

**DECISION ON THE REPORT ON THE NEW
AFRICA-ASIA STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP
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The Executive Council:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report;
2. **COMMENDS** the initiatives taken by the Commission, in accordance with the mandate assigned to it by the 4th Ordinary Session of the Assembly;
3. **FURTHER COMMENDS** the preparation and organization by the Commission, in conjunction with the co-chair, of the Africa-Asia Ministerial Session and Summit in Jakarta, Indonesia on 20, 22 – 23 April 2005 respectively and the adoption of the conclusions that emerged from them;
4. **REITERATES** its commitment for a new and mutually advantageous partnership with Asian countries;
5. **ALSO COMMENDS** the successful celebration of the golden Jubilee of the 1955 Bandung Conference;
6. **RENEWS** its attachment to the spirit and principles of Bandung as foundation for the strategic partnership between Africa and Asia;
7. **ACKNOWLEDGES**, and commends the important role played by South Africa in relaunching dialogue between Africa and Asia;
8. **REITERATES** the leadership role of the African Union, through its competent organs in the steering and coordination on the African side, of the Africa-Asia strategic partnership;
9. **STRESSES** the need to coordinate and strengthen mechanisms already in place and to continually engage in effective dialogue that will consolidate and strengthen the partnership between Africa and Asia.
10. **REQUESTS** in this regard that together with the Permanent Representatives Committee 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.

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