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EX.CL/85(V)

**STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF MAPUTO
AND ADDIS ABABA DECISIONS**

Status of Implementation of Maputo and Addis Ababa Decisions

ADMINISTRATION & HUMAN RESOURCE

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.34 (III) Assembly/AU/Dec.22

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Comparative study to determine the category of staff entitled to Post Adjustment and/or Housing Allowance	Administration & Human Resource Development	Not Specified	Yet to start	Need for services of External Experts
Salary for the Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson and Commissioners	Directorates of Administration & Human Resource Development and Programming, Budget, Finance & Accounts	With effect from 01 January 2004	Decision implemented with effect from 01 January 2004	N/A
Study on a percentage of education allowance to be paid to locally recruited staff	Administration & Human Resource Development	Not Specified	Collection of data has started	N/A
Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)	Directorates of Administration & Human Resource Development and Programming, Budget, Finance & Accounts	With effect from 01 January 2004	Decision Implemented with effect from 01 January 2004	Need to regularly review the scale in consultations with the UN
Increase in the Official Working hours	Administration & Human Resource Development	With effect from 01 January 2004	Consultations underway to make concrete proposals	
Study and proposal of an AU Medical Care Scheme (Medical Insurance and Medical Assistance Plan)	Administration & Human Resource Development	Not specified	TOR drafted and discussions are underway to select Consultants to carry out the assignment	Need for Services of External Experts
Study on the establishment of an AU Life/Accident/Disability	Administration & Human Resource Development	Not specified	TOR drafted and discussions are underway to select Consultants to carry out the assignment	Need for Services of External Experts
Study on the modalities for the establishment of the AU Training Fund	Administration & Human Resource Development	Not specified	TOR drafted and discussions on underway to select the Consultants to carry out the assignment	Need for Services of External Experts

ADMINISTRATION & HUMAN RESOURCE

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.34 (III) Assembly/AU/Dec.22

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Study on Travel allowance (Mileage Allowance)	Directorates of Admin. & Human Resource, Development Programming, Budget, Finance & Accounts	Not specified	Study has not started	Need for Services of External Experts
Preparation of a Disciplinary Regime/Code	Administration & Human Resource Development, Office of the Legal Counsel	Not specified	Not started	Need to compare with other Organisations
Implementation of the quota system	Administration & Human Resource Development	Immediate	Decision will be implemented during all recruitment exercise with effect from 01 January	
Staff Motivation: Principle of rewarding in recognition of staff who excel in the performance of their duties	Administration & Human Resource Development	Not specified	Internal Study has started.	Need for Services of External Experts
Staff Appraisal: Comparison with what prevails at the United Nations	Administration & Human Resource Development	Immediate	Initial work has started. TOR drafted and discussions on underway to select the Consultants to carry out the assignment	Need for Services of External Experts
Study on the AU Group Pension Scheme	Administration & Human Resource Development	Not specified	TOR drafted and discussions on underway to select the Consultants to carry out the assignment	Need for Services of External Experts
Review of salary for the Commission	Directorates of Administration & Human Resource Development and Programming, Budget, Finance & Accounts	Every Five years	Review has not started	Need for services of External Experts

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.83 (IV)

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Recruitment	Directorate of Administration & Human Resources	15 weeks from the adoption of the TOR by PRC i.e. 14 April 2004	- 57 Job announcements already advertised and applications received; - TOR approved by PRC and efforts are underway for the selection of a Group of Consultants to start the screening of applications and recruitment	

ADMINISTRATION & HUMAN RESOURCE

Decision: EXT/EX/CL/Dec.5 (III) Doc EXT/EX/CL/6 (III)

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Study on the grading of the Heads of the Regional/Representational Offices	Administration & Human Resource Development	Not Specified	Study has not started	Need for services of External Experts

COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION

Decision: AHG 160 (XXXVII)

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Popularization of the AU	Communication and Information (A specific task assigned to Member States in collaboration with the AU Commission and the RECs under the auspices of this Unit.)	Continuous exercise	Nil	We aim to achieve convergence of AU Communication Strategy with those of Member States, RECs and other AU Statutory Organs, Programmes and Specialized Agencies in the popularization exercise.

Decision: CM/Dec.505 (LXXI)

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Council of Ministers Decision on Information and Communication in Africa	Press and Information Division	Approved in March 2000	Nil	Needs to be reviewed as soon as possible

Decision: Decision 6(iii) Executive Council

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
World Summit on Information Society (WSIS), July 2003, Maputo, Mozambique	Communication and Information	December 2005	Nil	Preparing the Chairperson's report to the Executive Council in July 2004

AFRO-ARAB COOPERATION

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.53 (III) on Afro-Arab Cooperation

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Convene the 2 nd meeting of independent experts on the revitalization of Afro-Arab Cooperation.	AU and the League of Arab States	End of January 2004	Contacts were made with the Secretariats of the League of Arab States and it is currently identifying experts other than those that were present at the first meeting. The meeting is slated for January 2004 in Addis Ababa.	
Request Burkina Faso and Zimbabwe to communicate the names of their representatives to the Scientific Council of the Afro-Arab Cultural Institute.	Burkina Faso, Zimbabwe, AU		The two countries concerned were already contacted well before the Maputo Summit. Burkina Faso submitted two names. It was requested to communicate the CVs of its two experts for the Institute to select one. Two reminders have been addressed to Zimbabwe.	
Implement the decisions of the Standing Commission for Afro-Arab Cooperation.	AU and the League of Arab States		The decisions concerning the Forum on Investment in Agriculture, establishment of the Afro-Arab Cultural Institute and the meeting of independent experts on the revitalization of Afro-Arab Cooperation have been implemented at various levels. On the other hand, the modalities for the establishment of an Afro-Arab Preferential Trade Area and of oil producing countries granting tariff concessions to non-oil producing countries need to be studied.	
Immediately commence preparations for the 2 nd phase of the Afro-Arab Investment Forum in the Agricultural sector.	AU	2 nd half of 2004	West and Southern African countries and RECs will be contacted shortly (October 2003) to brief them on the project and elicit offers to host the second Forum. This Forum could be held in the second half of the year.	
Submit the conclusions of the 2 experts meetings for approval and follow-up to the 13 th session of the Standing Commission for Afro-Arab Cooperation.	AU and the League of Arab States		Consultations are underway to ensure that the 13 th session of the Standing Commission for Afro-Arab Cooperation (12 African Ministers and 12 Arab Ministers) can be held in March 2004 with every guarantee of success. Libya and The Sudan will also be consulted regarding the hosting of the Commission which will consider, <i>inter alia</i> , the conclusions of the two experts meetings and take the appropriate revitalization measures.	Date to be decided for the convening of the 13 th session

AFRO-ARAB COOPERATION

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.54(III) on the Special Emergency Assistance Fund for Drought and Famine in Africa

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Provide financial assistance to the Fund.	Member States, AU		No action has been carried out. The Steering Committee of the Fund will be convened to discuss a programme for mobilization of funds in the margins of the next Executive Council.	
Decision: EX/CL/Dec.68(III) on Afro-Arab Youth Conference				
Activity Prepare and mobilize countries and NGOs and participate.	Concerned AU, Member States, NGOs	Timeframe	Status Preparation of documents and other forms of participation in concert with the Department for Human Resource Development.	Remarks Initiate contacts with The Sudan
CSSDCA				
Decision: EX/CL/Dec. 21 (III)				
Activity ECOSOCC	Concerned CSSDCA	Timeframe March-July 2004	Status Draft to be reviewed by PRC as basis for submission to Executive Council and Assembly in July 2004	Remarks Urgent need for PRC review date to be fixed for early May 2004 - Reminder
Decision: Ext/EX/CL/Dec.6(III)				
Activity Diaspora	Concerned CSSDCA	Timeframe July 2004	Status Technical Workshop planned for Trinidad and Tobago, in late May 2004	Remarks Authorization required to convene Workshop

CULTURE**Decision:** EX/CL/Dec.67(III) on the International Convention on Cultural Diversity

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Desist from any commitment to WTO liberalization of cultural services, goods and products and avoid jeopardizing the effectiveness of the instruments aimed at promoting and supporting cultural diversity.	AU, Member States		Sensitization and mobilization of Member countries and partner organizations (UNESCO, OIF, Alliance Global, RIDC) to prevent commitments being made on liberalization of trade in cultural products and for the adoption by the UNESCO General Conference in 2005 of a Convention	

CULTURE

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.69 (III) on the Establishment of a Cinema and Audiovisual Commission and a Promotion Fund

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
<p>1. Implement the relevant provisions of the Dakar Plan of Action on Cultural Industries as adopted by the OAU Assembly of Heads of State and Government meeting in July 1992 in Dakar (Senegal)</p> <p>Furthermore, on the basis of the declaration:</p> <p>2. Take the necessary steps in conjunction with the Pan-African Federation of Film-makers, FEPACI, URTNA, MASA, FESPACO, UNESCO and all stakeholders to hold consultations and conduct preliminary studies with a view to establishing an African Commission on the Audiovisual and Cinema as well as a Fund to promote the cinema industry and television programmes in Africa.</p> <p>3. Ensure that the statutes of these permanent structures facilitate the participation of the African Union, the RECs, African governments, the private sector and the civil society in the activities of these structures.</p>	<p>AU, Member States, FEPACI</p>		<p>This decision was considered by the Drafting Committee and improperly submitted to the Executive Council whereas the item had only been presented at the Summit by President Kerekou of Benin. Among other points not reflected in the decision, the President recommended that culture be taken into account in NEPAD, which was welcomed by all intellectuals, thinkers and creators that are supporters of innovation in African affairs. It would therefore be advisable to complete the terms of the decision later.</p> <p>President Kerekou and the NEPAD Secretariat requested UNESCO to organize, in collaboration with the Commission, an international conference on culture and NEPAD. The experts meeting mandated to prepare the conference took place in September 2003 in Abidjan. The Commission participated. More generally, the conditions for the full implementation of the decision will be discussed at the Pan-African Cultural Congress, the preparatory meeting of which already took place at the AU Office in Nairobi in December 2002. The funds earmarked in the budget for this conference are insufficient.</p>	<p>Request for funds to organize the Pan-African Cultural Congress.</p>

CULTURE**Decision:** EX/CL/Dec.71(III) on the Symbols of the African Union

Activity
 Submit to the Commission as soon as possible the name and contact address of experts from each of the 5 African regions to serve on the Pre-selection Panels and convene these Panels as early as possible

Concerned
 AU, Regional Deans (Algeria, Gabon, Lesotho, Liberia, Tanzania) Member States

Timeframe
 9 - 18 February 2004

Status

The deadline for submitting entries was extended to 30 October 2003. To date, none of the 20 countries contacted by the 5 Regional Deans (Algeria, Gabon, Lesotho, Liberia, Tanzania) have communicated the names of their experts. The experts meeting is scheduled to hold from 9 to 18 February 2004 in Addis Ababa and the conclusions of the experts will be submitted to the next session of the Executive Council. It should be noted that a not negligible school of thought proposes that all or some of the existing symbols be retained.

Remarks

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Decision: AHG/DEC.160 (XXXVII)

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Meeting of the Coordination Committee	RECs, ECA, ADB	October 2004	Implementation underway	It will be presided by the Chairperson of the Commission to, among other things, adopt the new protocol
Revision of the Protocol governing relations between the African Union and the RECs	RECs, ECA, ADB	10 - 12 May 2004	Meeting of officials of the Commission and the RECs to consider, <i>inter alia</i> , the Draft Protocol. Preparations are well underway.	

Decision: AHG/OAU/AEC/DEC.1(II) Par. 12 (c) and EX.CL/Dec.9 (II)

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
International Cooperation Follow-up on the Africa-Europe Summit	European Union		Implementation of activity ongoing Refer to the Report of the Chairperson of the Commission for the mid-term review	The Ministerial Troika recently met in Dublin (1 April 2004)

Decision: AHG/OAU/AEC/DEC.1(II) Parg. 11b

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
International Cooperation Follow-up on the TICAD Initiative	Japan, China		The Commission monitored the entire process for the preparation of TICAD III and participated in the activities of this TICAD III, see Report of the Chairperson of the Commission and the relevant recommendations	Contacts are being initiated with the Japanese authorities to submit economic projects to the latter

Decision: EAHG/DECL.1(III), EAHG/2 (III)

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Contact Group on Africa's Debt (debt reduction)	Member States, Development partners		Activity to be started after the July 2004 Summit	Preparations are well underway

Decision: EX.CL/Dec. 5(II) on the 2003 budget, N'djamena Executive Council

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Capacity building Training Programme on economic integration in Africa	RECs, Member States		Implementation ongoing The Anglophone session began on 19 January 2004 and ended on 20 February 2004 The Francophone session started on 22 March 2004 and will end on 23 April 2004	Activity to be pursued in time due to the enthusiasm generated among Member States and the RECs It is integrated in the Four Year Programme
The « Fridays » of the Commission	PRC, Addis Ababa University		Will begin as soon as the Four Year Programme is adopted	This activity is integrated in the Four Year Programme
African Economic Integration Review	Associations of African Universities, African Research Centres		Contribution of the African and non-African intelligentsia to the ongoing integration process. The Scientific Committee is currently in the process of being established	This activity is integrated in the Four Year Programme

FINANCE

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.22(III)

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Meeting of Experts of Member States on Alternative Sources of Funding the African Union	Directorate of Programming, Budget, Finance and Accounts (PBFA)	5 th Session of the Executive Council		The meeting of the group of 15 experts from Member States was held from 3 to 5 May 2004. The recommendations made at this meeting are contained in the report which will be submitted for consideration by the 8 th PRC session and the 5 th Executive Council session

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.23(III)

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Budget for the period September to December 2003	Directorate of Programming, Budget, Finance and Accounts (PBFA)	September to December 2003		The decision was implemented, the budget for the said period having been executed.

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.24(III)

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Budget for the 2004 financial year	Directorate of Programming, Budget, Finance and Accounts (PBFA)	January to December 2004		Implementation ongoing Paragraphs ii) and iii) were not implemented due to the ongoing preparation of the Four Year Programme

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.25(III)

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Recommendation of the Sub-Committee on Contributions	Directorate of Programming, Budget, Finance and Accounts (PBFA)	Immediately		All the provisions of the decision have been implemented

FINANCE

Decision: EX.CL/Dec.35(III)

Activity

Review of the Scale of
Assessment

Concerned

Directorate of Programming,
Budget, Finance and Accounts
(PBFA)

Timeframe

1 January 2004

Status

The new Scale of Assessment entered into force on 1 January 2004 and contributions for the 2004 Budget were distributed among Member States based on the new scale, except in the case of Algeria to which the Assembly granted a five-year moratorium.

The readjustments provided for in paragraph ii) are being prepared and will be submitted for the consideration of the *Ad Hoc* Ministerial Committee in early July 2004

Remarks

GENDER**Decision: ASS/AU/Dec.13 (II), Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights Relating to the Rights of Women**

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Advocacy for signature and ratification of the Protocol on Women and for the deposit of the instruments of ratification with the AU Commission	Political Affairs is the lead Department, in close collaboration with the Office of Legal Counsel and the Gender Directorate)	2004 onwards	Consultations have been held in-house regarding follow-up activities & sources of funding	Consultation need to start with partners & other stakeholders , especially civil society, regarding advocacy strategy to be made

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.66(III), 1. Elaboration of an AU Policy and Declaration on Gender

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Preparation of TORs for project-Sourcing of CVs & identify appropriate Consultants-Recruitment of Consultants -Preparation of the draft document -Stakeholder consultations both internally and externally with the RECs, Member States, UN Agencies and other stakeholders-Convening of a validation seminar -Submission of draft document to AU Policy Makers	Gender Directorate	2004 -2006	Working Group on Gender held & consultations & recommendations made regarding both content & process of elaboration-CVs sourced & consultants ready for recruitment-TORs for project under preparation- Consultants will participate at the forthcoming second Working Group on Gender to get orientation on their work, and start immediately putting the draft Policy together	Quality & success of the Policy will depend on whether the various stakeholders feel a sense of identification & ownership of the Policy. Therefore, elaboration of the Policy has to be a process that is based on the widest and most inclusive consultations possible. This means that adequate time & funding has to be set aside for process; this cannot be a "quick win"; the draft Policy has to be thoroughly discussed & agreed with the various

GENDER**Decision: EX/CL/Dec.66(III), 2. Elaboration of a strategy for mainstreaming gender into activities of the Commission as well as Member States and Regional Economic Communities (RECs)**

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Preparation of TORs for project-Sourcing of CVs & identify appropriate Consultants-Recruitment of Consultants -Preparation of the draft document -Stakeholder consultations both internally and externally with the RECs, Member States, UN Agencies and other stakeholders-Convening of a validation seminar-Submission of draft document to AU Policy Makers	Gender Directorate	2004 - 2005	Working Group on Gender held & consultations & recommendations made regarding both content & process of elaboration-CVs sourced & consultants ready for recruitment-TORs for project under preparation- Consultants will participate at the forthcoming second Working Group on Gender to get orientation on their work, and start immediately putting the draft Policy together	Quality & success of the Policy will depend on whether the various stakeholders feel a sense of identification & ownership of the Policy. Therefore, elaboration of the Policy has to be a process that is based on the widest and most inclusive consultations possible. This means that adequate time & funding has to be set aside for process; this cannot be a "quick win"; the draft Policy has to be thoroughly discussed & agreed with the various

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.66(III), 3. Elaboration of an Implementation and Coordination Framework

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
...	Gender Directorate	2004 - 2005	Working Group on Gender held & consultations & recommendations made regarding both content & process of elaboration-CVs sourced & consultants ready for recruitment-TORs for project under preparation- Consultants will participate at the forthcoming second Working Group on Gender to get orientation on their work, and start immediately putting the draft Policy together	Quality & success of the Policy will depend on whether the various stakeholders feel a sense of identification & ownership of the Policy. Therefore, elaboration of the Policy has to be a process that is based on the widest and most inclusive consultations possible. This means that adequate time & funding has to be set aside for process; this cannot be a "quick win"; the draft Policy has to be thoroughly discussed & agreed with the various

GENDER

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.66(III), 4. Operationalizing the African Women’s Committee on Peace and Development (AWCPD)

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Undertaking stakeholder consultations -Preparation of TORs of Consultant-Recruitment of consultant to sift through the 3 evaluation reports & facilitate discussions between the Committee and the AU & ECA-Organizing working sessions between the key stakeholders-Convening a Meeting on the Committee & submission of recommendations to the Chairperson of the AU Commission for consideration-Implementation of the decision of the Chairperson, which could involve the following: of the Secretariat of the Committee- Nominati on of members of the Committee- Convenin g of the initial meeting of the Committee- Drafting of Work Programme for the Committee- Resource mobilization for the Committee	Gender Directorate	2004 -2005	Consultations with stakeholders undertaken-Consultant recruited-The three evaluation reports reviewed-Working sessions with key stakeholders held-Meeting on the Committee held-Meeting of key Departments in the AU Commission being called to consider the recommendations of the AWCPD meeting, with a view to submitting recommendations to the Chairperson for consideration and approval	There is a continuing need for goodwill and political support to ensure that the Committee or the new mechanism that will be put in its place becomes operational as soon as possible, and has enough resources to enable it to implement its mandate.

GENDER**Decision:** EX/CL/Dec.72.(III), The launching of the Specialized Technical Committees

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Deepen the study undertaken and submit it to Member States and the various concerned African Ministerial Conferences-Collaborating with the Task Force on STCs to ensure that the recommendation regarding the establishment of an STC on Gender is taken on board	Task Force on STCs			Given the important directing and supervisory role of STCs on the day-to-day activities of the Commission, in setting policy, and monitoring implementation of the decisions of the Policy Organs, it is critical that an STC on Gender be established as soon as possible

HUMAN RESOURCES, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.26(III) – AFRICA-WIDE CAPACITY BUILDING IN BIOSAFETY

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Putting in place an Africa-wide Capacity Building Programme in Biosafety.			Cooperation Agreement signed between the Commission and the German Government for financing (2million Euros) the Programme.	Finalization of the Programme Documents and beginning of its implementation.
Putting in place an Africa-wide Biosafety System.			African Model Legislation prepared and distributed in Member States.	Seek additional financing for other components of the programme.
Convening 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.			A meeting of the AU/STRC Lagos Office Committee of Experts was held in January 2004 and served as a preparatory meeting to the major meeting of Experts and the Civil Society.	The proposed meeting is being prepared; it will take place in November/December 2004.

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.61(III) – THE WORLD SUMMET ON INFORMATION SOCIETY (WSIS)

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Participate actively in the preparatory process and the 2003 and 2005 Summits			The Commission participated actively in the meetings organized during the preparatory period. The Chairperson of the Commission personally headed the AU delegation to the activities of Phase I of the Summit which took place in December	Get even more actively involved in the preparations for Phase II of the Summit which will take place in November 2005 in Tunis, on African soil, to ensure the resounding success of the event.

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.68(III) - AFRO-ARAB YOUTH CONFERENCE

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
The Conference took place in March 2004 in Khartoum, The Sudan.			A delegation headed by the Commissioner for Social Affairs, Human Resources, Science and Technology represented the Commission.	Monitor, in concert with the Afro-Arab Cooperation Unit, the implementation of the decisions of the Conference.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENERGY

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.27 (III) - African Energy Commission (AFREC)

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Promote AFREC goals, objectives and programmes. Make Budget provision for financing the position of the AFREC Interim Executive Director and some of its initial activities	AUC, Member States.	AFREC fully operational by June 2005	There is slow pace in the ratification of the AFREC Convention which is yet to enter into force. Financial assistance is granted to AFREC by the AU Commission.	
Report regularly to the Executive Council on the activities of AFREC. Prepare quarterly			Activities to render AFREC operational are ongoing.	
Urge all Member States to sign and ratify the Convention on the establishment of AFREC as well as to provide the necessary support to the Commission. Send Notes Verbale to Member States to urge them to sign and ratify the AFREC Convention.	The AU Commission	Entry into force of the AFREC Convention by March 2005	Notes Verbale have been sent to Member States to sensitise and urge them to sign and ratify the Convention.	

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.60 (III) - Maritime Security in Africa

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Carry out revision of the African Maritime Transport Charter and the Model Maritime Legislation. Organising a Ministerial conference on maritime transport.	The AU Commission, Member States.	Ratification of the African Maritime Transport Charter by March 2005.		
Study the containerisation and the possibility of establishing a container centre in Africa.		Completion of the feasibility study on the establishment of a container centre in Africa by June 2005.		

INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENERGY

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.60 (III) - Maritime Security in Africa

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
<p>Convene a conference of maritime transport Ministers preceded by a preparatory meeting of experts to consider and adopt the revised documents.</p>				
<p>Urge Member States to accede to and implement all international conventions on the issue and particularly the International Ship and Port facility Security and the Convention on the Safety of Life at Sea. Sending Notes Verbale to Member States to urge them to ratify and implement the international conventions including the African Maritime Transport Charter and Model Maritime Legislation.</p>	<p>The AU Commission, Member States.</p>	<p>Ratification of key international conventions on maritime safety and security by December 2005.</p>		<p>Human and financial constraints facing the Commission has put activities related to this decision on hold. Their implementation is expected to commence once the ongoing elaboration of the quadrennial programme of work of the Union is finalised by July 2004.</p>

INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENERGY

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.61(III) - The World Summit on Information Society (WSIS)

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
<p>Get actively involved in the process leading up to the Summit with a view to forging a common understanding on an information society on a just, comprehensive and sustainable development project.</p> <p>2. Participate actively in the preparatory process and in the two-phase summit, Geneva 2003 and Tunis 2005 and enhance its visibility in the process.</p> <p>Participation in the preparatory meetings and in both phases of the Summit.</p>	<p>The AU Commission, Member States</p>	<p>July 2004 - December 2005</p>	<p>This is an ongoing activity which has been given due priority in the programme of the African Union.</p>	

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.72(III) - The launching of the Specialised Technical Committees

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
<p>Deepen the study undertaken and submit it to Member States and the various concerned African Ministerial sectoral conferences.</p> <p>Forwarding the initial report of the study to the RECs and various departments for their views.</p> <p>Engagement of a consultant to conduct the expanded study</p>	<p>The AU Commission</p>	<p>March 2005</p>	<p>Progress has been constrained by lack of human and financial resources compounded by the ongoing intense work on the formulation of the quadrennial programme of the Commission. The activity is expected back on track once the latter exercise is finalised.</p>	

LEGAL

Decision: EX/CL/Dec. 85 (IV), Finalization of the Draft Additional Protocol to the OAU/AU Convention on the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Convene meeting of Experts to consider and finalize the additional Protocol	The AU Commission (Peace and Security Department and Office of the Legal Counsel)	Protocol to be adopted by the Third Ordinary Session of the Assembly in July 2004		Objective is achievable

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.91 (IV), Establishment of Regional Offices of the African Union in the five Geographical Regions

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Consider all aspects and implications of the proposal and submit a Report to the Executive Council at its next Ordinary Session in July 2004	The AU Commission (Bureau of the Chairperson/Office of the Legal Counsel/ Administration Directorate)	To be submitted to the Assembly in July 2004		The in depth study may require more time than has been given, in particular consultations with RECs as well as an assessment of the mandate, structures and performance of the existing representational and specialized offices of the AU. The comprehensive Report will not be ready, and a progress Report will be submitted.

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.92 (IV), Relations between the African continent and other continents of the World

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Consider all aspects and implications of the proposal and submit a Report to the Executive Council at its next Ordinary Session in July 2004	The AU Commission (Bureau of the Chairperson/Office of the Legal Counsel/ All Portfolios)	To be submitted to the Assembly in July 2004		The comprehensive study is not ready and a progress report will be submitted to Executive Council in July 2004

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.33 (III), Status of Signature and Ratification of AU Treaties

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Member States to sign and ratify the treaties/conventions adopted by AU	The AU Commission (Office of the Legal Counsel/ Bureau of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson)	By the end of 2004 all Member States should have signed the 29 treaties. Ratification/ Accession by the end of 2005	Reports on the status is prepared for the attention of the Executive Council and serves as a reminder for Member States. The Signing week will be an item on the annual agenda of the Commission	A signing week under the theme "The contribution of the OAU/AU Treaties to the development of the Rule of Law", initiated by the Chairperson from 3 to 10 December 2003, to sensitize Member States of the need to sign and ratify AU Treaties, was very successful. Reports on the Status, which also serves as a reminder to Member States are also prepared regularly and submitted to the Executive Council

LEGAL

Decision: ASS/AU/Dec.9 (II), Revised African Convention on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, Maputo,

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Member States to sign and ratify the revised Convention	The AU Commission (Office of the Legal Counsel/Bureau of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson/Rural Economy and Agriculture Department	Immediate		To date (30 May 2004), twenty-six (26) Members State have signed it. One Member States deposited its instrument of ratification.

Decision: ASS/AU/Dec.19 (II), Draft Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights relating to the Rights of Women

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Member States to sign and ratify the Protocol and deposit the instruments of ratification with the AU Commission	The AU Commission (Office of the Legal Counsel/Bureau of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson/ Political Affairs Department)	Immediate		To date (30 March 2004), twenty-nine (29) Member States have signed it. One Member State deposited its instrument of ratification.

Decision: ASS/AU/Dec.25 (II), Draft Protocol on the Court of Justice of the African Union

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Member States to sign and ratify the Protocol and deposit the instruments of ratification with the AU Commission	The AU Commission (Office of the Legal Counsel/Bureau of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson)	Immediate		To date (30 May 2004), twenty-nine (29) Members States have signed it. Two Member States deposited their instruments of ratification.

Decision: ASS/AU/Dec.27 (II), Draft Convention on the Prevention and Combating of Corruption

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Member States to sign and ratify the Convention and Deposit the instruments of ratification with the AU Commission	The AU Commission (Office of the Legal Counsel/Bureau of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson/Political Affairs Department)	Immediate		To date (30 March 2004), twenty-eight (28) Members States have signed it. One Member State deposited its instrument of ratification.

Decision: ASS/AU/Dec.28(II), Decision on Appointment of Commissioners

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Election and Appointment of Commissioners for Economic Affairs and Human Resources, Science and Technology Portfolios	The AU Commission (Office of the Legal Counsel)	February 2004	The 4th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 15-16 March 2004 elected and appointed the Commissioners for Economic Affairs and Human Resources, Science and Technology Portfolios.	

NEPAD

Decision: Assembly/AU/Decl.8(IV) Implementation of NEPAD

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Negotiate temporary Host Agreement with South Africa	Office of the Chairperson		The draft Host Agreement is ready	
Establish linkages between AU Organs & NEPAD Steering Committee	Office of the Chairperson		The process has been launched	
Formalise working relations between AU Commission & NEPAD Secretariat	Office of the Chairperson		The process has been launched	
Alignment of conditions of service etc. between AU &	Office of the Chairperson		The process has been initiated	
Develop sustainable funding mechanism	Office of the Chairperson		Specific proposals are awaiting consideration by PRC	
Appointment of Executive Head of the NEPAD Secretariat	Office of the Chairperson		Consultations are underway	
Integration of NEPAD into the AU Structures & Processes	Office of the Chairperson	3 years		

Status of Maputo Summit Decisions

PEACE & SECURITY

Decision: ASS/AU/Dec. 13 (II) Maputo 2003 on the Common African Defence and Security Policy

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
<p>Convened on 17 - 19 January 2004, a meeting of Chiefs of Defence Staff and Experts to examine the draft Framework Document for the Establishment of the Common African Defence and Security Policy</p> <p>- The final Draft was submitted to the Extraordinary Summit of the Assembly of the Union, held on 28 February 2004, in Sirte, Libya which adopted the Solemn Declaration on the Common African Defence and Security Policy.</p>	Peace and Security	July 2003 - February 2004	completed	<p>Focus should be given to the implementation of the Solemn Declaration on Common African Defence and Security Policy.</p> <p>Preparation is underway to convene the meeting of experts to finalize the draft Non-Aggression and Common Defence Pact.</p>

Decision: ASS/AU/Dec. 16 (II) Maputo 2003 on the Operationalization of the Peace and Security Council

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
<p>Chairperson dispatched Special Envoys/ Representatives to deliver his personal appeal to countries which had not ratified the PSC Protocol to do so</p> <p>Convened on 3 - 5 December 2003, a meeting of Continental Experts and PRC to consider the Rules of Procedure of the PSC</p>	Peace and Security	July 2003 - July 2004	Partially completed	<p>The PSC has been operationalized as directed. It was solemnly launched at the level of Heads of State and Government on 25 May 2004. Ongoing efforts are now focused on operationalization of other Mechanisms provided for in the protocol , such as the Continental Early Warning System , the African Standby Force and the Panel of the Wise. Progress has also been made in the finalization of a Memorandum of Understanding</p> <p>The implementation of the decision however, will only be completed when such institutions are fully operationalized</p>

Convened on 20 - 21 January 2004,
a meeting of
the PRC, to review the
revised Draft Rules of
Procedure of the PSC and the
Draft Modalities for the
Election of PSC
Members

Convened on 17 - 20 January 2004,
a meeting of
Chiefs of Defence Staff
followed by the 1st
Meeting of Ministers of
Defence and Security.

Convened on 15 March 2004 the 4th
Ordinary Session of the
Executive Council
operationalized the
PSC.

On 16 March 2004, 1st
PSC meeting adopted
its Rules of Procedure,
subsequently adopted
by the Executive
Council, on behalf of
the Assembly.

Decision: ASS/AU/Dec. 16 (II) Maputo 2003 on the Operationalization of the Peace and Security Council

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Preparation of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Between the AU and the RECs	Peace and Security	November 2003	Completed	
AU Consultative Mission to the RECs	Peace and Security	Dec 2003- Feb. 2004	Completed	Mission to UMA was differed at their request
AU-RECs Meeting to Finalize draft MoU	Peace and Security	April 2004	Under discussion	

Decision: Doc. EX/CL/42 (III)f on the Situation in Angola

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Preparation for the convening of the Continental meeting on Landmines	Peace and Security with the Government of Angola	Mid-September 2004	An AU mission was undertaken to Luanda, Angola, from 23-25 March 2004.	Time constraints Heavy programme of work

Decision: EX/CL/42 (II) b on Somalia Peace Process

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Consultations with the UN Panels on the Arms Embargo Against Somalia	Peace and Security	August 2003	Done	Consultations laid foundation for further collaboration
AU-IGAD Technical Fact-finding mission to Somalia	Peace and Security		Done	Mission was successful/well received by the Somalis
Reconnaissance mission effected in most parts of Somalia in preparation for a future AU Military Observer Mission	Peace and Security		Done	Mission largely welcomed by the Somalis; but faced obstacles in a few areas
Drafting Comprehensive Ceasefire for Somalia	Peace and Security	December 2003	Done	Drafting process received cooperation from the Officials of the IGAD Facilitation Committee and the Somali leaders
Consultations of the Draft Ceasefire Agreement	Peace and Security	December 2003	Special Envoy currently making further consultations with the Somali Leaders	Parties concerned are cooperating
Supporting Somali Ceasefire negotiations	Peace and Security	April/May 2004	Special Envoy engaged in Consultations at Mbaghati Kenya, initial consultations done in Nairobi, in May 04	AU Special Envoy in consultations with concerned parties
Consultations with IGAD member states on the UN Arms Embargo against Somalia	Peace and Security	April/May 2004	Preparatory consultations undertaken at Mbaghati, Kenya in May 2004	Workshop still to be held on the issue
Completion of pre-deployment reconnaissance mission in Somalia	Peace and Security	Parallel to the progress of the peace process- June/July 2004	Pending	Special Envoy consulting with the Somalis and the IGAD Facilitation Committee at Mbaghati

Consultations with the UN Monitoring Group on the Arms Embargo Against Somalia	Peace and Security	June 2004	Pending	Consultations to lay down foundation for collaboration
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Decision: EX/CL/42 (II) b on Somalia Peace Process

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
AU Special Envoy back-up role to the Somali reconciliation process	Peace and Security	Ongoing conclusion of the process expected by 31 July 2004	Ongoing	Special Envoy participates in conference sessions

Decision: EX/CL/42(III) Comoros

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Holding of elections	Peace and Security	March - April 2004	Elections held Union elections were held on the level of the Union in April	
Holding of 5 meetings of the follow-up Committee on the Agreement of 20 December 2003, on the transitional arrangement in the Comoros	African Union		Peace and Security January – May 2004	Meetings held Financial constraints
Holding of elections	Peace and Security African Union	March-April	Elections held on the level of Autonomous Islands	
Sending of Civilian Observers Mission	Peace and Security African Union	March-May	Done	Financial Constraints
Sending of Civilian Observers Mission	Peace and Security Political Affairs/ African Union		Done	
Designation of an Expert in Budget and Financial matters for the follow-up Committee	Peace and Security African Union		Done	
Designation of an Expert in customs matters for the Steering Council on customs	Peace and Security African Union		Done	

Holding of 5 meetings of the follow-up Committee on 20 December 2003, on transitional arrangements in the Comoros
 Peace and Security
 January-May 2004
 Meetings held
 Financial constraints

Decision: EX/CL/42/(III) Comoros

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Holding of 6 meetings of the validation Committee	Peace and Security/ African Union	January – April 2004	Meetings held	Financial constraints
Designation of 2 Experts for the validation Committee	Peace and Security/ African Union	March – April 2004	Done	
Contributions to the Fiduciary Fund to the Comoros	Peace and Security/ African Union	March – May 2004	Done	

Decision: EX/CL/Dec 42 (III) Democratic Republic of Congo

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Support the different aspects of the peace process through working visits by officials of the Commission	The Commission	Current year	Pending	
Motivate the African Commission for Human and Peoples' Rights to work with the Congolese Human Rights Observatory	Peace and Security		Already done	
Strengthen the capacity of the Office to enable it to face up to the different constraints of the transition period	The Commission	Current year	Pending	

Decision: EX/CL/Dec 42 (III) Democratic Republic of Congo

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Joins missions to The Congo to evaluate the electoral process and the needs of the Office	Peace/Security and Political Affairs	Current year	Pending	

Decision: EX/CL/Dec. 38(III) on the Peace Process in the Sudan

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Meeting of the AU Ministerial Committee for Post-Conflict Reconstruction in the Sudan	Peace and Security	15 March 2004	Done	Inaugural meeting of the Ministerial Meeting adopted its Terms of Reference and work programme
Assisted in the facilitation of the Inter-Sudanese Talks that culminated in the signing of a Humanitarian Ceasefire Agreement on Darfur between the Government of the Sudan and the Sudan Liberation Movement and the Justice and Equality Movement	Peace and Security	9 April 2004	Done	Mission was a success as an agreement to allow humanitarian aid was signed, what remained is the implementation of the Agreement
Dispatched a Reconnaissance Mission to The Sudan and Chad as a follow-up to the Humanitarian Ceasefire Agreement	Peace and Security	6 – 17 May 2004	Done	Discovered that the situation in Darfur was still precarious and needed attention
Participated in negotiations that culminated in the signing of an agreement to convene and, hold a general conference of all the representatives of Darfur to discuss the political, economic and social aspects of the negotiations in Darfur	Peace and Security	May 2004	Done	When the conference is held it should be to resolve the major issues that have led to war in Darfur. The parties should be encouraged to hold the conference as soon as possible
Hosted negotiations on the implementation modalities of the Ceasefire Agreement between GOS and SLM and JEM	Peace and Security	27-28 May 2004	Done	The Sudanese Parties signed an Agreement and gave permission to the AU observers to carry out their mission in Sudan and Chad. It is hoped that the mission will help curb any possible violations of the Ceasefire Agreement

Decision: EX/CL/Dec. 38(III) on the Peace Process in the Sudan

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Dispatched an advance party of AU Observers and Monitors to the Sudan and Chad	Peace and Security	In progress	2 June 2004	The next batch of observers /monitors will be sent as soon as the advance party has facilitated for the monitoring team to deploy and has also established operational bases at designated locations. Efforts are continuing to solicit Financial assistance for this mission.
Represented at a High Level Donor Alert Conference on Darfur held in Geneva, Switzerland, was also represented. At the informal consultations with the representatives of the Sudan Liberation Movement/Army and the Justice and Equality Movement, on the humanitarian situation in Darfur, Sudan on the margins of the Donor Alert Conference	Peace and Security	3 June 2004	Done	A joint statement prepared by co-chairs (UN, US & EU) stated that efforts of the AU to establish the Ceasefire Commission & to deploy monitors should be fully & actively supported & they welcomed the initial deployment of observers/monitors to Darfur by AU
Dispatch of African Experts and AU inter-Departmental team for a fact-finding Mission to The Sudan for the Post-Conflict Reconstruction of Sudan	Peace and Security	June 2004	Consultation in progress	A high level delegation should establish the best possible way that the AU could be effective during the Post-conflict Reconstruction period on The Sudan, particularly that the final agreement is about to be signed
The Special Envoy attended the formal launching of the final phase of the Sudan Peace Process in Nairobi	Peace and Security	5 June 2004	Done	At the launch the parties agreed that all issues in the Sudan conflict have been addressed except agreements on the Permanent Ceasefire Agreement & Modalities of implementing the Comprehensive Peace Agreement

Decision: EX/CL/Dec. 42 (III) d on the Peace Process in Burundi

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Urge Agathon Rwasa's PALIPEHUTU-FNL to join the peace and reconciliation process in Burundi	Department of Peace and Security	Efforts underway	Efforts underway	Sustained efforts should be deployed to convince Rwasa's PALIPEHUTU-FNL to finally join the peace process

Decision: EX/CL/Dec. 42 (III) d on the Peace Process in Burundi

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Request Member States, the United Nations and the international community as a whole to lend their support for financing the AMIB (The United Nations deployed a peace keeping mission in Burundi on 1 June 2004)	Department of Peace and Security		No support from Member States for 'AMIB	Member States should make efforts to support the AMIB financially and logistically Reform of the security sector
Convene the Regional Initiative for Burundi to resolve all pending issues, particularly between the Transition Government of Burundi and the CNDD-FDD of Pierre Nkurunziza	Peace and Security Department	Done	Extension of the Transition Government of Burundi and the Military Command of the Armed Forces of Burundi to Pierre Nkurunziza's CNDD-FDD	Continue to mobilize the requisite resources for the socio-economic reconstruction of Burundi
Urgent appeal to the international community for the early release of the financial assistance promised during the Paris and Geneva I and II Round Tables	Peace and Security Department		Constant reminders	

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.42(III)g Central African Republic (CAR)

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
- Mission of the Special Envoy to Bangui, in September 2003 and participation in the official opening and closing of the National Dialogue (September-October 2003) - Discussions with the European Union (EU) delegation and the Head of the UN Office in CAR (BONUCA), in Bangui in September 2003 - Mission of the Chairperson of the Commission to Bangui, March 2004	Peace and Security Commission		Done	The uncertainties of the political process for the return to constitutional legality forced the Commission to temporarily suspend the opening of a Liaison Office. Continuation of consultations with regional organizations to harmonize their positions and actions with those of the AU
Harmonization of the positions and activities of regional and international organizations and those of the AU	Peace and Security Special Envoys	March 2004	Done	Persistent divergent views between CEMAC, ECCAS and AU

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.43 (III) Cote d' Ivoire

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Activity continue to participate in the deliberations of Linas-Marcoussis Agreement Follow-Up Committee	Special Representative in Côte d'Ivoire	Throughout the year	Underway	Lack of cohesion within the Follow-Up Committee
Mobilize resources for the demobilization, disarmament and encampment of ex-combatants	Peace & Security	2004	Underway	Operation not yet realized because of the deadlock in the peace process
In collaboration with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and combat impunity	Peace & Security	2004	Underway	The Peace and Security called an investigation into the violations committed since the beginning of the crises
Regularly assess the humanitarian situation	Special Representative in Côte d'Ivoire	Throughout the year	Underway	Envisage the possibility of allocating resources for this purposes

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.44 (III) Liberia

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Identify the concrete Measures to be taken by the peace process in Liberia and the efforts deployed by ECOWAS	Peace and Security	Ongoing	Consultations underway by the Special Envoy	Follow-up necessary
Establish a Liaison Office in Monrovia to enable the Union to play the role expected of it in the Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC) and the Implementation Monitoring Committee (IMC) provided for by the Ceasefire Agreement and the Comprehensive Peace Agreement respectively	Peace and Security	Ongoing	The 5 th Session of the Peace and Security Council supporting the Chairperson's initiative of establishing a Liaison Office in Moroni	Action should be taken
Participate to the International Conference on the Reconciliation in Liberia	Peace and Security	5-6 Feb. 2004	Done	Needs to motivate the Donors

Decision: EX/CL/Dec/43 (III) Conference on the Great Lakes Region

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Joint AU/UN Missions	Peace and Security	2004		Some have already been carried out and others are scheduled
Opening of the AU Liaison Office in Nairobi	Peace and Security	Current year		Preparations well underway
Participation in meetings of external partners in the preparatory process of the Conference	Peace and Security	Throughout the year		Three meetings already held (New York, Geneva and The Hague)

Decision: EX/CL/Dec/43 (III) Conference of the Great Lakes Region

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Participation in various preparatory meetings and activities	Peace & Security	Throughout the year	Done	
Host 1 st and 2 nd REC meetings	Peace & Security	January and March 2004	Done	
Open a Liaison Office in Nairobi	Peace & Security	Throughout the year	Underway	
Inter-Departmental Mission to Dar-es-Salaam to prepare the 1 st Great Lakes Summit	Peace & Security	May 2004	Done	

POLITICAL AFFAIRS

Decision: Assembly /AU/Dec.18 (II)

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Conference on Elections, Democracy and Governance				(See information under Dec.EX/CL/Dec.31)

Decision: Assembly /AU/Dec.19 (II)

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Protocol on the Rights of Women	Political, Legal	Ongoing	Sent to all Member States for signing and ratification. So far, only twenty one countries have signed. No ratification so far.	Sensitization campaign for ratification continues.

Decision: Assembly /AU/Dec.27 (II)

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Convention on the Prevention and Combating of corruption	Political, Legal, CSSDCA	Ongoing	Sent to all Member States for signing and ratification. So far, only twenty one countries have signed. No ratification so far.	Sensitization campaign for ratification continues.

Decision: Assembly /AU/Dec.30 (II)

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Council on the Future	Office of the Chairperson, Political, Legal	July 2003 to July 2004	Consultations underway by the Office of the Chairperson.	Decision requires that the Chairperson work out the modalities for the implementation of this initiative and submit to the next Summit session proposals regarding the status, mandate, functioning and composition of this

Decision: Assembly:AU/Dec.17 (II)

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Launching of the Pan-African Parliament	Political, Legal, Finance, Administration, and other Departments/Units	March-July 2004	Preparatory work conducted with the Steering Committee on PAP (Three meetings held in Addis Ababa in December 2003, February and March 2004). Intensification of campaign for signing and ratification of Protocol which resulted in obtaining 44 ratifications by 18 March 2004. Inaugural and First Session successfully held in Addis Ababa from 18 to 20 March 2004.	Now that the Parliament was successfully launched, it will be necessary to keep the momentum by organizing the meetings of the three ad hoc committees established by PAP (Rules, Budget and Credentials as well as that of the Bureau in April/May 2004, to enable the PAP to submit its budgets for July to December 2004 and for 2005 financial year to the Assembly in July 2004.

POLITICAL AFFAIRS

Decision: Ex. Dec. 46

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Mobilization of resources	Political Affairs Department (HARDP Division)	Continuous activity	An informal meeting was held with our external partners during which they were presented the programme of work of the AHRDP Division to elicit their interest with regard to possible financing of one activity or the other	Italy has already expressed interest in financing the assistance to refugees component (education) according to Italian government procedures and mechanisms, that is, earmarking an amount for this purpose from the funds allocated to the HCR. The follow-up on the recommendations of the meeting is underway.
Promotion of IHR	Political Affairs Department	Continuous activity	In addition to organizing an AU/ICRC Day of Reflection, recruitment of a Special Representative of the Chairperson of the Commission, responsible for the promotion and respect for IHR is envisaged.	Canada will soon release the necessary funds to the Commission. Recruitment should be carried out in April-May 2004

Decision: Ex./Dec.46(III) on the Situation of Refugees, Returnees and Displaced Persons in Africa

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Cooperation with the ICRC: A brainstorming session will be held on 11 May with the participation of Ambassadors and Permanent Representatives to the AU, as well as legal experts on the respect for International Humanitarian Rights (IHR) by warring factors, particularly non-State parties	Political Affairs and other Departments (Peace and Security, Social Affairs, Legal)	11 May 2004	Two preparatory meetings were held, attended by the representatives of a number of Member States, to reflect on and define the theme of the meeting	

POLITICAL AFFAIRS

Decision: Ex./Dec.46(III) on the Situation of Refugees, Returnees and Displaced Persons in Africa

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Field Missions	African Union Commission for Refugees and Political Affairs Department (HARDP Division)	July 2003-June 2004	A mission was fielded to Chad in February 2004	As part of the activities of the African Union Commission for Refugees, visits were scheduled to Kenya, Tanzania, Burundi, as well as Uganda, The Sudan, then Zambia and Angola, and finally, Côte d'Ivoire, Sierra Leone and Liberia. These visits could not be carried out within the set timeframe (January 2004) due to scheduling problems either at the level of Member States, Ambassadors, or members of the AU Commission for Refugees. They have therefore been rescheduled for April-May 2004.
Assistance to refugees (education)	Political Affairs Department, Finance and Budget, Human Resources, Science and Technology	Continuous activity	A new policy for granting scholarships to refugees was formulated, which should be implemented in the next few months	
Monitoring the situation of refugees, returnees, and displaced persons in Africa, in collaboration with the United Nations, particularly the HCR and other concerned humanitarian organizations in finding lasting solutions to the problem, in conformity with the pertinent legal instruments	Political Affairs Department (HARDP Division)	Continuous activity		This activity is aimed at garnering the maximum information on the situation of the persons concerned to inform the competent organs of the Commission and the Union in order to sensitize them on the problems arising

POLITICAL AFFAIRS

Decision: Ex./Dec.46(III) on the Situation of Refugees, Returnees and Displaced Persons in Africa

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Cooperation with HCR	Political Affairs Department	Continuous activity	<p>Participation in the 54th Ordinary Session of the Executive Committee of the HCR Programme (Oct. 2003)</p> <p>Preparation of a joint programme of work (underway)</p> <p>Preparation of the Coordination Committee meeting (presided by HCR) to revitalize this institution. Pertinent documents prepared in collaboration with HCR</p> <p>Implementation of the provisions of the Comprehensive Implementation Plan (CIP) on the protection of refugees and pertinent national legislations.</p> <p>Participation in dialogue on voluntary repatriation and lasting return initiated by HCR, in view of the repatriations envisaged in a number of countries where the political conditions are being established. (Geneva, march 2004). A working group was set up...</p>	This activity is within the framework of putting in place appropriate policies and strategies for voluntary repatriation and lasting resettlement

Decision: EX/CL/DEC.31 (III)

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
<p>Conference on Elections, Democracy & Good Governance (meeting of governmental experts on the Pretoria documents on Elections, Democracy and Governance)</p>	<p>Political, CSSDCA, Legal, Finance, Conferences</p> <p>Partners (EU, IEC/SA, IDEA, CDDH/Canada, UN/UNDP, OSCE)</p>	May-July 2004	<p>Originally proposed for Jan, 2003. Relevant documents were sent to Member States in August 2003, viz:</p> <p>Pretoria Conference Statement on Election, Democracy and Governance</p> <p>Draft Guidelines for AU Electoral Observations and Monitoring Missions</p> <p>Prospects from the Establishments of an Electoral Assistance Fund</p> <p>Draft AU Declaration on Elections, Democracy and Governance</p> <p>Owing to poor response, the Department proposed that the meeting be held in April and 5-8 agreed upon by Conference Committee to be held in Addis Ababa, unless a Member State requests to host the meeting.</p> <p>In the meantime, the Government of Equatorial Guinea, has communicated its interest to host this meeting but proposes that the dates be shifted to 15 - 18 May 2004 (in Bata).</p>	<p>Necessary follow up has been initiated and Member States have been informed about this new development in due course.</p> <p>Due to some technical difficulties in Equatorial Guinea, in Addis Ababa. The meeting finally took place from 15 to 17 May 2004.</p>

POLITICAL AFFAIRS

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.47 (III) on the Report on the 1st Ministerial Conference on the African Union on Human Rights

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
The Commission is to pursue the implementation of the Plan of Action of Grand Bay at the 1st Ministerial Conference under the OAU in April 1999, taking the following actions:	Political, Legal, ACHPR, Gender, Social Partners (OHCHR,	May-Dec. 2004	The Commission has mobilized funds from the European Union.	Social Affairs Department has been consulted to consider including an Agenda item on Human Rights for the next session of the Conference of Ministers of Education to be held in Nairobi in May 2004.
a) Emphasis on the Strengthening of Human Rights Institutions and Mechanisms.				
b) Pursuance of the promotion of the Rights of various vulnerable groups including persons with disabilities				
c) Mainstreaming of Human Rights in African societies through notably Human Rights Education in the curriculum				
d) Making the Conference a regular feature in the life of the Organization				

POLITICAL AFFAIRS

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.50 (III) on The 1st Ordinary Session Of The African Union Conference Of Ministers of Health

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Convening of a continental Forum to Design and harmonize Policy on Human Rights for People Infected and Affected by HIV/AIDS, Malaria Tuberculosis and Other related infections diseases in	Social, Political	Planned for end of 2004		<p>Since health issues are under the purview of the Department of Social Affairs, the Department of Political Affairs with responsibility for Human Rights can provide technical support to this department, if necessary and as required to follow up on this activity.</p> <p>Responsibility for follow-up on this decision should normally devolve on Social Affairs Department.</p>

Decision: EX/CL/DEC.70 (III)

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Follow-up on the African candidatures in the international system	Political New York, Geneva Offices	July 2003- March 2004	Follow-up ensured in close cooperation with the New York and Geneva Offices. Report on the results of elections provided to the candidature committee on the margins of the fourth ordinary session of the Executive Council of March 2004.	<p>Deadline for submission of candidatures by Member States was reduced from three (3) to two (2) months. However, Member States continued to submit candidatures outside the set deadline. At its last session in March 2004 (see Dec.EX/CL/Dec.86 (IV)), Council requested the Commission and Member States to abide to the Rules in the future.</p>

Decision: EX/CL/DEC.86 (IV)

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Follow-up on the African candidatures in the international system	Political New York, Geneva Offices	March 2004 to July 2004	Communication of the Decisions made to all concerned. Follow-up being ensured	Council requested the Commission and Member States to abide to the Rules in the future.

Decision: EX/CL/DEC.91 (IV)

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Relations between the African continent with other continents of the world	Office of the Chairperson, Political, Legal, and other Departments/Units	July-March 2004	Study to be undertaken under the supervision of the Office of the Chairperson.	Council took note of the proposal of Libya and mandated the Chairperson to undertake the study of the proposal on all its aspects and submit a report to the Executive Council at its next session in July 2004.

RURAL ECONOMY AND AGRICULTURE

Decision: Assembly/AU/10 (II) on action plan on the environment initiative of NEPAD programme

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Incorporate the NEPAD action plan into DREA strategic Plan	DREA NEPAD, FAO, IFAD	April 2004	Done	

Decision: Assembly/AU/Dec. 9 (II).Maputo 2003 - To adopt the revised Algiers Convention of 1968. Dec. EX/CL/50 (III). [

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Sensitising Member States to ratify the convention	DREA-Legal council	On-going	18 Member States have signed the convention to date	Lack of enthusiasm amongst Member States to ratify the convention - A need for Awareness raising and sensitization of Member States to urge them to sign the Convention-Text lying in legal division waiting for signature from Member States

Decision: Assembly/AU/Dec.7 (II) - Declaration on Agriculture and Food security in Africa. (CAADEP Implementation)

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Incorporating the CAADEP action plan into DREA strategic plan	DREA, NEPAD, FAO, IFAD	April 2004	Done	

Decision: CM/Dec. 685 LXXVI in Durban, South Africa, 2002, 3rd March be observed as Africa Environment Day

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Sent out a Note Verbale to all Member States to urge them to observe Africa Environment Day, involving private sector & civil society	DREA - Member States - UNEP - AU/ Ethiopia	January 2004	Done	Time constraint (Was unable to observe the day on exact date due to other commitments)

RURAL ECONOMY AND AGRICULTURE

Decision: Ex/cl/53 (.III) - Maputo 2003 - Afro-Arab Forum on Agricultural Investment in Africa

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
DREA Involved in conducting regional studies at ECOWAS and ECCAS.	DREA, Afro-Arab, Dept. Trade & Industry, Dept. Economic Affairs, PASU	Oct. 2003	Done	

Decision: Ex/CI/Dec. 28 (III) - Maputo 2003 - Urging Member States to act collectively and rise to the challenge of

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Assisting Countries to develop national strategies for tsetse eradication	Policy and Mobilization Committee	On-going	On-going	Increasing awareness among the affected countries that action to implement PATTEC be initiated without delay.
Consultations with M/S, Mandated UN Org. And other stakeholders	DREA,PATTEC	On-going	Consensus reached withIAEA, FAO, WHO	
Resource mobilization	Policy and Mobilization Committee	On-going	On-going	ADB/Commission and affected M/S currently developing programme to support PATTEC initiative
Formed PATTEC Policy and Mobilization Committee	DREA, PATTEC	Done	Accomplished	The Northern region is still not represented on the PATTEC Policy and Mobilization
Established the PATTEC Coordination office in the structure of the Commission	Commission	Done	Accomplished	
Identification of National PATTEC Focal Points	Commission & M/S	On-going	On-going	
Interstate & Regional Meetings to discuss Trans-Boundary issues of tsetse and PATTEC activities	PATTEC	On-going	On-going	

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.54(III) Maputo 2003 (Related to special emergency fund for draught and famine in Africa.-

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Consultation with UN International Strategic for Disaster Reduction for Africa (UN/ISDR) Office;	DREA, UN Specialised Agencies	2003	On going	
Initial studies funded by NEPAD and UN/ISDR Africa have been launched	DREA, NEPAD Secretariat		Done	Department will continue to liaise with NEPAD Secretariat to organize further consultation with RECs, Member States and Partner Organisations regarding implementation strategies.

RURAL ECONOMY AND AGRICULTURE

Decision: Maputo Summit July 2003 (Proposal) Extra-ordinary Summit on Agriculture and Water.

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Preparations for the Extra-ordinary Summit	Preparatory committee	Feb 2004	Accomplished	
Experts and Ministers Meeting on Agriculture and Water, Tripoli, Libya, 9-12 February 2004	UN Specialized agencies, REC, NEPAD	Feb 2004	Accomplished	Report of the meeting of Ministers adopted
Extra-ordinary Summit in Sirte, Libya, 27-02-2004	Member States	Feb 2004	Sirte Declaration Assembly/AU/Dec. 1/(II) adopted	
Incorporating Sirte Declaration into the four Year Programme Plan of Department of Rural Economy and Incorporating REA	DREA	April 2004	Done	

Decision: Sirte Dec.1999 - United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Africa

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Commissioned a study to prepare a Plan of Action for land degradation.	DREA, Member States, PASU	Sept. 2003	Draft Report produced.	Draft Report to be discussed in a Workshop after Ordinary Summit
Workshop planned to discuss the report.	DREA	Sept. 2004	To be organized	

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Decision: Assembly/au.Dec.6 (II) Maputo Declaration on Malaria, HIV/AIDS, TB and Other Related Infectious Diseases

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
1. Urge International community to honour their pledges. 2. Urge the Global Fund and its recipients to simplify process of accessing funds. 3. Promote access to affordable treatment and to prevention; care and support. 4. Support research, including in African Traditional Medicine. 5. Coordinate and Intensify efforts to monitor implementation and Report to Assembly.	AU S/Affairs, M/States, UNAIDS and its un Co-sponsoring Agncs.; GFATM, ECA	Ongoing	These activities are on-going as the Maputo Declaration reaffirmed the 2000 Abuja Declaration and Plan of action on Roll Back Malaria and the 2001 Abuja Declaration and Framework Plan of Action on HIV/AIDS, TB and Other Related Infectious Diseases. Plans are underway for intensifying advocacy, resource mobilization and access to essential drugs, care and support. Action on ground in Member States done with the support and collaboration of relevant UN Agencies and NOGs	Advocacy by AU inadequate due to various constraints which should be overcome as soon as the strategic Plan of AU is adopted.
Member States to honour their pledges	Member States	Ongoing		
Monitor Progress and report to next Summit.	AU S/Affairs and partners.	Short-term	Follow-up being done with partners.	The report will be compiled.
Convene Forum to develop and harmonize policy on Human Rights for people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, TB, Malaria	AU S/Affairs, and Political Depts., plus WGD; M/States, UNAIDS and its un Co-sponsoring Agencies; GFATM,	Short-term	Reminded Action being initiated at AU level by concerned Depts.	More advocacy required Follow-up necessary.

Decision: Assembly/AU/Dec.12 (II)- Proclamation of 2004 International Year for Physical Education and Sports in the Service

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Member States to support Resolution.	M/States, AU	Short-term.	M/States reminded and urged.	Follow-up necessary.
Submit Draft Resolution on issue to 32nd UNESCO General Assembly (Sept./Oct. 2003) and 58th Session of UN General Assembly.	AU S/Affairs and HR & ST, Peace & Security Depts. Tunisia (which introduced the Decision), UNESCO.	Short-term.	Inter-departmental coordination Task Force to be set up; followed by Inter-Agency Task Force.	Follow-up necessary.

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Decision: Assembly/AU/Dec.20 (II)- Extraordinary Session of the Assembly of the AU on Employment and Poverty Alleviation

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Make necessary arrangements to convene Summit in Ouagadougou in 2004.	Burkina Faso, Mauritius, Mozambique, Benin, AU S/Affairs, RECS, ILO, Other partners/stake-holders.	Short-term.	Preparations underway to convene Summit in September 2004.- set up.- being prepared.	Proper coordination essential., under the Various preparatory Committee Resources to be mobilized- Documents

Decision: Assembly/AU/Dec.24 (III)-Appointment of Members of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Encourage and support the ACRWC to promote and protect rights and welfare of the Child.	M/States, AU S/Affairs and Legal Counsel plus African Committee/Child.	Short, medium, long-term	Action in this regard ongoing and evolving.	More support to the Committee required.

Decision: Assembly/AU/Dec.29 (II)- Promoting the Development of Sustainable Cities and Towns in Africa.

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Follow up implementation of relevant provisions (Para.18) of the Johannesburg Declaration of the World Summit on Sustainable Development.	AU S/Affairs, UN-Habitat, M/States	Medium,Long-term	Contact initiated with UN Habitat which will spearhead implementation.	Follow-up necessary.
Support the follow-up on the Declaration on Cities and other Human Settlements in the New Millennium for review and appraisal of the Implementation of Habitat Agenda (Istanbul + 5).	AU S/Affairs, UN-Habitat, M/States	Medium,Long-term	Contact initiated with UN Habitat which will spearhead implementation.	Follow-up necessary.

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.29 - Report on the Mechanism for Follow up and Reporting on the Implementation of the Revised

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Develop an Anti-Doping Policy in Sports and submit it to the next Executive	AU S/Affairs, M/States, UNODC, WADA Supreme Council for Sports in Africa	Short, medium-term	Process underway to draft Policy	The Draft will go through usual AU organs for adoption

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Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Promote prevention through advocacy	M/States. AU S/Affairs, UNODC	Short, medium long-term	Ongoing as it is a continuing process	Need to intensify efforts.
Provide support to the Drug Unit	AU Commission, UNODC	Short, medium long-term	Ongoing within AU structure	Will be consolidated within other activities of the AU Commission.

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.30 - Sports and Drug Abuse in Africa

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Make contributions to Supreme Council for Sports in Africa (SCSA).	M/States, AU S/Affairs, SCSA	Immediate	Member States reminded to honour their pledges. AUC to address this issue with other AU Specialized Agencies	Follow-up necessary.
Participate in the All Africa Games in Abuja, Nigeria	M/States	Immediate	Games took place in Oct. 2003 and 52 M/States took part; AU contributed advocacy poster on Sports and Doping.	Evaluation and follow up necessary.
Advocacy to raise awareness.	M/States, AU S/Affairs	Short, medium-term	Efforts to be intensified.	Efforts to be intensified.
Develop an Anti-doping Policy in Sports for Africa.	AU, UNODC, WADA, IOC, SCSA	Short, medium-term	Process underway	The Draft will go through usual AU organs for adoption.

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.49 (III) - The 1st Session of the Labour and Social Affairs Commission (LSC)

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Follow-up on implementation	AU, ILO, UNICEF, IOM, ICRC, UNHCR, Save the Children.	Immediate and ongoing	Member States and partners reminded to do this and provide feedback Committee on this and provide feedback	Feedback awaited/follow-up necessary.
Participate in All Africa games.	AU, M/States, SCSA	Immediate	Done (52 countries participated)	Evaluation necessary
Elaboration of Social Policy Framework (SPF for Africa).	AU S/Affairs, ILO and Other Partners, Tripartite Committee on Social Policy Framework.	Immediate	Consultants recruited to prepare national and regional report. Consultant to draft SPF based on regional reports. Draft being disseminated to various stakeholders for input.	Action continuing. Draft SPF will be submitted to relevant AU Organs for adoption.
Urge M/States to ratify African Charter on Child and provide resources to enable coordinating Committee operate effectively.	AU S/Affairs, Af. Committee/Child, AU Advisory Committee.	Immediate	Some funds provided in budget Secretary to the Committee provided for in AU Structure Committee beginning to have visibility.	Requires more support, especially as concerns human capacity.

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Decision: EX/CL/Dec.49 (III) - The 1st Session of the Labour and Social Affairs Commission (LSC)

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Promote job creation	AU, M/States, ILO etc.	Immediate	Underway/ongoing This is one of the objectives of the Extraordinary Summit on Employment and Poverty Alleviation in Sept. 2004	Intensify efforts. Follow-up necessary.
Ensure tripartism adhered to in the establishment of Special Technical Committees as concerns LSC.	AU S/Affairs, M/States, Tripartite Committee on Rules of Procedure	Immediate	Process underway	Follow-up necessary Tripartism applicable as concerns Labour issues only.
Elaborate POA on the Family	AU, M/States & Partners	Immediate	Process underway Daft considered by Consultant and considered by Experts.	Draft will be submitted to next LSC Session for adoption.

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.50 - 1st Ordinary Session of AU Conference of African Ministers of Health.

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
AU in collaboration with Bureau of Health Ministers Conference to coordinate, follow-up and monitor implementation of recommendations; including convening the continental forum to design and harmonize policies for people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, TB... in 2003/2004.	AU S/Affairs and Political Dept., CSSDCA Unit Bureau M/States, and partners.	Short, medium-term	Planned being initiated in collaboration with concerned partners.	Follow-up necessary.
AU to organize Conferences of Ministers of Health biennially and report back regularly.	AU S/Affairs, M/States and partners.	Medium-term	Conference will be convened in 2005 in Botswana.	Preliminary plans being made.
WHO, UNICEF, UNAIDS, UNECA, UNFPA, ICRC, IOM GFATM and other UN bodies, IGOs and NGOs to continue to support health programmes and activities in Africa.	Same Organizations	Short, medium, long-term.	Ongoing process.	Follow-up necessary.

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Decision: EX/CL/Dec.50 - 1st Ordinary Session of AU Conference of African Ministers of Health.

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
RECs to Establish Health and Social Affairs Desks to coordinate relevant programmes and activities in collaboration with partners; and report back biennially.	RECs, AU, WHO.	Short, medium, long-term.		Follow-up necessary.
M/States to allocate resources for effective implementation of recommendations; and support implementation of relevant health initiatives and partnerships such as NEPAD, GFATM, RBM, IPPA, Stop TB, GAVI, Polio Eradication.	M/States, AU and WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNADIS..	Short, medium, long-term.	Partially implemented n the line of implementing national and global programmes.	Need to intensify efforts.

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.62 (III) - Youth and Sports in Africa

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Strengthen cooperation/collaboration among all	M/States, AU S/Affairs, HR & ST Depts., SCSA, Olympic Cmtee.	Short/Long-term	When considering AU Specialized, strengthen SCSA.	Needs to intensify efforts.
Develop a common policy to promote sports.	M/States, AU S/Affairs, HR & ST Depts., SCSA, Olympic Cmtee.	Short/medium-term	AU to contact Member States that initiated this and SCSA to discuss next action.	Action should be initiated.
AU to report on implementation.	M/States, AU, SCSA.	Short/medium-term	M/States to be contacted for feedback.	Follow-up necessary.
Establish national Consultative Committee on Sports and Physical Education.	AU, M/States	Short/medium/long-term	M/States to be contacted to establish the Committee and submit report.	Follow-up necessary.

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Decision: EX/CL/Dec.62 (III) - Youth and Sports in Africa

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Curtail Shortfalls Africa suffers in Sports.	M/States, AU S/Affairs, HR & ST Depts., SCSA, Olympic Cmttee.	Short/Long-term	Already underway but the AU not involved.	AU to make more efforts.

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.63 (III) - World Report on Violence and Health

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
M/States, to develop and implement POA on prevention of violence and other recommendations.	M/States, AU S/Affairs, WHO, ICRC	Short/medium-term	Advocacy being done; WHO spearheading implementation.	Follow-up necessary.
Report to next Executive Council.	AU S/Affairs, International Community and M/States	Short-term	Report will be prepared if feedback is received.	Follow-up necessary.
Request the International Community to collaborate with Member States to promote gender and social equality	M/States, AU S/Affairs & WGD, WHO, ICRC	Short-term	Process already underway.	Monitoring necessary.
Member State to facilitate coordinated action for all victims of conflicts and other forms of violence to access to care and support.	M/States, AU S/Affairs, Peace/Security & Political Depts., WHO, ICRC, UNHCR.	Short/medium-term	Contact made with M/States and Partners on follow-up action.	Follow-up and feedback necessary.
Scaling up and coordinating prevention policies and activities in 2005; Africa Year of prevention of Violence	AU S/Affairs, WHO, ICRC	Short-term	Plans to be elaborated with partners on an advocacy campaign.	Follow-up necessary.

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.64 (III) - Polio Eradication by 2005

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
M/States to endeavour to reach every child during immunization campaigns.	M/States, AU S/Affairs, WHO, UNICEF, Rotary International, Centre for Diseases Control.	Immediate/medium	Intensified advocacy and immunization coverage	It's critical to intensify efforts during 2004 as there is evidence that polio is spreading to countries where it had been controlled.

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Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Sustain surveillance and improve immunization and other relevant services.	M/States, AU S/Affairs, WHO, UNICEF, Rotary International, Centre for Diseases Control.	Long-term	Ongoing process	Monitoring & surveillance essential.
Allocate required resources (US\$267 million in 2003-2005) and support concerned partners.	M/States, AU S/Affairs, WHO, UNICEF, Rotary International, Centre for Diseases Control.	Short/medium-term	Resource Mobilization is an ongoing activity spearheaded by WHO, UNICEF and Rotary International.	Efforts need to be sustained.
Report annually to AU organs	AU S/Affairs and partners	Short-term	Report was submitted to Executive Council in March 2004	Follow-up and more advocacy necessary.

Decision: EX/CL/Dec.65 (III) - Tenth Anniversary of International Year of Family (IYF)

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
M/States to prepared to observe the 10th Anniversary of IYF in 2004.	AU S/Affairs, M/States and partners.	Short-term.	Member States reminded and urged to plan activities	Follow-up necessary.
Elaboration of a Plan of action on the Family will in Africa.	AU S/Affairs, UNICEF, UNPFA, WHO	Short-term.	Draft prepared by a Consultant.- by an Experts Meeting	Draft considered adoption- present POA s Africa's Common Position to 10th Anniversary and Family Summit. Draft will go through relevant African Member States and AU
Report to Executive Council.	AU S/Affairs	Short-term.	Will be done in July 2004.	

TRADE & INDUSTRY

Decision: Assembly/AU/Decl.4(II)

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Chairperson of the Assembly in consultation with the Commission to set up a negotiating team, having regard to regional representation to negotiate on behalf of all member States in the WTO	Trade and Industry Department	July – September 2004	Negotiating Established in Cancun among the AU, ACP and LDC negotiating Group; now referred to the G90. The African component was led by the Minister of Trade of Mauritius.	As result of this strategy the issues of major concern to Africa were center stage at 5th Ministerial Conference of the WTO in Cancun-Mexico; this contributed inter-alia to the collapse of the negotiations.

Decision: Assembly/AU/Decl.5 (II)

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Commission of the AU mandated to coordinate, monitor and harmonise the efforts of the concerned RECs and Member States in the negotiations of EPAs with the European Union; establish appropriate mechanism for cooperation and coordination between the PRC in Addis Ababa, the African Group of Ambassadors and Negotiators in Brussels and Geneva as well as the capitals of Member States.	Trade and Industry Department	July 2003 to June 2004	Commission has been monitoring the developments in respect of the EPA negotiations; but has not been able to harmonize the efforts of the concerned RECs and Member States because the Commission is not directly involved in the pre-negotiations consultations and formulation of the Road Map of the negotiations. This is because the countries and RECs concerned deal directly with the European Commission. The AU Commission has drafted for negotiation with the RECs a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to facilitate the monitoring and coordination. The MOU is yet to be finalized and made operational. The establishment of the sub-Committee of the PRC to facilitate the coordination between Addis Ababa, Brussels, Geneva and capitals is yet to be established as the draft TOR of the sub-Committee is yet to be finalized by PRC.	Commission has not been able to harmonize the efforts of the concerned RECs and Member States because the Commission is not directly involved in the pre-negotiations consultations and formulation of the Road-Map of the negotiations as the countries deal directly with the European Commission. The Commission does not always get invited to the negotiation meetings.

Decision: Assembly/AU/Decl.5 (II)

Activity	Concerned	Timeframe	Status	Remarks
Establish Joint AU/EU Monitoring Mechanism to include the various African regional negotiating groups/RECs	Trade and Industry Department	July 2003 to July 2004	The Commission of the AU has formulated and shared the draft MOU with the European Commission joint review. The draft is yet to be finalized. The matter has been raised at several encounters and levels with the EC officials up to the Presidency of the EC by Chairperson of the AU Commission	The European Commission indicates they have no objection to the AUC participating in the negotiating meetings as Observer but insist that they prefer the coordination role and the contact with the European Commission to be

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