></p>	<p>Partly implemented. Meetings of the Task Force and the Commission are scheduled for the second half of 2008, as it is an on-going exercise.</p> <p>Fully implemented. The 2nd Meeting was held from 2 to 6 June 2008</p>		<p>Identifying an AU Member State to host the Special Summit. Inadequate staff capacity.</p>
<p>EX.CL/Dec.382 (XII)</p> <p>RULES OF PROCEDURE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF CCAR</p> <p>Para. 2 – <i>Requests the Commission to reactivate the CCAR as soon as possible</i></p>	<p>Partly implemented. The Rules of Procedure of the CCAR were amended as recommended by the PRC, and circulated to all Members. A meeting of the reactivate Committee has been planned for a later date in 2008. It is an on-going exercise.</p>		

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<p>EX.CL/Dec. 390(XII)</p> <p>AU POLICY ON ACCESS TO POST-PRIMARY EDUCATION FOR VICTIMS OF FORCED DISPLACEMENT IN AFRICA</p> <p><i>Para.2 – Requests the Commission, in close collaboration with Member States, relevant AU Partners and other organizations to ensure provision of access to post-primary education for victims of forced displacement in Africa</i></p>	<p>Partly implemented. Consultative meeting held with AU Partners in February 2008, where proposals were made for the way forward, including to disseminate adopted policy during Special Summit, as a strategy for advocacy and popularization with Member States as well as other public and private stakeholders. It is an on-going exercise.</p>		

HUMAN RESOURCES, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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<p>EX.CL/Dec.292 (IX) Decision on the 1st ordinary session of the Conference of AU Ministers of Youth towards the African Youth Charter (DOC.EX.CL/262(IX))</p>	<p>The Commission, the RECs and the Member States should take appropriate actions to improve cooperation and develop coordination mechanisms to ensure the implementation of the Charter and to empower youth people</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HRST developed strategy and plan of action to accelerate the signing and ratification process of the African Youth Charter • HRST held advocacy workshops and sensitization sessions at regional levels for better information in member States • 16 Countries signed the charter and 4 ratified it • Many partners are involved in the process to support M/States • African Youth Day and Year of African Youth (2008) are 	<p>Signing, ratification and Implementation are on track in many countries <u>but too slow</u></p> <p>M/States for <u>proactive support (human and finance)</u> to the Charter</p> <p>Youth organizations must be <u>more active to support</u> the national process</p> <p>More <u>involvement from the RECs and the UN Country offices</u></p>	<p>Political will Support from Parliamentarians</p> <p>Availability of sufficient resources to support the popularization campaigns</p> <p>Too little support from AUC official authorities for innovative initiatives that benefit and empower the youth (e.i. Poster Contests)</p>	<p>HRST is processing the revitalization of PYU to ensure and follow up the progress through Youth organizations and develop monitoring and evaluation mechanisms</p> <p>Necessity to work closer with the RECs and partners for a better clarification of role and responsibilities towards the entire process related to the Charter and to youth development.</p> <p>Many other youth empowerment projects and activities are being developed</p>

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		celebrated to empower youth and give them more visibility			
Assembly/AU/Dec.92 (VI) Decision on the Second Decade of Education for Africa (2006-2015) and the Framework of the Plan of Action for the Second Decade – (EX/CL/224 (VIII)) Rev.2	Develop and implement the Second Decade of Education for Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan launched in 2006 • Implementation strategies and partnerships have been developed for implementation of the Plan in the areas of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tertiary Education ○ TVET ○ Teacher development ○ Curriculum and teaching and learning materials ○ Education Management Information Systems 	(This is an ongoing activity, spanning ten years. Indeed, the whole education programme of the AUC is in implementation of this decision	Shortage of staff	New Staff have reported Complete strategies and proceed with implementation as set out in the Plan of Action
Assembly/AU/Dec.110 (VI) Decision on the Establishment of an African Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (AFESCO) (Doc. EX.CL/243 (VIII)) Add.10	Establishment of an African Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (AFESCO)	The Republic of Sudan has not responded with a detailed proposal as requested.		I believe this has been shelved, as it is up to Sudan to do something about it first	Wait for the republic of Sudan to respond

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<p>Assembly/AU/Dec.139 (VIII) Decision on the Establishment of an African Education Fund – Doc. EX.CL/314 (X)</p>	<p>- Facilitate the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Second Decade of Education for Africa; -Secure funding to strengthen the Education Department at AUC and RECs</p> <p>- Establish the African Education Fund; - Formalization of working relations between the Commission and expert agencies such as the Association of African Universities (AAU)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan is being implemented • SADC, UNESCO, ADEA have integrated Plan into their programmes • Received EU support for laying foundation for implementation and hiring two consultants. Posts have proved difficult to fill • Meeting held with RECs to outline framework for collaboration and follow up of the implementation of the second decade; and explore ways and means of capacity building for this purpose • Secured commitment from AfDB to establish 	<p>Implementation of Plan of Action is ongoing for ten years</p> <p>Posts for EU support have proved hard to fill due to unattractive terms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue according to Plan of Action. • Seek more strategic partnerships • Re-advertise for posts at higher professional level • Follow up with AfDB •

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	and ADEA	<p>the African Education, Science and Technology Fund; Several high level meetings held to discuss fund. AfDB are currently carrying out a feasibility study on the establishment of the Fund;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOA signed with AAU to be the lead expert agency with the AUC for implementation of higher education programmes • MOU with ADEA ready for signing. ADEA has committed to providing expertise for the AUC in the areas of EMIS, publicity among others • MOU with UNISA under review by Legal Counsel • MOU discussions started with ACDE • MOU discussions with FAWE 	Establishment of partnerships is an ongoing activity		Enhance current collaboration with partners. Seek more partnerships to ensure ownership of Plan of Action by a wide range of stakeholders

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<p>EX.CL/Dec.325 (X) Decision on the report of the Second Extraordinary Session of the Conference of Ministers of Education of the African Union <u>DOC.EX.CL/314 (X)</u></p>	<p>Implement decisions of the report of the Second Extraordinary Session of the Conference of Ministers of Education of the African Union</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steering Committee of COMEDAF established; met 29th to 30th May 2007; and 9-11 January 2008 • COMEDAF III held in Johannesburg August 2007 • UNESCO have seconded one Senior Officer to the Education Division with effect from December 2007 • The Commission has recruited one Senior Policy Officer for Education, but she has delayed to report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proceed with implementing the Plan of Action and decisions from subsequent COMEDAF and Summit meetings • AUC should formalize the secondment for the Officer to be well received and facilitated to work • Improve terms and conditions of service at the AUC
<p><u>Khartoum, Decision EX.CL/Dec.254 (VIII)</u> on <i>Science and Technology</i></p>	<p>The Commission, the NEPAD and Member States to be responsible for mobilizing financial and technical resources to implement</p>	<p>An African Education Science and Technology Fund</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The AUC will submit an official proposal to the African Development Bank (AfDB) seeking to establish the fund; • A feasibility study will be

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	programmes and projects contained in the Africa's Science and Technology Consolidated Plan of Action.				<p>conducted to establish the modalities of the fund; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bureau of AMCOST, AUC and NEPAD will expedite the creation of the fund and should not wait until AMCOST IV.
<p><u>Assembly/AU/Dec.138 (VIII)</u> <i>Decision On The need to establish a single Pan-African Intellectual Property Organization (PAIPO)</i></p>	The commission to facilitate the establishment of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization	An inter-departmental meeting for the AUC departments those are working in linkage with Intellectual property issues was held in the AUC compound to have other departments contribution and Recommendation			<p>A meeting with the World Intellectual Property Organization, African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) and Organization Africaine de la Propriété Intellectuelle (OAPI) designed to take place in the next semester.</p> <p>Consultant to do strategic analysis for the situation on the ground and to propose the linkage between the existing organizations (ARIPO, OAPI) and the PAIPO and also to advices in the optimum</p>

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					way to involve the North Countries, since the North Countries are not a members of any of the existing organizations.
<p><u>Assembly/AU/Dec.161 (VIII)</u> <i>Decision declaration of 2007 as the launching year of building constituencies and champions for science, technology and innovation in Africa</i></p>	<p>2007 was declared as the launching year of building constituencies and champions for science, technology and innovation in Africa</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The First African Union Conference of African Women in Science and Technology was conducted in August 2007 • The African Science and Technology day • The department launches the AU-WIPO Award • The department in developing stage of the African Union Best Scientific Award 			<p>Implementation of the outcomes of the First African Union Conference of African Women in Science and Technology</p> <p>Celebrating annually the African Science and Technology day by the 30th of June, of each year</p>
<p><u>Assembly/AU/Dec.161 (VIII)</u> <i>Decision for Achieving 1 %</i></p>	<p>Achievements of 1 % GDP for</p>	<p>The HRST department is in the development stage</p>			<p>The proposed science and Technology policy</p>

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<i>GDP for Science and Technology by 2010</i>	Science and Technology by 2010	of African Science and Technology policy framework.			<p>development programme is consisting of the following Phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase (1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) African Science and Technology Strategic planning meeting; (b) African Science statistics system; and (c) The AUC survey for the Science and Technology in the member states. Phase (2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The analysis of the survey outcome; and (b) Producing the African Science and Technology 2007 survey report. Phase (3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) SWOT analysis of the African Science and Technology sector; (b) Drafting the African Science and Technology optimum Policy; (c) Workshop for defining the optimum

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					<p>African Science and Technology policy;</p> <p>(d) Member states comments on the draft policy; and</p> <p>(e) Finalizing the African Science and Technology optimum policy</p> <p>(f) Presenting of the African Science and Technology Policy by the AMCOST.</p> <p>Phase (4)</p> <p>(a) Capacity building programme to the member state official on the African Science and Technology optimum policy.</p> <p>Phase (5)</p> <p>(a) Monitoring and elevation the implementation of the policy; and</p> <p>(b) Production of the biennial Science and Technology African report.</p>
<p>EX.CL/Dec.292 (IX) <i>Decision on the 1st ordinary session of the Conference of AU Ministers of Youth</i></p>	<p>The Commission, the Regional Economic Communities and</p>	<p>The charter is officially launched (ADF-V) and many countries are in the process of</p>			<p>Follow up of the popularization, ratification and implementation of the</p>

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<i>(DOC.EX.CL/262(IX))</i>	<p>the Member States should improve cooperation and develop coordination mechanisms for the implementation of the Charter</p> <p>The Commission should process the revitalization of the Pan African Youth Union</p>	<p>popularization (Cameroon, Djibouti, Togo, Burundi, DRC, Congo, Liberia, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Mali, Cote D'ivoire)</p> <p>Four Member States signed for the Charter and started the ratification process. HRST reminded all Member States their role towards the Charter and provided copy of the document. Also strategy to popularize the African Youth Charter was produced and distributed.</p> <p>HRST organized two regional workshops (Central and Western Africa), involving 11 Countries in post conflict situation, and members from PYU. The main objective is to advocate for the Charter, but also to present a framework for TVET pilot project</p>			<p>Charter continues</p> <p>Advocacy in close contact with officials and parliamentarians continues</p> <p>Pilot project will include the finding from field visits and specific needs towards training in TVET and employment-based programmes and equipment</p> <p>Finalization of mechanisms for resource mobilization and partnership for the implementation of training projects.</p> <p>Bureau meeting scheduled from 17-19 October 2007 in Tripoli. Other actions will follow the recommendations from the Bureau</p>

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		<p>developed to train the youth in relevant countries for their participation in the reconstruction process</p> <p>The developed strategy to revitalized the PYU is to be presented to the Bureau of Ministers of Youth for consideration and recommendation for adoption</p>			<p>meeting</p> <p>Mechanisms for new election</p> <p>Development of Business plan and plan of action of PYU,</p> <p>Mechanisms for follow up and coordination</p> <p>Resource mobilization strategy</p> <p>Etc.</p>
<p>EX.CL/Dec. 291 (IX) Decision on the 1st AU Conference of Ministers Responsible for Communication and Information Technology</p>	<p>Calls upon Member States to implement all the commitments made in the Declaration and in particular the African Regional Action Plan on Knowledge Economy (ARAPKE).</p> <p>The Conference of AU Ministers responsible for Communication and Information technology be held regularly and that</p>	<p>Steering Committee meeting and Bureau meeting took place to in Cairo, Egypt on 25-26 March for the Steering Committee meeting and 27 March for the Bureau meeting. The meetings discussed and made their recommendations on the following items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. ARAPKE flagship projects. b. Resource mobilization. c. DSF 1% Principle. d. Policies and Regulatory 			<p>Second Meeting of ICT Ministers: The meeting scheduled to be in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, tentatively on the end of October 2007</p> <p>Promotion of using ICT: The Activities will take place in the period of the ICT Week with the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize of AICTW, Paperless day and other • ICT Best Practices Competition (AUBPA). • Open a discussion forum on ICT Key

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	<p>the Institutionalization of the Conference be carried out in line with the process of establishing the Specialized Technical Committees (STCs).</p> <p>Commission to ensure active participation in the Forthcoming Events, Conferences and Activities emergent from the World Summit on Information Society and also URGES the member states, civil society and the private sector to participate in the events</p> <p>Stronger collaboration for the promotion of Communication</p>	<p>framework conducive to the development of telecommunications, information and communication (ICT) Networks and Services in Africa.</p> <p>Implementation of ARAPKE flagship projects: The Steering Committee of the CIT Ministerial Conference formalized a working group to undertake the process of identifying the flagship projects of ARAPKE. The group has selected 11 projects and the resource mobilization process will determine the implementation phase and its modalities for the selected projects</p>			<p>Issues.</p> <p>The Department planning to organize a workshop for the African common position on the Internet Governance issue, the International meeting will be held Nov 2007 in Brazil.</p>

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	and Information Technology in the Continent.				
AHG/Dec.164 (XXXVII) July 2001(Biosafety)	The assembly: Reiterates its commitment and support for the ongoing two processes initiated by the Secretariat of elaborating: 6 (b) an African Biosafety Model Law and an Africa-wide Biosafety System 7. "...calls on Member States to use these Model as a basis for finalizing their national legislation by adapting their provisions to the national context and within the framework of the WTO negotiations"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An African Model Law on Safety in Biotechnology developed by the AUC and has been available to Member States since April 2002 • The Model Law has largely been and continues to be used by member States in the development of their national biosafety frameworks and laws 			Revision of the Model Law according to Africa's Priorities in biotechnology and sub-regional meetings to discuss it and its implementation.
CM/Dec.623 (LXXIV) July 2001	Executive Council: 1.Commends the Secretary General on his initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An African Model Law on Safety in Biotechnology 			Revision of the Model Law According to Africa's Priorities in biotechnology and sub-

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	<p>and efforts ...in developing the draft African Model Law on biosafety and an Africa-wide Biosafety System Council urges member states to:</p> <p>i) Participate effectively in the two on-going processes of developing model laws and to use these models as a basis for finalizing their national legislations by adapting their provisions to the national context and within the framework</p>	<p>developed by the AUC and has been available to Member States since April 2002</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Model Law has largely been and continues to be used by member States in the development of their national biosafety frameworks and laws 			<p>regional meetings to discuss it and its implementation .</p>
EX/CL/Dec.26 (III) July 2003	<p>The Executive Council:</p> <p>2) Stresses the need for Member States to equip themselves with the necessary human and institutional capacities to deal with Biosafety</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An AU Biosafety Project is being implemented through the financial support of the German government through its German technical cooperation (GTZ) which aims at providing the AU 			<p>Revision of the Model Law According to Africa's priorities in biotechnology and sub-regional meetings to discuss it and its implementation.</p> <p>Prepare issues papers on Biosafety to support</p>

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	<p>issues within the framework of implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety</p> <p>3) Endorses the steps so far taken at national and regional levels aimed at putting in place and Africa-wide Biosafety System as well as an Africa-wide Capacity Building Program in Biosafety in order to strengthen the abilities of Member States to deal with Biosafety issues</p> <p>4) Urges Member States in abiding by the provisions of the Cartagena Protocol, to use the African Model Law on Biosafety prepared by the AU Commission as a basis for drafting their national legal instruments in</p>	<p>with the effective tools to support its member States in the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and utilize the Model Law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An AU Biosafety Unit has been established within the Department of Human Resources Science and Technology that is currently implementing the AU Biosafety Project • An African Strategy on Biosafety has been developed for which guides the safe application of modern biotechnological activities in the Region. • Revision of the Model Law is in process to adapt the Model law to the developments in the technology and based on the trends 			<p>the Implementation of the Model and the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety</p> <p>Revision of the Model Law according to Africa's Priorities in biotechnology And sub-regional meetings to discuss it and its implementation;</p> <p>Translate the Biosafety Strategy and dispatch to Member States and Sub-regional discussions Both with the Revised Model Law</p>

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	<p>Biosafety, taking into account their national peculiarities, in order to create an harmonized Africa-wide space and system in Biosafety for the regulation of genetically modified organisms movement, transportation and importation in Africa;</p> <p>5) Appeals to the developed countries, particularly Africa's development partners willing to assist Africa in this endeavour, to grant the necessary resources as well as financial and technical support towards the implementation of this program</p> <p>6) Requests the</p>	<p>being taken at national levels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Context paper on the revision of the model law is prepared; • Meetings are scheduled in the second semester 2007 for sub-regional discussions on the Biosafety Strategy and the Revised Model Law. • The Model law was introduced and noted by the AMCOST III who recommended to present it to all relevant Ministries for their comments. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Project faced difficulties for the use of budget code 	<p>Revision of the Model Law According to Africa's priorities in biotechnology and sub-regional meetings to discuss it and its implementation;</p> <p>Translate the Biosafety Strategy and dispatch to Member States and Sub-regional discussions both with the Revised Model Law <u>NB</u>: The Sub-regional meetings has been postponed to 2008</p>

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	<p>Chairperson of the Commission to convene a meeting of Experts and Civil Society Organizations to give further consideration to this issue and come out with proposals for an African Common Position for adoption by the policy organs of the AU</p> <p>7) Requests the Chairperson of the Commission to ensure sustainability of the program on Capacity building in Biosafety in Member States and ensure that Council is regularly informed on annual basis</p>				

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EXT/AU/EXP/ST/Decl/13(II) REV1 November 2006	Commitments of the Ministers of Science and Technology: 2) Work together to develop a 20 year African Biotechnology Strategy with specific regional technology goals to be implemented through our Regional Economic communities (RECs) and to develop and harmonize national and regional regulations that promote the application and safe use of modern biotechnology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Model law was introduced and noted by the AMCOST III who recommended to present it to all relevant Ministries for their comments. <p><u>NB:</u> Model Law and African Strategy on Biosafety sent to AMCEN and UNEP</p>			
Decision DOC. EX.CL/385 (XII) OF Executive Council on the Report of the Third Ordinary Session of the African Ministerial Conference on Science and Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REQUESTS the AU Commission and NEPAD to prepare a common 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A request as been sent to AMCEN with copy of the decision for joint action 			

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(AMCOST III)	<p>framework coordinated by the Bureau of AMCOST and the Bureau of the African Ministerial Conference on Environment (AMCEN) in order to determine the rationale and modalities for establishing a panel on climate change;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REQUESTS the AU Commission to present the Revised Model Law on Biosafety to all relevant departments and sectors in Member States for their comments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The African Strategy and the draft Model Law have been sent to UNEP and AMCEN 			

TRADE AND INDUSTRY

No.	Decisions	Subject	Actions Taken	Observations
1.	EX.Cl./Dec. 383 (XIII)	UNCTAD 12 th Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elaboration of the African position at UNCTAD XII during the 10th Conference of Ministers of Trade and Industry. • Effective participation of the Commission at UNCTAD XII. • Coordination of actions at technical and political levels with Member States so that Africa can present programmes prioritising synergy between: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - trade and development; - investment and development; - technology, ICT and development; - environment and development 	<p>Action implemented</p> <p>Participation at the Accra Meeting (20-25 April 2008)</p>

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2.	EX.Cl. /Dec.401 (XII)	EPA Negotiations (Holding of the EU-Africa High-level meeting on EPA negotiations)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization of meetings and participation in various activities aimed at evaluating interim agreements; • Organization of the AU Conference of Ministers of Trade and Finance (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 1 to 2 April 2008) giving rise to the adoption of the Declaration on EPA negotiations. 	Action continuing. Ongoing consultations with all Member States, all ACP States and the EU to finalize development-friendly EPA.
3.	Assembly/AU/Dec.17.1(X)	Strengthening of Africa-TICAD Cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in TICAD IV preparatory meetings. • Participation in the Ministerial Meeting held in Gabon in March 2008 which adopted the Libreville Declaration. 	Participation in the Yokohama (Japan) Summit from 27 to 30 May 2008.
4.	Assembly/AU/Dec.17.5(X)	Plan of Action to speed up industrial development in Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization in Cairo, Egypt, of a meeting of stakeholders, namely the ADB, the European Investment Bank, the World Bank, RECs, NEPAD, the ECA and UNIDO to rally their support for the implementation of the Plan of Action. 	Activities underway.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparation of the 18th CAMI to be held in South Africa in November 2008.	

INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENERGY

Decisions: No & Title	Decisions: Action Required	Implemented (Fully/Partly) Action Taken	Not Implemented	Constraints	Ways to Overcome Constraints
EX.CL/Dec.393(XII) AU Min. Conference on Road Transport	To implement the Declaration and Plan of Action on Road Transport as endorsed by the AU Policy Organs, in collaboration with Member States, RECs, UNECA, ADB, EU, World Bank and other partners and submit periodic reports to Executive Council on the status of its implementation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To regularly report on status, starting from July 2008 <p><u>Status:</u> In the short period since the holding of the Ministerial conference on road transport, implementation has been initiated on some activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continental roads master plan; ▪ Harmonization of road policies, standards and road transit facilitation; ▪ Road environmental guidelines; and ▪ Continental consultative framework. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 Policy Officer and 2 short/medium-term (2-5 years) in-house experts are needed; 	

SOCIAL AFFAIRS**STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS**

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HEALTH				
Decision on Africa's Health Strategy Doc. EX.CL/354 (XI)		An operational plan has been developed for the implementation of the Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Plan for Africa; Regular consultation is being held with different partners, stakeholders and the Bureau of the Conference of African Ministers of Health (CAMH3) on the way forward;	Social Affairs	
POPULATION Decision of the African Population Commission Doc. EX. CL/384 (XII)	Appeal to the International Community to provide assistance toward the implementation of the Johannesburg Declaration	Regional forums on population and development including the promotion of safe motherhood in Africa are being organized as part of the implementation of the Declaration and the MDGs;	Social Affairs	
DRUGS CONTROL				
Decision EX.CL/Dec.381 (XII) on The Third Session of the AU Conference of Ministers for Drug Control and Crime Prevention	REQUESTS the Commission and the RECs, in collaboration with relevant partners, to follow-up on and	Contracted an expert to facilitate the process of interaction and capacity building with RECs and Member States for the	Social Affairs	

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	monitor implementation of the Plan of Action and report to the AU policy organs every two (2) years	implementation of the PoA.		
SOCIAL WELFARE				
Decision EX.CL/Dec.399 (XII) on The Second Pan-African Forum on Children: Mid-Term Review	<p>MANDATES the Chairperson of the African Union to present the Call for Accelerated Action to the United Nations General Assembly Commemorative High-Level Plenary Meeting, devoted to the follow-up of the 2002 UN Special Session on Children, to be held in New York in December 2007;</p> <p>CALLS ON the AU Commission to report on progress made on the implementation of the 2001 Plan of Action of Africa Fit for Children every two (2) years, and to convene</p>	<p>The Call for Accelerated Action was presented to the UN High Level Plenary Meeting by the Minister for Women and Children Affairs of Ghana in December 2007;</p> <p>The call for Accelerated Action and the 2001 Plan of Action has been disseminated to all Member States for their implementation. The Commission will follow upon the progress in implementation and report to the Council.</p>	Social Affairs	

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	the next Pan-Forum on Children in 2011.			
LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND MIGRATION			Social Affairs	
Decision on the fifth Ordinary Session of Labour and Social Affairs Commission <u>DOC. EX.CL/382 (XII)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request Member States to submit on time the reports on the implementation of the LSAC recommendations; • Request MS to involve the Ministries of Labour when discussing the configuration of STCs, • All proposals of candidatures for the ILO Higher offices and committees be submitted by the African Group Member of the Governing Body in Geneva through the AU Geneva office to the LSAC for consideration, • Calls on MS to implement the Africa-EU Declaration on Migration and Development • CALLS ON the Commission in collaboration with the ARI Governing Board to take all the necessary measures to review the mandate and structure of ARI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports will be submitted in September of each year. • Some MS reported that they were involved in the discussion, • All candidatures were submitted as per decision and considered by the LSAC, <p>Programmes are underway to visit Member States to assist them in the implementation</p> <p>The Commission has contracted a Consultant to carry out a study and make proposals on the</p>	Social Affairs And Member States Social Affairs and Member States	

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		<p>revitalization of ARI. The</p> <p>Report of the Consultant will be submitted to the First AU Conference of Ministers in charge of Social Development scheduled to take place in October 2008</p>		

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

Decisions: No and Title	Decisions: Action Required	Implemented (Full/Partly) Action Taken	Not Implemented	Constraints
Assembly/AU/Dec.15 1 (VIII) on the Flag of the African Union	DECIDES to launch a competition for the selection of a new flag for the African Union	The Commission launched the AUC Flag competition since the last Assembly of January, precisely on the 8th of February 2007.	- implemented	
	<p>REQUESTS the Commission to take all the necessary measures to organize the competition with the following agreed orientations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The background of the flag should be green colour to symbolize Africa's hope; - Member States should be represented by stars on the flag. 	<p>A Note Verbal to that effect was sent to all AU Member States and also through announcements posted on the Au Website. Meanwhile, information about the Competition was disseminated to the entire public through the AU website.</p> <p>The criteria for participation in the competition were mentioned in the Terms of Reference prepared by the Services of the Commission specifying that the Competition was opened to all</p>	- implemented	

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	<p>DECIDES that the design proposed by leader of the Great Libyan Arab Jamahiriya should be taken as one of the entries for the competition</p> <p>Request the Commission to submit outcome of the selection to the 9th Ordinary Session of the Assembly in July 2007.</p>	<p>Africans including those in the Diaspora following the technicalities stipulated in the Decision of the Assembly.</p> <p>Following the Decision 151/VIII, the project that was presented in the name of the leader of Great Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, would equally feature amongst the proposals to be presented.</p> <p>A panel composed of representatives from each region has been formed and was due to meet from the 3rd to the 5th of June 2008 at the AU Headquarters, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.</p> <p>The Panel Committee for the selection will proceed with the first selection of the proposals for consideration and finalise a report to be submitted to the Assembly of Heads of State and Government.</p> <p>To assist the Panel and to undergo preliminary selection of the AU Flag, an internal Committee was set up.</p> <p>A meeting of the Internal Committee was held on Friday, May 2nd, 2008, at the AU Headquarters.</p> <p>A total of one hundred and six (106) submissions from all over Africa and from Africans in the Diaspora were</p>	Implemented	

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		<p>received by the Commission, including one by the Leader of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya</p> <p>The Internal Committee went through each submission, examined if they complied with guidelines established by the Assembly vide its Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.151 (VIII) which provided that it should have a green color background and Member States should be represented by stars on the Flag. The Committee categorized the submissions accordingly.</p> <p>In this regard, the Committee was of the view that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fifty-nine submissions complied with the above orientation. - Forty-three submissions, did not comply with the instruction on the announcement. - There was need for three competitors to provide a description of their work. <p>At the end of its deliberations, the Internal Committee decided to forward all submissions to the Panel for consideration.</p> <p>The Panel of Seven Experts were assembled from seven countries to participate in a selection of five possible</p>		

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		<p>flag ideas for the AU, met at the AU Commission Headquarters from 3 to 5 June 2008.</p> <p>The Experts represented various areas of leadership in graphic design, art, communications and advertising across Africa. Their task was to select five designs using agreed criteria to be presented to the AU.</p> <p>Participants included: North Africa, (Libya); Central Africa (Cameroon); East Africa (Ethiopia; Uganda, Kenya; Southern Africa (Lesotho, Zimbabwe)</p> <p>After agreeing on the correct process and procedures, which outline a fair and transparent review of all submitted entries, the Panel has selected 5 entries plus one special entry submitted by the Great Libyan Leader.</p> <p>The members of the Panel noticed on their report that these art entries represent a massive opportunity and land mark launch for AU communications globally. They recommended that for the Heads of State to appreciate and make a final decision, the artwork must be refined and amended. This will require a professional to both finalize the designs and specifications as well as to print art</p>		

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		samples on various materials. The image of a new AU can be very powerful and emotive.		
<p>EX.CL/Dec.296 (IX) DECISION ON THE AU CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS “TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PAN-AFRICAN RADIO AND TELEVISION CHANNEL” DOC. EX.CL/266 (IX)</p>	<p>TAKES NOTE of the Report; RECALLS the decision of the 5th Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government held in July 2005, in Sirte on the establishment of a Pan-African Television Channel - Doc. EX.CL/205(VII) ADD.3; ALSO RECALLS that at the January 2006 Khartoum Summit the Executive Council adopted the Report of the Expert’s Meeting held in Cairo, Egypt from 21 to 23 November 2005; TAKES NOTE of the Report of the follow-up committee on the Establishment of the Pan-African Radio and Television Channel held in Cairo from 15</p>	<p>At the request of the Executive Council, the Commission has begun considering ways of carrying out an exhaustive feasibility study for the effective implementation of the project.</p> <p>The activities undertaken so far include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The putting in place of an interdepartmental Committee for the implementation of the study. This Committee is made up of some officials of the Commission who are at the same time members of the follow-up Committee responsible for the establishment of the Panafrican Radio and television Channel. - The preparation of the Terms of Reference by the Commission for the choice of the Experts to carry out the studies. The Committee responsible for the feasibility study, during its working session, deemed it necessary to appoint two Experts who would carry out an efficient 		

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	<p>to 17 February 2006;</p> <p>ACKNOWLEDGES the importance of establishing a Pan-African Radio and Television Channel which is an expression of the Common aspirations of the people of Africa to balanced information that gives a true image of the content and facilitates exchanges with a view to popularizing a project which is of priority to African integration.</p> <p>WELCOMES the offer by Egypt to bear 10% of the project budget;</p> <p>INVITES Member States to redouble efforts towards the establishment of a Pan-African Radio and Television channel to transmit general information under the auspices of the African Union. The Channel shall be the property of its Member States which will have the responsibility to decide on the partnerships to be contracted, in terms of</p>	<p>study for the project. The first Expert would be in charge of the legal, financial, technological and technical aspect of the project, under the supervision of the second Expert, who in turn, would be the project manager and the person to implement and finalise the report of the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The application forms and the Terms of Reference were sent by Note Verbal to all the Member States of the follow-up Committee in charge of the Establishment of the Panafrican Radio and Television Channel. - The call for candidatures was equally advertised through the AUC Website - The Commission received the applications sent by Member States and conducted the short-listing process. - Because the first consultation was not conclusive (only five applications were received), a larger call `for candidatures was organised for the second time, involving all AU Member States. This, because the first consultation that was restricted to only members of the follow-up Committee in charge of the Establishment of the Panafrican Radio and Television Channel. At 		

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	<p>technical knowledge and financing;</p> <p>URGES Member States to commit themselves to support and speed up the process for the implementation of the Radio and Television channel designed essentially to provide the African public with information, sports, culture, documentaries and African films, likely to expand possibilities of communication among the peoples;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to organize a meeting of high ranking officials from Member States and experts to examine the various aspects relating to the legal framework, the financing as well as the technological and technical components of the project and submit a comprehensive report on all these aspects;</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission to conduct a Comprehensive study on the issue and submit it for</p>	<p>the closing date of the submission of applications for the second consultation, the Commission received 15 candidatures; 14 of them were received from 09 Member States while 01 came from a non-African State. The candidatures received are summarised as follows: 07 candidatures for the post of Team Leader, 06 candidatures for the post of Technician and 02 candidatures not appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A meeting of the Committee for the selection of candidates was held to define the criteria for selection of the candidates. - Out of the 15 candidates, two candidates were selected for the posts of Project Manager and Technician. - The official memo to that effect was sent to administration and other competent services of the Commission to consider and finalise the contracts. <p>The Commission is presently preparing the contracts to be finalised and sent to the two Experts that were chosen.</p>		

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	<p>consideration, first by the high ranking officials from Member States and thereafter by African Ministers of Information and Communication who will Submit their conclusions and recommendations to the Ordinary Session of the Assembly in July 2007.</p>			

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