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**EX.CL/209 (VIII)**

**REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PREVIOUS  
DECISIONS OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND SUMMIT**

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OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND THE ASSEMBLY**

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**INTRODUCTION**

Each year, at their different ordinary and extraordinary sessions, the Executive Council and the Assembly adopt a number of decisions and declarations the implementation of which is for the most part the responsibility of the African Union Commission, in collaboration with Member States and partners. Considering the importance of these acts and the need for the Commission to ensure the follow up, it is essential that during Assemblies, they be reviewed before the decision-making organs of the Union.

The following summary reviews the status of implementation by the Departments, Directorates and Units of the Commission of acts relating to issues for which they were responsible in the conduct of activities of the Commission during the year 2005.

These activities cover a wide range of issues, some of which feature on the Agenda of the PRC, the Executive Council and the Assembly and will be the subject of in-depth discussions at the Khartoum Sessions in January 2006. Other topics, which were not included on the Agenda, are mentioned in the Report of the Commission, also submitted to the present session.

Due to budgetary constraints during the period under consideration, some decisions with financial implications could not be implemented; others, for technical reasons and/or time constraints, could also not be implemented. Efforts will be made to ensure their implementation in the course of this year 2006.

## LEGAL MATTERS

Decisions: No & Title	Decisions: Action Required	Implemented (Fully/Partly) (Actions taken)	Not implemented	Constraints
<b>Assembly/AU/Dec.71 (IV)</b> Decision on the Draft African Union Non-Aggression and Common Defense Pact	Advocacy for ratifications		So far <b>sixteen (16)</b> Member States have signed. The Commission has not received any ratification from Member States.	Insufficient popularisation/ advocacy of the Pact
<b>EX/CL/Dec.165 (VI)</b> Decision on the Draft Protocol on the merger of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights and the Court of Justice of the African Union	<b>DECIDES</b> to refer the recommendations of the Commission and the PRC as well as the Draft legal instrument to a meeting of the PRC and Government Legal experts for finalisation and submission to the 7th Ordinary Session of Council in July 2005.	A meeting of the PRC and Legal experts was held at the AU Headquarters from 29 March to 1 April 2005. Recommendations of the Meeting on the various options with regard to the merger of the Court, were submitted to Council in Sirte, Libya, in July 2005		
<b>EX/CL/Dec.168 (VI)</b> Decision on the Criteria for granting observer status and a system of accreditation to the AU	- <b>DECIDES</b> to refer the Draft Criteria for Granting Observer Status and the System of Accreditation to the AU as contained in Document EX.CL/161 (VI) to a meeting of the PRC and Legal experts for finalization and submission to the 7th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in July 2005.	A meeting of the PRC and Legal experts was held at the AU Headquarters from 29 March to 1 April 2005. Recommendations of the Meeting were submitted to Council in Sirte, Libya, in July 2005.		

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<p><b>EX.CL/Dec.175 (VI)</b> Decision on the Criteria for Hosting AU Organs</p>	<p>- <b>DECIDES</b> that non-African States and inter-governmental organizations could be granted accreditation to the Union with the right to attend only public sessions and to receive only documents of general distribution</p> <p>- <b>REQUESTS</b> the Commission to develop and strictly enforce a system of classification of documents.</p> <p><b>DECIDES</b> to refer the Criteria for hosting AU Organs as contained in document EX.CL/163 (VI) to a meeting of the PRC for finalization and submission to the 7th Ordinary Session of Council in July 2005.</p>	<p>In accordance with the Criteria, the Chairperson of the Commission considered and received letters of accreditation from twenty-four (24) Non-African States.</p> <p>A meeting of the PRC and Legal experts was held at the AU Headquarters from 29 March to 1 April 2005. Recommendations of the Meeting were submitted to Council in Sirte, Libya, in July 2005</p>	<p>The Commission is in the process of establishing a taskforce to develop a system of classification of documents.</p>	
<p><b>EX.CL/Dec.180 (VI)</b> Decision on the Status of OAU/AU Treaties</p>	<p><b>REQUESTS</b> all Member States to submit information on Constitutional Procedures relating to ratification or</p>	<p>A meeting of the PRC and Legal experts was held at the AU Headquarters from 29 March to 1 April 2005.</p>	<p>The OLC is still in the process of obtaining information on the ratification processes in</p>	<p>Lack of sufficient response from Member States. Alternatively, the OLC</p>

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<b>EX.CL/Dec.181 (VI)</b> Decision on the proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the PRC, the Executive Council and the Assembly and the Statute of the Commission	accession to OAU/AU Treaties to the Commission as requested by Council in July 2004.  <b>DECIDES</b> to refer the proposals for amendment to a meeting of the PRC and Legal experts from Member States for finalization and submission to the 7th Ordinary Session of Council in July 2005.	Recommendations of the Meeting were submitted to Council in Sirte, Libya, in July 2005	Member States.	has embarked on a research process on the internet for available information. Thereafter, a communication will be sent out to Member States for confirmation.

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<b>Assembly/AU/Dec.83 (V)</b> Decision on the merger of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights and the Court of Justice of the African Union	<b>- DECIDES</b> that a draft legal instrument relating to the establishment of the merged court comprising the Human Rights Court and the Court of Justice should be completed for consideration by the next ordinary sessions of the Executive Council and the	-The Government of Algeria submitted a draft legal instrument relating to the establishment of the merged court comprising the Human Rights Court and the Court of Justice.		

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	<p>Assembly and <b>WELCOMES WARMLY AND WITH GRATITUDE</b> the offer by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Algeria, Mr. Mohamed BEDJAOUI, former President of the International Court of Justice to contribute to the drafting of this instrument;</p> <p>- <b>ALSO DECIDES</b> that all necessary measures for the functioning of the Human Rights Court be taken, including particularly the election of the judges, the determination of the budget and the operationalization of the Registry.</p>	<p>- A Working Group of Government legal Experts considered the draft legal instrument in Algiers, Algeria from 21 to 24 November 2005.</p> <p>- The Report of the Meeting as well as the draft Legal Instrument as amended will be submitted to a meeting of PRC for consideration. Subsequently, the documents will be submitted to the policy organs for consideration.</p> <p>- The OLC has made the necessary arrangements for the elections of the judges of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, by the Executive Council in January 2005.</p> <p>- The OLC has also prepared the budget and structure for the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, which will</p>		

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<p><b>EX/CL/Dec.230 (VII)</b> Decision on the Criteria for granting observer status and a system of accreditation to the AU</p> <p><b>EX.CL/Dec.229 (VII)</b> Decision on the Criteria for Hosting AU Organs</p>	<p>- <b>FURTHER DECIDES</b> that the Seat of the merged court shall be at a place to be decided upon by the Member States of the Eastern Region, which shall also serve as the seat of the Human Rights Court pending the merger.</p> <p>- <b>DECIDES</b> to adopt the Criteria for Granting Observer Status and a System of Accreditation within the AU as contained in Document EX.CL/195 (VII) Annex V. And <b>AUTHORISES</b> the Chairperson of the Commission to implement the said Criteria</p> <p>- <b>DECIDES</b> to adopt the Criteria for Hosting AU Organs as contained in Document EX.CL/195 (VII) Annex IV.</p> <p>- <b>URGES</b> the Regions, to undertake as soon as possible, the necessary consultations to submit the names of the Member States which will host the Headquarters of the Organs allocated to the respective regions.</p>	<p>be submitted to the policy organs in January 2006 for consideration.</p> <p>The Commission has sent communications to the Dean and the other Member States of the East Region regarding the decision for the Seat of the merged court.</p> <p>In accordance with the Criteria, the Chairperson considered and received letters of accreditation from fifteen (15) Non-African States.</p> <p>The Criteria for Hosting AU Organs as adopted will used in elaborating hosting Agreements for AU Organs</p>	<p>The Commission is yet to receive the decision on the seat of the Court from the Member States of the East Region</p> <p>The Commission is yet to receive the names of Member States to host the various headquarters allocated to the respective regions.</p>	<p>Member States of the East Region have not yet reached a decision on the seat of the Court.</p>

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<p><b>EX.CL/Dec.193 (VII)</b> Decision on the Status of OAU/AU Treaties</p>	<p><b>REQUESTS</b> the Commission to ensure that the texts of the treaties are harmonized in all the working languages and to expedite the process of review of OAU/AU Treaties, to enable Member States accelerate the process of ratification/accession to OAU/AU Treaties.</p>		<p>The OLC is yet to devise a mechanism that will ensure that the texts of the treaties are harmonized in all the working languages so as to expedite the process of review of OAU/AU Treaties, to enable Member States accelerate the process of ratification/accession to OAU/AU Treaties</p>	<p>Lack of adequate personnel to undertake the activities.</p>
<p><b>EX.CL/Dec.228 (VII)</b> Decision on the proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the PRC, the Executive Council and the Assembly and the Statute of the Commission</p>	<p><b>REQUESTS</b> the PRC to further review the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, the Executive Council and the PRC as well as the Statutes of the Commission in order to ensure that there are no inconsistencies within the Rules or with other legal instruments. And <b>FURTHER REQUESTS</b> the PRC to submit its proposals to the Eighth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council scheduled in January 2006 for consideration.</p> <p>-----</p>		<p>The PRC is yet to further review the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, the Executive Council and the PRC as well as the Statutes of the Commission.</p>	



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<p><b>Assembly/AU/Dec.85 (V) and EX/CL/Dec.231 (VII)</b> Decision on the election of the members of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights</p> <p><b>Assembly/AU/Dec.84 (V) and EX/CL/Dec.232 (VII)</b> Decision on the election of the members of the African Committee of experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child.</p> <p><b>EX/CL/Dec.234 (VII)</b> Decision on Candidatures</p>	<p>-----</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDS</b> that the Commission, in consultation with the PRC, undertakes a Review of the Rules of Procedure in order to strengthen the Rules in line with other statutes and within the spirit of good corporate governance. And <b>REQUESTS</b> the PRC to present the revised Rules at the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in January 2006.</p>	<p>The duly elected Members of the Commission are expected to assume their positions.</p> <p>The elected Members of the Committee were sworn in during the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child to be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 19–21 December 2005.</p> <p>A working group (OLC and Political Affairs Department) has considered the Rules of Procedure of the Committee and made amendments thereto. The Report of the Meeting and the Rules as amended will be submitted to the PRC, for consideration and subsequent submission to the Policy Organs.</p>		

**WOMEN, GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT**

Decisions: No. & Title	Status of Implementation		
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<p><b>EX.CL/Dec.192 (VII)</b>-Decision on Chairperson's Progress Report on the Implementation of the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa - Doc. EX.CL/170 (VII)</p> <p><b>URGES</b> all Member States to submit their annual reports on progress made in terms of gender mainstreaming and in implementing the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa to the Summit in July 2006;</p> <p><b>REITERATES</b> its request to the Chairperson of the Commission to undertake consultations aimed at revamping PAWO and submit a report to the Executive Council in January 2006.</p>	<p>First Conference of Ministers Responsible for Women and Gender 12 to 15 October 2005, Dakar, Senegal. The Ministers considered two documents, namely, the Implementation Framework of the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa (SD) and the Guidelines for Reporting on the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa. These documents will facilitate the implementation of the SD by Member States.</p> <p>AU has been engaged with PAWO on two separate instances, at a meeting in Johannesburg, South Africa and at PAWO's General Secretariat Meeting in Windhoek, Namibia, in September and November 2005, respectively. These engagements have centred around assisting PAWO to reflect deeply on its role within the broader African women's movement and in the context of a pluralistic Africa.</p>		<p>As PAWO is still in the process of redefining itself, the AU is planning a consultative meeting between its Women, Gender and Development Directorate and PAWO before the PAWO Congress that is scheduled for July 2006. Thereafter, a report on the revamped PAWO will be submitted to the Executive Council in due course.</p>

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Decisions: No.& Title	Implemented (Actions Taken)	Not Implemented	Constraints
<b>EX/CL/Dec. 21 (III)</b> Decision on the Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC) – July 2004	Interim General Assembly of ECOSOCC effectively launched and various governance and operational structures/Committees elected from 28-30 March 2005 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Operationalisation of key Sectoral Cluster Committees of ECOSOCC  Participation of ECOSOCC in meetings of AU organs and regional Forums as required by AU charters	Lack of necessary resources  Lack of necessary resources
<b>Assembly/AU/Dec.42 (III)</b> Decision on the Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC) – July 2004	Meeting of Bureau of Interim Standing Committee of ECOSOCC, 22-24 April, 2005 Nairobi, Kenya, Strategic plan reviewed and adopted  Strategic Plan of ECOSOCC developed and finalized by the Interim Standing Committee after consultations with members of the Interim General Assembly and circulation to member states for inputs, revisions and comments. Operational and fund raising strategy for the process of consultations and elections into the post-interim ECOSOCC Assembly	Consultations and elections into post-interim ECOSOCC Assembly	Lack of necessary resources
<b>EX.CL/Dec.173 (VI)</b> Decision on the Definition of the African Diaspora – January 2005	Meeting of Experts on the Definition of the African Diaspora held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 11 – 12 April 2005		

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<b>EX.CL/Dec.221 (VII)</b> Decision on the Definition of the African Diaspora – July 2005	Meeting adopted Definition of Diaspora for consideration by Sirte Summit of July 2005		
	Sirte Summit adopted the Definition of the Diaspora presented by the meeting of Experts and requested the Commission to take necessary steps to facilitate participation of Diaspora in the building of the African Union in general and ECOSOCC in particular.	Election of Diaspora members into ECOSOCC  Further establishment and consolidation of regional Diaspora networks across the various regions of the world	Lack of necessary resources  Lack of necessary resources
	Definition widely circulated among Member States, the African civil society community and the African Diaspora.	Establishment of technical Committee for the Bridge over the Atlantic Programmes of strategic importance; and which would galvanise relations between the Continent and the Diaspora.	Lack of necessary resources

## **STRATEGIC POLICY, PLANNING, MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

**PROGRAMMING, BUDGETING, FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING**

Decisions: No. & Title	Status of Implementation		
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Executive Council <b>Decision 223 (VII)</b> scale of assessment	New scale adopted has been distributed to all Member States. Will be applied in 2006 when budget is approved in January 2006.		
Executive Council <b>Decision 224 (VII)</b> appointment of Board of External Auditors	All the appointed Member States have been requested to nominate their representatives. The Commission is compiling the list as they come.		
Executive Council <b>Decision 218 (VII)</b> Administrative, budgetary and financial matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Partially implemented. The Commission is in the process of securing a suitable and affordable accounting or financial management system if funds are obtained.</li> <li>- Manpower capacity has been strengthened though a number of junior positions remain vacant.</li> </ul>		
Executive Council <b>Decision 219 (VII)</b> Contributions	Fully implemented Somalia has not submitted its requests to be considered for special exemption.		
<b>Assembly AU/Dec.09 (V)</b> Budget 2006	The Advisory Sub-Committee is considering the Budget. It is scheduled to be presented to the Executive Council in January 2006 at the Summit in Khartoum's Extra ordinary session.		

**ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT**

**PEACE AND SECURITY**

**POLITICAL AFFAIRS**

Decisions: N° & Title	Status of implementation		
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<p><b>Decision on Candidatures EX.CL/Dec.234 (VII)</b></p> <p>Paragraph 4: Recommends that the AU Commission, in consultation with the PRC, undertakes a Review of the Rules of Procedure in order to strengthen the Rules in line with other statutes and within the spirit of good governance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fully implemented</li> <li>The Rules of Procedure of the Committee on Candidatures were reviewed. They will be submitted to the PRC at its next session in Khartoum, The Sudan in January 2006.</li> </ul>		



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<p><b>Decision EX. CL.210 (VII)</b></p> <p><b>On Palestine and the Middle East</b></p> <p>Apart from the provisions concerning the two parties, this decision urges the Commission to maintain contact with the two parties and continue to support on-going efforts so that the objective of peace and development can be achieved for the well being of their people.</p>	<p>Partly implemented</p> <p>Close contacts were maintained with the Palestinian side, while with Israel, the modalities are still to be defined.</p>		<p>The refusal by Israel to heed the appeals of the international community and the African Union, to fully embrace peace by engaging in direct negotiations with the Palestinians to discuss fundamental issues which constitute the core of the Israel-Palestinian conflict.</p> <p>The continuation of violence</p> <p>The continuation of the building of the Wall</p> <p>The policy of occupation of the West Bank, despite the withdrawal from Gaza.</p> <p>The occupation by Israel of the Golan Heights</p>

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<p><b>EX.CL/Dec.212 (VII)</b>  <b>Decision on the New Africa-Asia Strategic Partnership</b></p> <p>Requests that together with the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation, the consultations initiated between the South Africa Co-Chair and the Commission, with a view to promoting the leadership of the African Union in this process and to defining the practical modalities of implementing the new Africa-Asia strategic partnership, be continued.</p>	<p>Implementation postponed until the first quarter of 2006 due to time constraints on each side.</p>		<p>The PRC Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation did not meet in the absence of its Chairperson assigned to other duties.</p>

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<p><b>EX.CL/Dec.179 (VI)</b></p> <p><b>SITUATION OF REFUGEES, RETURNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS</b></p> <p><b>PARA 7</b></p> <p>The Commission to continue monitoring the situation of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in close collaboration with PRC Sub-Committee on Refugees; revitalize, as a matter of urgency, the Coordinating Committee on Assistance and Protection to Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons; and continue to implement the Comprehensive Implementation Plan in close collaboration with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)</p>	<p>Partly implemented the Monitoring of the situation of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in collaboration with PRC Sub-Committee on Refugees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertook field assessment missions to Ghana, Benin, Somalia, Sudan, Rwanda, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) Tanzania, Uganda;</li> <li>• African Union extended financial assistance to Benin, Ghana and Uganda</li> </ul> <p>Revitalization of the Coordinating Committee on Assistance and Protection to Refugees and Internally Displaced Person (CCAR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revitalized the CCAR in close cooperation of UNCHR, PRC Sub-Committee and Permanent Members of the Committee;</li> <li>• At its 27 Ordinary Session, CCAR agreed to expand its membership to include African NGOs and institutions with expertise in refugee and IDP issues</li> </ul>	<p>More missions were planned to Chad, Liberia, Sahrawi Arab Republic, Kenya</p>	<p>Logistical constraints prevented the undertaking of more missions to some countries.</p>

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<p><b>PARA. 8.</b> The Commission to convene a Ministerial Conference on Refugees, Returnees, and Displaced Persons in 2006</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A working group was set up to review criteria for CCAR's membership and its rules of procedure in order to obtain the full participation of agencies with experience and expertise</li> </ul> <p>Continued to implement the Comprehensive Implementation Plan (CIP) in close collaboration with UNHCR and ICRC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It carried out a review of the implementation of the CIP with UNHCR through a brainstorming session</li> <li>The AU Commission Chairperson and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees reiterated in a meeting their joint commitment to the full implementation of the CIP within framework outlined in the 2001 Cooperation Agreement.</li> </ul> <p>Burkina Faso offered and confirmed to host the Conference from 16-17 (Experts) and 19 to 20 (Ministerial) Preparations are going on with the PRC Sub-Committee on Refugees for the convening of the Ministerial Conference</p>	<p>Did not embark on missions to other countries to review national legislation</p>	<p>Lack of funds and human resources</p> <p>The missions were postponed due to prevailing political climate in the Gulf Region.</p>

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<p><b>PARA 9</b> The Commission to launch a resource mobilization programme in close collaboration with all relevant partners for the purpose of ensuring the adequate well-being and protection for refugees and displaced persons and durable solutions to the problem in Africa</p> <p><b>PARA. 10.</b> Member States and Members of the revitalized AU Coordinating Committee on Assistance and Protection to Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons as well as other relevant organizations to consider contributing to the AU Special Refugee Contingency Fund so as to enable the AU implement its humanitarian programmes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meetings of the PRC Sub-Committee and its Bureau discussed the preparations and mapped out the way forward; a Coordinating Committee to be created that will include AU partners</li> </ul> <p>Partly implemented as the Commission held discussions with a number of bilateral and multilateral partners on the funding of refugee programmes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The government of Royal Kingdom of Denmark contributed 850,000.00 Danish Kronors for the Office of the Special Representative on the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict</li> </ul>	<p>Other countries and organizations have not yet contributed and discussions are going on such as the EU, UNESCO, USA and Austria</p> <p>Commission and PRC Sub-Committee postponed missions to the Gulf Region</p>	<p>Inadequate resources as a result of donor fatigue that have affected the refugee programmes as well as post conflict reconstruction operations</p>

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<p><b>PARA. 11.</b></p> <p>Partners and donors to re-double their efforts to assist such people in Africa and also honour their pledges made in various donor conferences</p> <p><b>PARA 12.</b></p> <p>Commission to continue implementing its Work Programme in accordance with the various Decisions, Recommendations, and Resolutions as well as the Comprehensive Implementation Plan (CIP) in collaborations with the UNHCR and other concerned AU partners and relevant organizations</p>	<p>Partly implemented</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• appealed to international community to provide increased assistance in various meetings and conferences;</li> <li>• held meetings with UNHCR to strategize on how to mobilize resources</li> </ul> <p>Continued to implement its Work Programme for 2005 in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• voluntary repatriation by urging Member States to create conducive conditions for return of refugees and IDPs and sustainable reintegration in their communities;</li> <li>• commemoration of Africa/World Refugee Day that falls on 20 June. The events took place at AU Headquarters with UNHCR and its implementing partners;</li> <li>• Reminded Member States to commemorate the Day in accordance to the theme;</li> </ul>	<p>Not implemented as new CCAR members did not meet in their first ordinary session</p>	<p>Continuing violations of human rights and security concerns in some Member States.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field trip to refugee camp in Ethiopia with the PRC Sub-Committee on Refugees in collaborations with the Government and UNHCR;</li> <li>Promotion of International Humanitarian Law (IHL). The Special Representative of the Chairperson of the AU Commission in Armed Conflict Situations continued to follow up on the protection of civilians in conflict situations and fielded missions to Darfur, Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda;</li> <li>Commission spearheaded the exercise of elaborating a legal framework for the protection and assistance of IDPs;</li> <li>Series of conferences, meetings and seminars/workshops were held with AU partners and other organizations in the field of humanitarian issues which helped among other things to implement Decisions of Executive Council and Summit of Heads of State and Government.</li> </ul>		Lack of response from Member States nominated to represent their respective regions in the Committee of

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<p><b>EX.CL.211 (VII)</b> <b>FREE MOVEMENT IN AFRICA</b></p> <p><b>PARA 7</b> Commission among other things to consider establishing a committee of experts from Member States, charged with providing guidance to the Commission on matters relating to free movement of persons to carry the process forward</p>	<p>Partly implemented</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Committee of Member States Experts was constituted following consultations with Regional Deans. However despite several attempts Member States did not designate specific individuals to represent them in the Committee</li> <li>On several occasions, the Commission contacted Regional Deans in Ethiopia concerning the convening of Committee of Experts in 2005.</li> </ul>	<p>The meeting of Committee of Experts was not held and therefore the process of elaborating a work plan for the implementation of the Decision and other activities did not take place as planned</p>	<p>Experts on Free Movement</p>



**HUMAN RESOURCES, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

Decision No & Title	Status of Implementation		
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<b>Assembly/AU/Dec.76 (V)</b>  Decision on the World Summit on Information Society-DOC.EX.CL/173 (VII)	Fully implemented.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dakar African Ministerial meeting 5-6 September 2005 for the African common position on Internet Governance</li> <li>○ African Ministerial meeting during Prepcom-3 in Geneva 21 September 2005 to adopt the African Regional Action Plan on Knowledge Economy (ARAPKE).</li> <li>○ African Ministerial meeting in Tunis before the summit 12 November 2005 to harmonize the African position in the resumed session of the Prepcom-3.</li> </ul>	N/A	

**SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

<b>THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL</b>			
<b>Decisions: No &amp; Title</b>	<b>Implemented (Fully/Partly) (Actions taken)</b>	<b>Not Implemented</b>	<b>Constraints</b>
<b>EX/CL/Dec.169(VI)</b> - Decision on the Report of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session of the Ministerial Conference on Drug Control in Africa		Paragraphs 5 and 6 not implemented	The contract of the Consultant expired. Recruitment of Senior Policy Officer for Drug Control is under process
<b>EX/CL/Dec.170(VI)</b> - Decision on the African Common Position on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- African Common Position on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice was distributed to all Member States</li> <li>- AU Commission participated in the 11<sup>th</sup> UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Bangkok, Thailand, in April 2005;</li> </ul>		
<b>EX.CL/Dec.196 (VII)</b> : Decision on the Strategic Framework for a Migration Policy in Africa – Doc. EX.CL/176 (VII)			Comments from some countries not yet received and the countries have asked for an extension of the deadline
<b>EX.CL/Dec.200 (VII)</b> : Decision on the Report of the First Session of the African Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (AMCHUD) - <b>Doc.EX.CL/185 (vii)</b>			Lack of communication between the Bureau and the AU Commission
<b>EX/CL/Dec.201(VII)</b> – Decision on the third Ordinary Session of the Labour and Social Affairs Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Paragraph 7 on establishment of an Advisory Council on Ageing – Partly implemented</li> </ul> <p>Actions are underway to recruit a Consultant to draft the modalities for the Advisory Council.</p>		

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL			
Decisions: No & Title	Implemented (Fully/Partly) (Actions taken)	Not Implemented	Constraints
	- Paragraph 14 on ARI – Implemented A letter signed by the AU Chairperson was addressed to Member States, Members of ARI, to pay up their contributions.		
	- Paragraph 16 on ACARTSOD – Partly implemented - A fact finding mission was sent to ACARTSOD It is envisaged that independent Experts will be sent to ACARTSOD to evaluate the situation and report back		
<b>EX.CL/Dec. 201 (V11)</b> -Decision on the Commission to organize consultation among the RECs to speed up the implementation of the outcome of the 2004 Ouagadougou Extraordinary Summit on Employment and Poverty Alleviation in collaboration with the development partners	The consultative meeting between the RECs and the international partners was held in September 2005. All RECs are to establish the labour unit within their structure and assisted by ILO financially and technically. Another AU/RECs is anticipated in February 2006. The Swedish government through the Ministry of Labour contributed US\$1 plus million for projects and studies on employment creation and poverty alleviation in Africa to be carried out 2006.		A consultant from ILO to AUC is still to be recruited to assist the commission on the implementation of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Sessions decisions
<b>EX.CL/Dec. 201 (V11)</b> - Decision on the adoption of the international standards on activities in fishery sector.	The African group had one common position on the issue but the standards could not be adopted and was referred to ILC 2006 for adoption.		The African employers group were divided on the issue
<b>EX.CL/Dec. 201 (V11)</b> - Decision on African members of the ILO Governing body allocation of additional seats of non-elected members	Discussions took place in June 2005 Geneva during the ILC and non-elected seats were allocated to some members and to be presented to the GB of ILO.		
<b>EX.CL/Dec 201 (V11)</b> - Decision on the Draft Social Policy Framework	The draft was sent to PAPA Committee on social and labour matters for their input.	Expert meeting still to be organized preferably in February 2006	Lack of data bank for the experts

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<b>EX.CL/Dec 201 (V11)</b> - Decision on incorporation of decent work as well as youth employment and women employment in the elaboration of African common position on the mid-term MDGs review	The ILO organized a number of youth and women employment meetings in different RECs such as Southern, Northern and Eastern regions		
<b>EX/CL. Dec 201 (V11)</b> - Decision on the Arab Labour Organization and the organization of the Second Afro-Arab Labour Congress.	Meetings between AU and Afro-Arab took place. It is anticipated that the Congress be arranged in 2006		AU is still awaiting for a letter from the Arab Labour Organization indicating the date venue.
<b>EX.CL/Dec.202 (VII)</b> : Decision on the Report of the 5 <sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the African Population Commission (APC) – Doc. EX.CL/187 (VII)	Bureau Meeting held in September 2005 in South Africa. Action Plan and concept paper for sub-regional population fora developed. APC Profile mapping underway		Member States not sending back completed questionnaires for the profile mapping
<b>EX/CL/Dec.214 (VII)</b> - Decision on Egypt's proposal to Establish the African Centre for Infectious, Endemic Diseases/HIV/AIDS in Cairo	Implementation Framework and the Strategic Plan for the African Centre for Infectious and Endemic Diseases, and HIV/AIDS reviewed by 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session of Conference of African Ministers of Health held from 10-14 October 2005 in Gaborone, Botswana.	A report on the outcome of the review available and AUC will follow up.	AUC mandated to follow on the implementation of the Head of State decision. More time will be required.
<b>EX.CL/Dec.232 (VII)</b> : Decision on the Election of Members of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child – Doc. EX.CL/202 (VII)	Implemented. Members sworn in.		
<b>EX/CL/Dec.233(VII)</b> – Decision on the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child	Paragraph 9 on the establishment of the Secretariat of the Committee – Partly implemented The recruitment process is on the way to recruit the Secretary to the Committee		

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<b>Assembly/AU/Dec.55 (iv)</b> Decision on the Interim Report on HIV/AIDS, TB, Malaria and Polio	Member States have;	Preparing the Inter-Ministerial costed development plans to address the Human Resources for Health crisis. Preparing Health Literacy strategies for energized continent-wide health promotion endeavour.	Inadequate feedback from Member States  Human Resource constraints at AU Commission  A heavy workload and too many priorities at AU Commission.
	-Planned better and participated more effectively in TRIPS negotiations, and tried to make use of flexibilities in TRIP Agreements		
	- Increased polio immunization coverage through synchronized polio immunization days.		
	-Put in place strategies to better coordinate cross-sectoral national programmes and international support;		
	-AUC, in the NEPAD framework, has initiated action ( <i>mapping</i> ) to develop a Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Plan for Africa; and is fostering partnerships with RECs and international Community to, achieve the MDGs		
<b>Assembly/AU/Dec.75(V)</b> -Decision on Accelerating Action for Child Survival and Development in Africa to meet the MDGs	- International Community has expressed commitment to match the US\$19 billion gap in health financing determined by WHO (G8, PEPFAR, World Bank etc.)		
	Paragraph 9 of the Decision – partly implemented		
	- Preparations are underway to convene the mid-term review meeting of the African Common Position on Children next year		
	- Measures are underway to recruit the Secretary to the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child		
	- Funds have been mobilized from partners to strengthen the Secretariat of the Committee		

**INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENERGY**

Decision	Summary	Plan of Action	Expected Outcome	Time Frame	Status
<b>EX/CL/Dec.195 (VII)</b>  Progress report on the implementation of the project for the creation of a unified telecommunications numbering space for Africa (ATNS)	1. Project approved and Member States and other African operators and service providers urged to join to the Project and participate actively in the feasibility study; 2. The various actors in the telecommunications sector in other regions of the world to urged to support the Project; 3. The Commission and the Inter-Institutional Coordination Committee (IICC) requested to take all the necessary steps to conduct the feasibility study; 4. To submit the Conclusions of the feasibility study to the next meeting of African Ministers of telecommunications for consideration and approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prepare Terms of Reference and methodology including institutional arrangements for implementation of the feasibility study</li> <li>- Convene a meeting of experts to review the project document</li> <li>- Initiate the feasibility study</li> <li>- Organise a meeting of African Ministers responsible for telecommunications</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adopted TOR and implementation modalities for the project feasibility study</li> <li>- Feasibility study report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- May 2005 for TOR and implementation modalities</li> <li>- October 2005 for the 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the feasibility study</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- TOR and implementation modalities submitted and approved by a meeting of experts convened in April 2005</li> <li>- Feasibility study not yet started and Ministerial meeting not organised due to resource constraints</li> <li>- Now included in the 2006 budget</li> </ul>
<b>EX/CL/Dec. 199 (VII)</b>  <b>Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Transport and Infrastructure on Transport and the</b>	1. Endorsement of the Declaration of the African Ministers responsible for Transport and Infrastructure and the Matrix of Transport Targets and Indicators for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preparation of a detailed plan of action for the attainment of transport targets linked to the realisation of the MDGs</li> <li>- Inclusion of poverty reduction oriented</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Detailed plan of action outlining policy, strategy and investment measures for meeting the transport targets necessary for the</li> </ul>	By December 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not yet done due to resource constraints</li> <li>- Now included in the 2006 budget</li> </ul>

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<b>Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)</b>	<p>the realisation of the MDGs;</p> <p>2. The Commission Requested to submit the Ministerial Declaration and the Matrix of Transport and Targets as part of the African common position on the implementation of the MDGs to the UN MDG Review Conference of September 2005</p> <p>3. Coordinate the elaboration of a plan of action for the realisation of the set transport targets</p>	strategies in the AU/NEPAD transport programmes (STAP & MLTSF)	<p>achievement of the MDGs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MDGs responsive AU/NEPAD STAP and MLTSF transport components</li> </ul>	During the review of the STAP and elaboration of the MLTSF	
<p><b>EX/CL/Dec.208 (VII)</b></p> <p>The Meeting of African Ministers responsible for air Transport</p>	<p>1. Endorsement of the Resolution of the Ministers responsible for air transport on the Follow-Up of the Implementation of the Yamoussoukro Decision on the liberalisation of air transport markets;</p> <p>2. Member States urged to meet their financial obligations by urgently paying their full contributions for 2005 as well as the arrears in order to sustain the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) and enhance its autonomy;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prepare an action for the implementation of the Ministerial resolution</li> <li>- Organise meetings of the Monitoring Body of the Yamoussoukro Decision to follow up progress on specific actions</li> <li>- Engage a consultant (s) and facilitate working meetings of a group of experts on the common external policy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Action plan for implementation of the Ministerial resolution</li> <li>- Guidelines for negotiating air traffic services with third parties</li> <li>- Competition regulations within the framework of the Yamoussoukro Decision</li> <li>- Structure, mandate and statutes of the Executive agency of the</li> </ul>	<p>June 2005</p> <p>June 2005</p> <p>September 2005</p> <p>November 2005</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Action plan done</li> <li>- Interim guidelines for negotiations with third parties done</li> <li>- Competition regulations not yet elaborated due to resource constraints</li> <li>- Operationalisation of the executive agency not yet done due to resource</li> </ul>

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	3. The Commission, in collaboration with United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), African Civil Aviation Commission AFCAC, African Airlines Association (AFRAA) and the RECs requested to prepare a Common African External Air Transport Policy.		Yamoussoukro Decision  - Resolution of dispute between Egypt and Nigeria regarding the implementation of the Yamoussoukro Decision	November 2005	constraints  - Resolution of the Egypt/ Nigeria dispute is ongoing
<b>EX/CL/Dec.163 (V)</b> <b>Maritime Security in Africa</b>	1. Member States to take all the necessary measures to ensure compliance with the ISPS Code;  2. The Commission of the African Union to assist Member States in the implementation of the ISPS Code;  3. To accelerate implementation of Decision EX.CL/Dec.60 (III) on Maritime Transport Security in Africa;	- Evaluation of maritime safety and security in Africa including the implementation of international conventions - Elaboration and oversight of the implementation of the plan of action. - Re-drafting of the African Maritime Transport Charter and Model Maritime legislation	- Status of maritime safety and security in Africa and action plan - Final version of the African Maritime Transport Charter and Model Maritime Legislation - Ratification of key international conventions on maritime safety and security by majority or all of Member States.	By March 2005  By October 2005  December 2005	-No activity carried out due to resource constraints -No resources allocated in the 2005 budget -Activities included in the 2006 budget



**RURAL ECONOMY AND AGRICULTURE**

Decisions N° & Title	Status of Implementation		
	Implemented (Fully/Partly) (Actions taken)	Not implemented	Constraints
<b>Ex.CL/Dec.167 (VI)</b>  Decision on the Implementation of the PATTEC Initiative	<p>- The Commission organised several inter-state and regional workshops for national experts and senior policy officials responsible for tsetse and trypanosomiasis control in a number of member states (Angola, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe in Southern Africa; Benin, Niger, Nigeria and Togo in West Africa; Cameroon, CAR and Chad, in Central Africa) and Rwanda and Tanzania in Eastern Africa, to formulate project proposals for tsetse and trypanosomiasis eradication in identified areas in those countries</p>	<p>The Commission has developed training courses, which will be taught to enhance the technical capacity of different players involved in the implementation of the PATTEC initiative</p> <p>The Commission plans to engage in consultations with more members states affected by the tsetse &amp; trypanosomiasis problem to urge the initiation of activities in the implementation of the PATTEC initiative.</p>	<p>In spite of the greatly increased activities of the Commission in the implementation of PATTEC, the PATTEC Coordination Office is still severely under-staffed.</p>

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	<p>-The project proposals will be made available to affected member states and willing development partners for use in mobilising the resources necessary to implement the objectives of the PATTEC programme for disbursement of funds from the ADB for activities in the first phase of the PATTEC Programme in these countries</p> <p>-The Commission effectively played its coordination role and succeeded in ensuring that the 6 countries receiving support from the African Development Bank for tsetse and trypanosomiasis control (Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mali and Uganda) fulfilled the conditions. The Commission has initiated contacts with the World Bank to discuss possibilities for support to countries engaged in the implementation of PATTEC</p>	<p>The Commission plans to hold a special donors conference on PATTEC to supplement the support being provided by the ADB.</p>	

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<b>Assembly/AU/Dec.59 (IV)</b> Decision on the Status of Food Security in Africa	The Status of Food Security Report was re-drafted and updated taking into consideration the implementation of CAADP and other Action Plans. The report was written with active collaboration and input from the NEPAD, FAO, IFAD and WFP.	The report was not submitted at the 5 <sup>th</sup> ordinary session of the Assembly in July 2005 because it was not included on the Agenda but was postponed to be submitted in the July 2006 Summit.	
<b>Assembly/AU/Dec.60 (IV)</b> Decision on the Strengthening of the Capacity of the AU Inter-African Phytosanitary Council (IAPC)			
<b>Assembly/AU/Dec.61/ (IV)</b> Decision on Allocation of 10% of National Budgetary Resources to Agriculture and Rural Development Over the Next 5 Years.	In march 2005 the AU Commission developed a definition of the core areas of agriculture relevant to the 10% allocation. In following up with this activity, the AU and NEPAD jointly organized a consultative workshop in Johannesburg on September 12-13, 2005	This report was not submitted at the 5 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Assembly in July 2005 because it was not included on the Agenda but was postponed to be submitted in the July 2006 Summit.	In march 2005 the AU Commission developed a definition of the core areas of agriculture relevant to the 10% allocation. In following up with this activity, the AU and NEPAD jointly organized a consultative workshop in Johannesburg on September 12-13, 2005

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	With participation of representatives of both Finance and Agriculture Ministries from a few selected countries representing the various RECs and representatives of the FAO, World Bank and IMF. The workshop endorsed a <b>Questionnaire</b> and accompanying <b>Guidance Note</b>		With participation of representatives of both Finance and Agriculture Ministries from a few selected countries representing the various RECs and representatives of the FAO, World Bank and IMF. The workshop endorsed a <b>Questionnaire</b> and accompanying <b>Guidance Note</b>
	(which included the definition) to report on the Agriculture Expenditure Tracking System in AU Member Countries. A further AU-NEPAD joint workshop was organized on December 15-16, 2005 at the AU Commission where 18 Member Countries present endorsed the Guidance Note (containing the definition).		(which included the definition) to report on the Agriculture Expenditure Tracking System in AU Member Countries. A further AU-NEPAD joint workshop was organized on December 15-16, 2005 at the AU Commission where 18 Member Countries present endorsed the Guidance Note (containing the definition).

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<b>EX.CL/Decd.194 (VII)</b> Decision on the Progress Report on the Implementation of the Sirte Declaration on Agriculture and Water	The Commission in collaboration with NEPAD Secretariat are preparing an integrated implementation Plan of the Sirte Declaration and CAADP which will be presented to the Minister of Agriculture in Feb.2006 for their consideration before subsequently presenting it to the 9 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in July 2006		
<b>Assembly/AU/Dec.86 (V)</b> Decision on the Danger of Imported Seeds on the African Continent.	The Commission has designated the Inter-African Phytosanitary Council (IAPC) to coordinate actions at the continental level for the implementation of the Decision.	Consultation with Member States in Progress	Slow response from some key Technical Committee Members prevented the early convening of the second meeting of the Technical Committee.

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<p><b>No Decision</b></p> <p>Endorsement of the Great Green Wall for the Sahara Initiative.</p>	<p>The Commission held the first Technical Committee meeting for the coordination of the Implementation of the Great Green Wall Initiative in July 2005.</p> <p>Following the Committee Meeting, the Commission developed a Concept Note for the institutional arrangement and implementation modalities, which was circulated amongst the Technical Committee members and beyond for comments and improvement.</p> <p>A Second Technical Committee meeting is foreseen before the end of the first quarter of 2006, to pave the way for project development and implementation of some institutional arrangements.</p>		

## ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Decisions: No & title	Status of implementation		
	Implemented (Fully/Partly) (action taken)	Not implemented	Constraints
<b>Article 19 of the Constitutive Act of the AU:</b> Establishment of Financial Institutions	<p>The following actions were undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concept paper and Protocol on the African Investment Bank were developed;</li> <li>• Concept note on the African Central Bank was prepared;</li> <li>• Concept note on the African Monetary Fund was prepared and</li> <li>• An Experts' meeting on the establishment of the three financial institutions was convened in September 2005.</li> <li>• Another meeting was held in Libya in December 2005 to consider a phased programme for the creation of the institutions.</li> </ul>		Financial and human resources
<b>EX.CL/Dec. 227 (VII)</b> Decision on the protocol relating to the relations AU and RECs	<p><b><i>Protocol on Relation between AU and RECs:</i></b> Draft protocol on relations between AU and RECs has been finalized but can only be signed after completion of on going work on the rationalization of RECs.</p> <p><b><i>Rationalization of the RECs:</i></b> The following documents on the issue were developed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General framework of rationalization</li> <li>• Rationalization of Integration Institutions: Proposed Measures</li> <li>• Scenarios on the rationalisation of regional groupings and the case for rationalization</li> </ul> <p>One meeting on the rationalization of regional economic communities, devoted to experts from Western Africa, Central Africa and Northern Africa, was convened in Accra Ghana in October 2005. The second meeting for East and Southern Africa Regions will be held in February 2006 followed by a Ministerial meeting in March 2006.</p>		Financial resources and human resources

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	<p><b><i>Harmonization of the statistics:</i></b> Several activities have been undertaken which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall Statistical Framework developed;</li> <li>• Relevant indicators identified through consultations with all stakeholders at the AU</li> <li>• Data collection formats developed;</li> <li>• Internet data access and dissemination format developed.</li> </ul>		
<b>Decision No Ex/CL/Dec. 166 (VI)</b> Decision on the review of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working closely with the Regional Economic Communities, the ECA, NEPAD Secretariat and the ADB, the AU Commission coordinated the preparation of the African Common Position as the Continent's contribution to the Review of the Millennium Declaration and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and review of the MDGs), which was considered at a High-level Summit in September 2005, in New York. The outcome of the September 2005 UN Summit took on board most of the needs and demands by Africa on ways of improving the implementation of policies that would lead to African countries meeting the MDGs by 2015.</li> </ul>		Financial resources and human resources
<b>EX/CL/Dec. 198 (VII)</b> Decision on the Africa-Europe Dialogue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the framework of the Africa-EU Dialogue, the fifth Ministerial Meeting of the African and EU Troikas met in Bamako, Mali, on 2 December 2005. The Meeting was preceded by a meeting of Senior Officials, held on 1 December 2005. Ministers recognised the remarkable efforts that have been</li> </ul>		Financial and human resources



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	<p>made in recent months to revitalise and re-dynamize the partnership between Africa and the EU.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Troikas agreed to deepen co-operation and exchange of experience between Africa and the EU, for example in the areas of peace and security, trade, HIV/AIDS, environment and energy and other areas to help achieve the MDGs.</li> <li>Ministers agreed to actively work towards an Africa-EU Summit, which has been outstanding since the last one held in Cairo, Egypt in 2000. The meeting agreed to submit the joint Experts' Report on Africa's External debt to the Africa-EU Summit for a political decision.</li> </ul>		
<b>Assembly/AU/Dec.79 (V)</b> Decision Sirte, Libya, in July 2005 Follow-Up on the G 8 Commitments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An African Common Position (ACP) on the G8 commitments was prepared.</li> <li>A Meeting was held in Addis Ababa to draw an African Action Plan on the implementation of the G8 Commitments. The African Action Plan was prepared in the form of a detailed matrix focusing on key development priority areas for the Continent, including Peace and Security; Governance; Infrastructure and Energy; Human Development; Agriculture and Food Security; and Financing for Development, including issues pertaining to domestic resources mobilization, debt cancellation for Africa, and overseas development assistance (ODA). The matrix was presented at the African Partnership Forum in London in November 2005.</li> <li>The AU Commission and NEPAD met in December 2005, in South Africa, to finalize the Joint African Action Plan on the implementation of the African Partnership Forum and the G8 commitments.</li> </ul>		Financial and human resources

TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Decisions: No. & title	Status of implementation		
	Implemented (Fully/ Partly)	Not implemented	Constraints
<b>EX.CL/Dec.203(VII)</b> Decision on the Third Ordinary Session of the Conference of AU Ministers of Trade	<b>Fully Implemented</b> Cairo Declaration, Road Map on the Doha Work Programme and the Declaration on EPA Negotiations		
<b>EX.CL/Dec.204(VII)</b> Decision on Trade Facilitation	Three workshops have been organized at regional level and recommendations relating to enhanced inter-linkages and putting in place of coordinating mechanisms that take into account the necessity for Technical Assistance and Capacity Building have been made.		
<b>EX.CL/Dec.205(VII)</b> Decision on Trade and Investment in Africa	<b>Partly implemented.</b> Within the China-Africa Cooperation Forum, China is doubling its direct investment in Africa within 5 years.		
<b>EX.CL/Dec.206(VII)</b> Decision on the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA III) of the United States of America	Commission to work with UNDP following the organization of a workshop in February 2006 to develop comprehensive work programme.		

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<b>EX.CL/Dec.207(VII)</b>  Decision on TICAD III Africa-Asia Follow-Up Conference, Nov. 2004	<b>Partly implemented</b>  Within the framework of TICAD, initiatives were carried out for the benefit of Africa to reduce poverty through growth: the Afro-Asian Trade and Investment Conference (AATIC), Asia-Africa Centre for Investment Promotion and Technology Transfer, the Africa-Asia Business Forum I, II and III (FAAA), the Asian Business Council (AABC), the Africa-Asia SME Network, TICAD Exchange Network, and Information and Communication Technology.		
<b>Assembly/AU/Dec.80(V)</b>  Draft Decision on Multilateral Trade Negotiations	<b>Fully implemented.</b> The Cairo Declaration and Road Map on the Doha Work Programme served as negotiating tool to African negotiators in Hong Kong in order to speak with one voice and safeguard Africa's interests in WTO negotiations. The Declaration on EPA negotiations is also instrumental in on-going EPA negotiations both in Brussels and at regional level in Africa.		

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