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

INTRODUCTION

This Report is a synopsis of implementation of the various Decisions, Declarations and other measures of the policy organs of the Union, by the Departments, Directorates and Units of the Commission during the period under review, that is July 2008 to January 2009, with a focus on Decisions taken at the Sharm El Sheikh Summit in July 2008.

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

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

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

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

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DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL					
<p>EX.CL//Dec.420 (XIII) Decision on the Administrative Issues Referred to the Commission by the 11th Extraordinary Session of the Executive Council on the Audit of the African Union Doc.EX.CL/408 (XIII)</p>	<p>REQUESTS the Commission, with regard to the matters referred to it by Council, to implement those that are purely administrative in nature, linked to the internal processes of the Commission, and do not have any financial implication;</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission, with regard to the recommendations with structural, financial and long term implications to work out, in consultation with the Permanent Representatives Committee the modalities of implementation and to report thereon to the next ordinary session of the Executive Council scheduled for January 2009.</p>	<p>Report is being finalized to be submitted to the PRC at its meeting scheduled from 26 to 28 November 2008</p> <p>AHRD and PBFA to report on it</p>			
<p>EX.CL/Dec. 446 (XIII) Decision on the Implementation of Previous Decisions of the Executive Council and the Assembly of the African Union –</p>	<p>REQUESTS the Commission as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carry out an exhaustive inventory of the decisions so far adopted but have not been implemented; 2. Establish an order of priority in the implementation of the 	<p>Work in progress will be reported in July 2009</p> <p>Same as above</p>			

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<p>Doc.EX.CL/409 (XIII)</p>	<p>decisions referred to in para. (i) above, and mobilize additional resources for their implementation;</p> <p>3. Calculate and provide the financial implications of the implementation of the decisions referred to in para. (i) above.</p> <p>REITERATES ITS REQUEST to the Commission to provide cost implication for future decisions to be adopted by the policy organs of the Union;</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission to fast-track the study on the establishment of the Pan-African Radio and Television Station;</p> <p>ENCOURAGES Member States to adopt decisions on the basis of the widest possible consensus.</p>	<p>Same as above</p> <p>AHRD and PBFA will ensure that any decision to be tabled will be accompanied by cost-implications.</p> <p>DCI to report on it</p> <p>Member States</p>			
DECISIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY					
<p>Assembly/AU/Dec. 206 (XI) Decision on the Report of the Committee of Twelve Heads of State and Government on the Union Government</p>	<p>REAFFIRMS its decision in the Accra Declaration to “accelerate the economic and political integration of the African continent, including the formation of a Union Government for Africa with the ultimate objective of creating the United States of Africa and ENDORSES the recommendations contained in the Report of the Committee of Twelve in</p>	<p>A full day Session of the Assembly is planned for the discussion of the matter in accordance with this Decision</p>			

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<p>Doc. Assembly/AU/11 (XI)</p>	<p>this regard;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to work out, the modalities and details for the implementation of the recommendations on the Union Government of the Committee of Twelve, including a road map and the issues that require clarity, and submit proposals thereon to the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly scheduled for January 2009;</p> <p>DECIDES to devote a full day of its January 2009 Session to consider the Report of the Commission on this matter with a view to bringing the debate to a final conclusion.</p>	<p>A report will be submitted by the Commission to the Assembly accordingly in February 2009</p> <p>Planned</p>			

LEGAL MATTERS

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<p>Ex. CL./Dec.352 (XI) Decision on the Report of the Status of the OAU/AU Treaties (Doc. EX.CL/296 (X))</p>	<p>REITERATES ITS APPEAL to Member States to prioritize and accelerate the signing and ratification/accession to OAU/AU Treaties;</p> <p>FURTHER REITERATES ITS APPEAL to the Pan-African Parliament to assist with advocacy and sensitization of Member States to expedite the process of ratification/accession to OAU/AU Treaties;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to expedite resolving the inconsistencies in various linguistic texts, in particular in Arabic and Portuguese, and to set up a team of experts in this regard;</p>	<p><i>(Legal to update and to complete empty columns as appropriate)</i></p> <p>Some Member States have made efforts to sign and ratify/accede to OAU/AU Treaties</p> <p>In the process of implementation. OLC has sent a Note Verbale to the Pan-African Parliament requesting for necessary action to be taken.</p> <p>In the process of implementation. The Commission is studying all aspects of this matter in order to come up with options on what needs to be done.</p>			
	<p>FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission to take the necessary steps to expedite the implementation of the previous decisions of the Executive Council on harmonization of ratification</p>	<p>(i) In the process of implementation. The Study on the ratification procedures of Member States was finalized and submitted to a meeting of Experts from Member States and a Conference of Ministers of</p>		<p>Only 18 out of 53 Member States had submitted information on their ratification /accession procedures to the Commission.</p>	

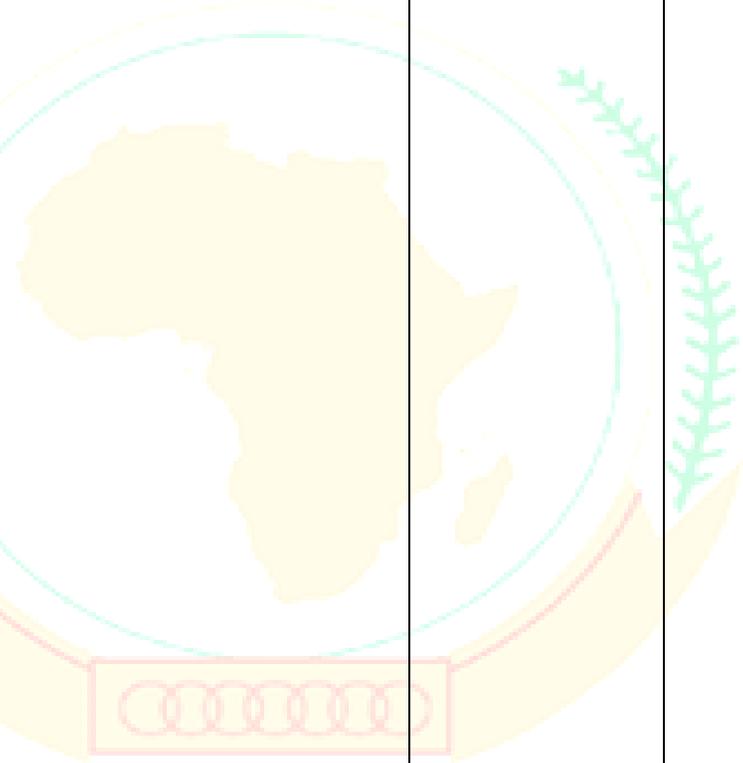
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	<p>procedures and the review of OAU/AU treaties and to report thereon to the next ordinary session of the Executive Council scheduled for July 2008.</p>	<p>Justice & Attorneys General held at the AU Headquarters from 14 to 18 April 2008.</p> <p>(ii)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

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DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL					
<p>EX.CL/Dec.421 (XIII) Decision on the Status of Signature and Ratification of OAU/AU Treaties Doc. EX.CL/410 (XIII)</p>	<p>REITERATES ITS APPEAL to Member States to give priority to OAU/AU Treaties and speed up the process for their signature and ratification/accesion and report periodically, as may be appropriate, on the progress made in the implementation of the Treaties;</p> <p>FURTHER REITERATES ITS APPEAL to the Pan-African Parliament to carry out</p>				

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	<p>advocacy and sensitize Member States to expedite the process of ratification/accession to OAU/AU Treaties;</p> <p>AUTHORIZES the Commission to accelerate the recruitment of a Jurist in the Arabic language within the next twelve (12) months, to align the Arabic legal instruments with the texts in the other languages in order to ensure consistency of the treaties in all working languages of the African Union;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to finalize the study on harmonization of ratification procedures and implement the relevant decisions relating to the review of OAU/AU Treaties;</p> <p>ALSO REQUESTS the Commission to convene the meeting of Ministers of Justice/Attorneys General on outstanding legal matters, and to report to the Executive Council in due course.</p>				
<p>EX.CL/Dec. 439 (XIII) Decision on the Single Legal</p>	<p>RECOMMENDS the Draft Single Legal Instrument on the Merger of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights</p>	<p>Merger decided by the Assembly and the Single Legal Instrument adopted in Sharm El Sheikh in July 2008</p>			

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<p>Instrument on the Merger of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights and the Court of Justice of the African Union Doc.EX.CL/431 (XIII)</p>	<p>and the Court of justice of the African Union to the Assembly for consideration and adoption.</p>				
<p>EX.CL/Dec. 442 (XIII) Decision on the Election of the Members of the Advisory Board on Corruption within the African Union Doc. EX.CL/448 (XIII)</p>	<p>DECIDES to defer the elections of the Members of the Board to the next ordinary session of the Executive Council scheduled for January 2009;</p> <p>CALLS ON Member States to submit their candidatures in a timely manner.</p>	<p>Item on the Election put on the Agenda of the January/February 2009 Summit.</p> <p>Same as above</p>			
<p>EX.CL/Dec. 443 (XIII) Decision on the Election of Members of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child Doc.EX.CL/450 (XIII)</p>	<p>ELECTS the following members of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mrs. Agnès KABORE (Burkina Faso) (ii) Mr. Andrianirainy RASAMOELY (Madagascar) (iii) Mrs. Maryam UWAI (Nigeria) (iv) Mr. Cyprien Adébayo YANCLO (Benin) 	<p>Notification made</p>			

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<p>Human and Peoples' Rights and the African Court of Justice Doc.Assembly/AU/13 (XI)</p>	<p>the Statute of the African Court of Justice and Human Rights as expeditiously as possible so as to enable the Protocol enter into force and ensure the speedy operationalization of the merged Court.</p>				
<p>Assembly/AU/Dec. 199 (XI) Decision on the Report of the Commission on the Abuse of the Principle of Universal Jurisdiction Doc. Assembly/aU/14 (XI)</p>	<p>RESOLVE as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The abuse of the Principle of Universal Jurisdiction is a development that could endanger International law, order and security; (ii) The political nature and abuse of the principle of universal jurisdiction by judges from some non-African States against African leaders, particularly Rwanda, is a clear violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of these States; (iii) The abuse and misuse of indictments against African leaders have a destabilizing effect that will negatively impact on the political, social and economic development of States and their ability to conduct international relations; (iv) Those warrants shall not be executed in African Union Member States; 				

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	<p>(v) There is need for establishment of an international regulatory body with competence to review and/or handle complaints or appeals arising out of abuse of the principle of universal jurisdiction by individual States.</p> <p>REQUESTS the Chairperson of the African Union to table the matter before the United Nations (UN) Security Council and the UN General Assembly for consideration;</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the Chairperson of the AU Commission to urgently cause a meeting between the AU and European Union (EU) to discuss the matter with a view to finding a lasting solution to this problem and in particular to ensure that those warrants are withdrawn and are not executable in any country;</p> <p>ALSO REQUESTS all UN Member States, in particular the EU States, to impose a moratorium on the execution of those warrants until all the legal and political issues have been exhaustively discussed between the African Union, the</p>				

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	European Union and the United Nations.				
<p>Assembly/AU/Dec. 201 (XI) Decision on the Appointment of the Members of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child Doc. EX.CL/450 (XIII)</p>	<p>DECIDES to appoint the following persons as members of the African Committee on the Rights and Welfare of the Child as elected by the 13th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Mrs. Agnès KABORE, Burkina Faso ii. Mr. Adrianirainy RASAMOELY, Madagascar iii. Mrs. Maryam UWAIS, Nigeria iv. Mr. Cyprien Adébayo YANCLO, Benin 				
<p>Assembly/AU/Dec. 202 (XI) Decision on the Election of Judges of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights Doc. EX.CL/451 (XIII)</p>	<p>DECIDES to appoint, for a six-year term the following Judges of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights as elected by the Eighth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Mrs. Sophia A.B. AKUFFO, Ghana (6-year term) ii. Mr. Githu MUIGAI, Kenya (6-year term) iii. Mr. Joseph Nyamihana MULENGA, Uganda (6-year term) iv. Mr. Bernard Makgabo NGOEPE, South Africa (6-year term) 				

WOMEN, GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT

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<p>Decision on the Reports on the Implementation of the AU Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa (SDGEA) (Doc. Ex.CL/376 (XII))</p>	<p>CONGRATULATES member States that submitted their baseline reports in 2007 namely Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali, Nigeria and APPEALS to member States that are yet to submit their baseline reports to urgently submit these reports, for the AU to have a base upon which to build on the progress made</p>	<p><i>(WGDD to update and to complete table as appropriate and to be concise on actual action taken)</i></p> <p>The AUWC (African Union Women's Committee) organized its third meeting from 24-25 April 2008 in Tunis, Tunisia and during the meeting it was decided that AUWC will undertake advocacy mission in countries were the AU Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in not known, implemented and not yet submit the reports on SDGEA.</p>	-	Lack of internal capacity in most National Gender Machineries to analyse Gender issues and Report on the SDGEA	The AUC is planning to organize a training programme for the Officials for Ministry in Charge of Gender and Women's Affairs on the reporting on the implementation of the SDGEA.
	<p>ALSO CONGRATULATES member States that have signed and ratified the Protocol on the African Charter on Human and Peoples on the Rights of Women in Africa and ENCOURAGES member States that have signed and not yet ratified to do so</p>	<p>During the AUWC meeting it was decided that advocacy activities will be carry out for in the countries were the Protocol on the rights of women has not been ratified.</p>	-	<p>Member States ratification of the Protocol on Women's rights still slow but encouraging</p> <p>Lack of budget to carry advocacy activities in different countries</p>	<p>Advocacy activities will be carry out for in the countries were the Protocol on the rights of women has not been ratified.</p>
	<p>CALL ON member States to implement all the commitments made in the SDGEA</p>	<p>It has been decided that AUWC will undertake advocacy mission in countries were the AU Solemn Declaration on</p>	-	Existing knowledge gaps on SDGEA at National Level	Undertake advocacy mission in countries were the AU Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality

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		Gender Equality in not known and implemented			in not known
	ALSO REQUESTS the Commission to assist Member States in the process of reporting on the Solemn Declaration, and take necessary steps in this direction	The AUC is planning to organize a training programme for the Officials for Ministry in Charge of Gender and Women's Affairs on the reporting on the implementation of the SDGEA.	-	Insufficient technical and financial capacity in the Gender Directorate to assist Member States in reporting on SDGEA	
	FURTHER REQUESTS the AU Commission to continue to expand and promote the Gender Parity Principle so far adopted by the Assembly to all the other organs of the African Union, including its NEPAD programme, to the RECs and encourage member States to adopt Affirmative Action at the national and local levels in collaboration with political parties and the National parliaments	<p>The AUC organized the Capacity Building Workshop for the AU Gender Ministers on Financing for Development and the Paris Declaration on 27 February 2008, at the UN Headquarters during the 52nd Session of the UN Commission of Status of Women.</p> <p>The First Regional Conference on Economic Empowerment of Women was organized in Malawi in March 2008 to explore the operationalization of art.11 of the SDGEA on the establishment of African Trust Fund for Women.</p> <p>The AUC is developing the AU Gender Policy. The 2nd stakeholders consultation on AU Gender Policy held</p>	-	-	-

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		in Addis Ababa in April 2008. The Gender Policy will be presented to the Ministers in charge of gender and Women's Affairs in August 2008 for adoption by the January 2009 Summit			

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EX.CL/Dec. 445 (XIII) Decision on the Establishment of the Trust Fund for African Women Doc.EX.CL/425 (XIII)	<p>ENDORSES the recommendation of the Report of the Continental Conference on the Economic Empowerment of Women on the establishment of the Trust Fund for African Women;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission, in collaboration with the African Development Bank (AfDB) to undertake a feasibility study on a Trust Fund for African Women and CALLS ON AfDB to provide leadership in this regard;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to report to the Assembly in January 2009, on progress achieved in the effective establishment of the Fund which should be launched by the end of July 2009.</p>				

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DECISIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY					
<p>Assembly/AU/Dec. 203 (XI) Decision on the African Diaspora Summit</p>	<p>URGES the Republic of South Africa and the Commission to continue to collaborate closely in this regard;</p> <p>WELCOMES the organization of a Technical Workshop to be held in South Africa from 28 to 30 July 2008, in accordance with the recommendation of the Ministerial Conference, and within the framework of efforts to promote consensus-building in the finalization of the Declaration, Programme of Action and its implementation plan to be adopted at the Diaspora Summit;</p> <p>REQUESTS Member States, leaders of the Caribbean Community and the African Diaspora to continue to support and participate actively in the process leading up to the Summit, and the implementation of the Programme of Action to be adopted thereafter;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to ensure that the process of organizing Regional Consultative Conferences (RCCs) continues as part of the Implementation Plan, to include the African Diaspora in the Gulf, the Middle East, Oceania and other parts</p>				

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	<p>of the world where they have not been held;</p> <p>CALLS ON Member States to provide adequate and necessary resources for the implementation of the Programme of Action arising out of this Summit and the wider Diaspora initiative.</p>				

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

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

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		<p>to the 9th Ordinary Session of the Assembly in July 2007.</p>	<p>the Decision of the Assembly.</p> <p>Following the Decision 151/VIII, the project that was presented in the name of the leader of Great Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, would equally feature amongst the proposals to be presented.</p> <p>A panel composed of representatives from each region has been formed and was due to meet from the 3rd to the 5th of June 2008 at the AU Headquarters, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.</p> <p>The Panel Committee for the selection will proceed with the first selection of the proposals for consideration and finalise a report to be submitted to the Assembly of Heads of State and Government.</p> <p>To assist the Panel and to undergo preliminary selection of the AU Flag, an internal Committee was set up.</p> <p>A meeting of the Internal Committee was held on</p>	<p>Implemented</p>		

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			<p>Friday, May 2nd, 2008, at the AU Headquarters.</p> <p>A total of one hundred and six (106) submissions from all over Africa and from Africans in the Diaspora were received by the Commission, including one by the Leader of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya</p> <p>The Internal Committee went through each submission, examined if they complied with guidelines established by the Assembly vide its Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.151 (VIII) which provided that it should have a green color background and Member States should be represented by stars on the Flag. The Committee categorized the submissions accordingly.</p> <p>In this regard, the Committee was of the view that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fifty-nine submissions complied with the above orientation. - Forty-three submissions, 			

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			<p>did not comply with the instruction on the announcement.</p> <p>- There was need for three competitors to provide a description of their work.</p> <p>At the end of its deliberations, the Internal Committee decided to forward all submissions to the Panel for consideration.</p> <p>The Panel of Seven Experts were assembled from seven countries to participate in a selection of five possible flag ideas for the AU, met at the AU Commission Headquarters from 3 to 5 June 2008.</p> <p>The Experts represented various areas of leadership in graphic design, art, communications and advertising across Africa. Their task was to select five designs using agreed criteria to be presented to the AU.</p> <p>Participants included: North Africa, (Libya); Central Africa (Cameroon); East Africa (Ethiopia; Uganda, Kenya;</p>			

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			<p>Southern Africa (Lesotho, Zimbabwe)</p> <p>After agreeing on the correct process and procedures, which outline a fair and transparent review of all submitted entries, the Panel has selected 5 entries plus one special entry submitted by the Great Libyan Leader.</p> <p>The members of the Panel noticed on their report that these art entries represent a massive opportunity and land mark launch for AU communications globally. They recommended that for the Heads of State to appreciate and make a final decision, the artwork must be refined and amended. This will require a professional to both finalize the designs and specifications as well as to print art samples on various materials. The image of a new AU can be very powerful and emotive.</p>			
EX.CL/Dec.296 (IX) DECISION ON THE AU CONFERENCE		<p>TAKES NOTE of the Report;</p> <p>RECALLS the decision of the 5th Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government</p>	<p><i>(DCI to update in a concise manner and go straight to the point on status)</i></p>			

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<p>OF MINISTERS OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS “TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PAN-AFRICAN RADIO AND TELEVISION CHANNEL” DOC. EX.CL/266 (IX)</p>	<p>held in July 2005, in Sirte on the establishment of a Pan-African Television Channel - Doc. EX.CL/205(VII) ADD.3;</p> <p>ALSO RECALLS that at the January 2006 Khartoum Summit the Executive Council adopted the Report of the Expert’s Meeting held in Cairo, Egypt from 21 to 23 November 2005;</p> <p>TAKES NOTE of the Report of the follow-up committee on the Establishment of the Pan-African Radio and Television Channel held in Cairo from 15 to 17 February 2006;</p> <p>ACKNOWLEDGES the importance of establishing a Pan-African Radio and Television Channel which is an expression of the Common aspirations of the people of Africa to balanced information that gives a true image of the content and facilitates exchanges with a view to popularizing a project which is of priority to African integration.</p> <p>WELCOMES the offer by Egypt to bear 10% of the project budget;</p> <p>INVITES Member States to redouble efforts towards the establishment of a Pan-African Radio and Television channel to</p>	<p>At the request of the Executive Council, the Commission has begun considering ways of carrying out an exhaustive feasibility study for the effective implementation of the project.</p> <p>The activities undertaken so far include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The putting in place of an interdepartmental Committee for the implementation of the study. This Committee is made up of some officials of the Commission who are at the same time members of the follow-up Committee responsible for the establishment of the Panafrican Radio and television Channel. - The preparation of the Terms of Reference by the Commission for the choice of the Experts to carry out the studies. The Committee responsible for the feasibility study, during its working session, deemed it necessary to appoint two Experts who would carry out an 			

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	<p>transmit general information under the auspices of the African Union. The Channel shall be the property of its Member States which will have the responsibility to decide on the partnerships to be contracted, in terms of technical knowledge and financing;</p> <p>URGES Member States to commit themselves to support and speed up the process for the implementation of the Radio and Television channel designed essentially to provide the African public with information, sports, culture, documentaries and African films, likely to expand possibilities of communication among the peoples;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to organize a meeting of high ranking officials from Member States and experts to examine the various aspects relating to the legal framework, the financing as well as the technological and technical components of the project and submit a comprehensive report on all these aspects;</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission to conduct a Comprehensive study on the issue and submit it for</p>	<p>efficient study for the project. The first Expert would be in charge of the legal, financial, technological and technical aspect of the project, under the supervision of the second Expert, who in turn, would be the project manager and the person to implement and finalise the report of the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The application forms and the Terms of Reference were sent by Note Verbal to all the Member States of the follow-up Committee in charge of the Establishment of the Panafrican Radio and Television Channel. - The call for candidatures was equally advertised through the AUC Website - The Commission received the applications sent by Member States and conducted the short-listing process. - Because the first consultation was not 				

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		<p>consideration, first by the high ranking officials from Member States and thereafter by African Ministers of Information and Communication who will submit their conclusions and recommendations to the Ordinary Session of the Assembly in July 2007.</p>	<p>conclusive (only five applications were received), a larger call for candidatures was organised for the second time, involving all AU Member States. This, because the first consultation that was restricted to only members of the follow-up Committee in charge of the Establishment of the Panafrican Radio and Television Channel. At the closing date of the submission of applications for the second consultation, the Commission received 15 candidatures; 14 of them were received from 09 Member States while 01 came from a non-African State. The candidatures received are summarised as follows: 07 candidatures for the post of Team Leader, 06 candidatures for the post of Technician and 02 candidatures not appropriate.</p> <p>- A meeting of the</p>			

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			<p>Committee for the selection of candidates was held to define the criteria for selection of the candidates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Out of the 15 candidates, two candidates were selected for the posts of Project Manager and Technician. - The official memo to that effect was sent to administration and other competent services of the Commission to consider and finalise the contracts. <p>The Commission is presently preparing the contracts to be finalised and sent to the two Experts that were chosen.</p>			

ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

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DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL					
<p>EX.CL/Dec.415 (XIII) Decision on the African Union Social Security System - Doc.EX.CL/407 (XIII)-a</p>	<p>RECOGNIZES the urgent need to improve the social security system of the AU and REAFFIRMS its earlier decisions to achieve this goal;</p> <p>WELCOMES the recommendations made by the Commission on the structure, mandate and financial implications of the proposed African Union (AU) Pension Fund as requested by the Executive Council during its Eleventh Ordinary Session in Accra, Ghana in July 2007;</p> <p>DECIDES as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work out, as soon as possible the modalities for the establishment of the AU Pension Fund; 2. Terminate the current contract with ALICO as of 1 January 2009; 3. Withdraw the accumulated assets with ALICO over a period of five (5) years with effect from 1 January 2009. 				

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	<p>DECIDES to retain the retirement age of AU staff at sixty (60) years.</p>				
<p>EX.CL/Dec.416 (XIII) Decision on the Revised African Union Quota System Doc. EX.CL/407 (XIII)-a</p>	<p>RECOGNIZES the need for the Executive Council to adopt a system with regard to the eighty-two (82) additional professional positions to the July 2003 Maputo Structure;</p> <p>APPROVES the Quota System elaborated under Scenario-2 as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The principles of unity and solidarity that guided the adoption of the Maputo structure be used as a basis for the distribution of the eighty-two (82) additional positions; 2. The Maputo quota system formulae shall be used; 3. The Base Membership of each Member State be increased from four (4) to five (5) nationals; 4. The remaining twenty-nine (29) posts be divided up between Member States on the basis of statutory contributions. <p>AUTHORISES the Commission to use this quota system in the on-going recruitment exercise;</p> <p>ALSO REQUESTS the Commission to update Member States, on a</p>				

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	regular basis, on their quota and when new posts are created.				

CONFERENCE SERVICES

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DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL					
<p>EX.CL/Dec.419 (XIII) Decision on the AU Calendar of Meetings for the Period May-December 2008 Doc. PRC/Rpt (XV)</p>	<p>REQUESTS the Commission to refrain from scheduling meetings during the month preceding meetings of the Assembly in order to dedicate all necessary resources for the preparation and finalization of these meetings</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to ensure that religious events and holidays are taken into account when preparing the Calendar of Meetings</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to reduce the number of meetings, taking into account its capacity and</p>	<p>Partly Implemented, as some meetings are still scheduled for week ends</p>	<p>Not implemented</p> <p>Not implemented. The number of meetings is still</p>	<p>Meetings with items on the Agenda are being held during the 6-4 week deadline; - Important meetings needing document translation are also held when Summit Documents are being translated;</p> <p>Insufficient time for CSD to have coordination</p>	<p>Report producing meetings should not be held during this cut-off period, as the translation of their reports will divert attention from Summit documents. This could be entertained only in very exceptional cases.</p> <p>Directorates must abide by Decisions</p>

	<p>resources to convene them, and to avoid the overlapping of meetings</p> <p>ALSO REQUESTS the Commission to ensure timely preparation and submission of proposals for inclusion in the Calendar of Meetings for the following year, which shall be presented to the PRC by November of each year, and adopted during the January session</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission to transmit outcome documents of AU meetings to Member States expeditiously</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission, to include the meetings of the PRC and its sub-committees, as well as those of the Peace and Security Council (PSC) in the Calendar of Meetings</p> <p>FINALLY REQUESTS the Commission to explore the modalities for using the conference facilities available at the United Nations</p>	<p>Partly Implemented; Submission of proposals for the draft calendar by most Directorates is very much lagging behind the deadline.</p> <p>Partly implemented</p> <p>Done</p> <p>UNECA aware of the Decision</p>	<p>very high</p>	<p>meeting with Directorates to adjust their calendar.</p> <p>All Directorates do not submit their documents for translation according to the 6-4 week deadline.</p> <p>AUC started to use ECA facilities, but payment is required</p>	<p>Strictly observe the deadlines and ensure that all documents do not arrive at the last minute;</p> <p>Decision should be taken at the level of UNECA Executive</p>
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	<p>Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), within the context of the cooperation between the two organizations.</p>				<p>Secretary Rationalize AUC meetings where we can cope by the use of our own facilities pending the completion of AUC new conference complex.</p>
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PROGRAMMING, BUDGETING, FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING

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EX.CL/Dec.378 (XII) 2008 Budget	PRC to review the Financial Rules and Regulations on budget surpluses;	<p><i>(PBFA to update on the current manner in the same concise manner and to fill other columns if not fully implemented)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents were prepared and are being submitted for consideration in the next meeting of the Sub-Committee on AFB Matters 			
EX.CL/Dec.379(XII) Contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To enforce sanctions on concerned Member States and to continue to sensitize them to pay up their dues; 	<p><i>(PBFA to update on the current manner in the same concise manner and to fill other columns if not fully implemented)</i></p> <p>PBFA has prepared payment plans for some countries. Sub-Committee to meet in June.</p>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To extend exemption on Burundi and Sierra Leone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implemented 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To apply to Tunisia a 2.88% scale of assessment for 2004&2005 and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implemented and arrears have been 			

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	to request it to clear all its arrears on this basis;	paid			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To finalize the analysis on the standard formula for countries in post-conflict situations and submit a comprehensive report to the Sub-Committee on Contributions. 	<p><i>(PBFA to update on the current manner in the same concise manner and to fill other columns if not fully implemented)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is still being worked on in consultation with Peace & Security Directorate 			
EX.CL/Dec.395(XII) Purchase of Property for the AU Representational Office in Washington DC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To identify a building to accommodate the AU Representational Office and to submit in this connection a financial mechanism to PRC for effecting that purchase. 	<p><i>(PBFA to update on the current manner in the same concise manner and to fill other columns if not fully implemented)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mission undertaken and report to be considered by Tender Board 			
EX.CL/Dec.403(XII) Purchase of a new building for the AU Representational Office in Brussels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To identify and submit to PRC through its Advisory Sub-Committee, the financial mechanism for the implementation of this Decision and to purchase the new building soon after 	<p><i>(PBFA to update on the current manner in the same concise manner and to fill other columns if not fully implemented)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report discussed by Tender Board and a 			

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		mission to be undertaken by selected TB members.			
EX.CL/Dec.404(XII) Representation Allowance for Commissioners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To clear all previous payments up to 31 December 2008 as retroactively endorsed by Council and to continue payment of the representation allowance of US\$250.00 to Commissioners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implemented 			
EX.CL/Dec.407(XII) Pan African Parliament (PAP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To carry on the amendments to EX.CL/Dec.98 (V) as specified in the Decision and in conformity with the AU Financial Rules and Regulations. 	<p><i>(Legal and PBFA to update on the current manner in the same concise manner and to fill other columns if not fully implemented)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal & PBFA communicated to PAP to further explain the decision made and emphasized need for PAP to implement. 			

EX.CL/Dec.417 (XIII) Decision on the Budget Surplus and Transfer between Budget Lines Doc. EX.CL/407 (XIII)-a	<p>AUTHORIZES as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The amount of the working capital shall be increased from United States Dollars Two Million (US\$2,000,000) to United States Dollars Five Million (US\$5,000,000) with effect from the current 2008 financial year; 				
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	<p>2. Part of the arrears received in 2008 shall be used to increase the working capital.</p> <p>REQUESTS the Permanent Representatives Committee through its Advisory Sub-Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters, to consider the proposal to carry forward budget surplus to the next budget when information for 2007 accounts is available;</p> <p>REJECTS the request of the Chairperson of the Commission to effect transfers from one budget head of the approved budget to another.</p>				
<p>EX.CL/Dec.418 (XIII) Decision on the Contributions of Member States - Doc. PRC/Rpt. (XVI)</p>	<p>COMMENDS Member States that are up-to-date with the payment of their contributions;</p> <p>URGES all Member States to honour their financial obligations in order to facilitate the realization of the objectives of the Union;</p> <p>URGES Member States who are in default of payment of their contributions to pay up their arrears;</p> <p>DECIDES that the following Member States shall remain under sanctions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cape Verde 2. Democratic Republic of Congo 				

	<p>3. Eritrea 4. Sao Tome and Principe 5. Seychelles.</p> <p>REITERATES ITS REQUEST to the Commission to work out a standard formula that could be applied to Member States emerging from conflict situation for consideration by the next ordinary session of the Executive Council in January 2009.</p>				
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POLITICAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

DEMOCRACY GOVERNANCE HUMAN RIGHTS AND ELECTIONS DIVISION

Decisions No.	Subject	Action required	Focal Department/ Unit	ACTION TAKEN	Ways to Overcome Constraints
EX.CL/Dec.405(XII)	Candidatures for posts within the international system	<p><i>(Political to comply with the column presentation as above, and on this to update on action taken and in case Decision has not been fully implemented to specify the constraints and way forward to overcome them)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To follow up on the 6 candidatures as endorsed by Council; • To refer the candidatures of Egypt, Mauritania and Tunisia to the Governing Board of ILO for 2008-2011, to LSAC in 2008. • To refer the candidature of Dr. Abdulqawi A. Yusuf of Somalia as Judge 	Political Affairs	Elected	

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		<p>of the International Court of Justice to the candidature Committee in July 2008.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Baba Kaigama of Nigeria to the Human Rights Council Committee was elected Member at the elections held on 25 March 2008 during the 7th Session of the Council 			
EX.CL/Dec.405(XI)	Res. 405 Para 4	<p><i>(Political to comply with the column presentation as above, and on this to update on action taken and in case Decision has not been fully implemented to specify the constraints and way forward to overcome them)</i></p> <p>Candidatures to the Governing Body of the International Labour Office for 2008/2011</p>	Political Affairs & Social Affairs	<p>The 6th Ordinary Session of Labour and Social Affairs Commission held in Addis Ababa from 21st to 25th April 2008 decided on African Candidatures to ILO as follows: <u>Northern Africa</u> (Tunisia, Egypt) <u>Western Africa</u> (Nigeria, Ghana, Guinea, Benin) <u>Eastern Africa</u> (Tanzania, Sudan, Kenya) <u>Central Africa</u></p>	

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				(Burundi, Congo) Southern Africa (Mozambique, South Africa, Zambia)	
EX.CL/Decl.1(XII)	Candidature of Hon. Theo-Ben Gurirab to the Post of president of the Inter-Parliamentary Union	<p><i>(Political to comply with the column presentation as above, and on this to update on action taken and in case Decision has not been fully implemented to specify the constraints and way forward to overcome them)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To sensitize representatives of Parliaments of AU Member States to lend Hon. Theo-Ben Gurirab support to ensure success of his candidature • 		The Note Verbale sent to PAP	
EX.CL.Dec.405(XII)	Candidature of Dr.Abdulqawi A. Yusuf of Somalia to the post of the International Court of Justice in pursuant to the provision of Decision EX.CL/Dec.345 (X)	<p><i>(Political to comply with the column presentation as above, and on this to update on action taken and in case</i></p>		Candidature has been re-circulated to Member States	

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		<p><i>Decision has not been fully implemented to specify the constraints and way forward to overcome them)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The candidature will be resubmitted for consideration by the Ministerial Committee scheduled to be held in July 2008 			
EX.CL/Dec.408(XII)	Commemoration of the Abolition of Slavery	<p><i>(Political to comply with the column presentation as above, and on this to update on action taken and in case Decision has not been fully implemented to specify the constraints and way forward to overcome them)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convening of Expert Group meeting on Slavery and follow up of the old conference against racism in order to 	Political Affairs, CIDO, PBFA	The meeting to be held in June 2008 in Banjul, The Gambia	

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		prepare inputs for effective participation in bicentennial events of the UN Special Session on Slavery and racism and the African Diaspora to be held in South Africa, October 2008			

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

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

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<p>Para. 8 – <i>Requests the Task Force on the Special Summit to continue with the preparations for the Summit in November 2008</i></p> <p>Para. 9 – <i>Requests the Commission to Convene a Second Meeting of Member States Legal Experts to finalize the Draft AU Convention on IDPs before the Special Summit</i></p>	<p>Partly implemented. Meetings of the Task Force and the Commission are scheduled for the second half of 2008, as it is an on-going exercise.</p> <p>Fully implemented. The 2nd Meeting was held from 2 to 6 June 2008</p>		<p>Identifying an AU Member State to host the Special Summit. Inadequate staff capacity.</p>	
<p>EX.CL/Dec.382 (XII)</p> <p>RULES OF PROCEDURE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF CCAR</p> <p>Para. 2 – <i>Requests the Commission to reactivate the CCAR as soon as possible</i></p>	<p><i>(Political to comply with the column presentation as above, and on this to update on action taken and in case Decision has not been fully implemented to specify the constraints and way forward to overcome them) If nothing new to say so)</i></p> <p>Partly implemented. The Rules of Procedure of the CCAR were amended as recommended by the PRC, and circulated to all Members. A meeting of the reactivate Committee has been planned for a later date in 2008. It is an on-going exercise.</p>			

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<p>EX.CL/Dec. 390(XII)</p> <p>AU POLICY ON ACCESS TO POST-PRIMARY EDUCATION FOR VICTIMS OF FORCED DISPLACEMENT IN AFRICA</p> <p><i>Para.2 – Requests the Commission, in close collaboration with Member States, relevant AU Partners and other organizations to ensure provision of access to post-primary education for victims of forced displacement in Africa</i></p>	<p><i>(Political to comply with the column presentation as above, and on this to update on action taken and in case Decision has not been fully implemented to specify the constraints and way forward to overcome them)</i></p> <p>Partly implemented. Consultative meeting held with AU Partners in February 2008, where proposals were made for the way forward, including to disseminate adopted policy during Special Summit, as a strategy for advocacy and popularization with Member States as well as other public and private stakeholders. It is an on-going exercise.</p>			

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DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL					
<p>EX.CL/Dec.423 (XIII)</p> <p>Decision on the Situation of Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons</p>	<p>REQUESTS the countries of origin to promote peace, security, stability and national reconciliation in order to create conducive conditions for the return of victims of forced displacement in safety and dignity, and continue to address the root</p>				

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<p>in Africa EX.CL/413 (XIII)</p>	<p>causes of forced displacement to facilitate total elimination of the problem;</p> <p>CALLS UPON the humanitarian organizations as well as donors, in view of the urgency, magnitude and complexity of the situation of forced displacement in the Continent to enhance their capacities and harmonize their activities so that the positive impact is brought to bear on the humanitarian situation;</p> <p>INVITES the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), in recognition of its protection expertise, to continue and reinforce its role in the protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons within the United Nations coordination mechanism;</p> <p>NOTES WITH SATISFACTION the progress made by Member States' legal experts in the finalization of the draft African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons in Africa with a view to its adoption by the Heads of State and Government during the forthcoming Special Summit on</p>				

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	<p>Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons scheduled for November 2008; and APPEALS to Member States to consider hosting it;</p> <p>URGES Member States to participate actively in the meetings of Experts and Ministers in charge of the Matter of Forced Displacement as well as the historical Special Summit on Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons in Africa;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission, in consultation with Member States to update statistics and present to the Executive Council the latest figures on forced population displacement in the Report on the Situation of Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons in Africa;</p> <p>FINALLY REQUESTS the Commission to continue to follow-up on the situation of refugees, returnees and internally displaced persons and to report thereon to the next ordinary session of the Assembly scheduled for January 2009.</p>				

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<p>EX.CL/Dec. 438 (XIII) Decision on Afro-Arab Cooperation Doc. EX.CL/438 (XIII)</p>	<p>DECIDES on the establishment of the Afro-Arab Development Forum where African and Arab Professional Associations, Researchers, Civil Societies, Private Sectors, Prominent individuals, will meet and discuss issues of common concern to the two regions and ENDORSES the Framework and Modalities for the establishment of the Forum adopted by the 3rd AU/LAS Inter-secretariat Consultative Meeting held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in December 2007;</p> <p>CALLS UPON the Chairperson of the Commission and the Secretary General of the League of Arab States to commence preparation for the inaugural session of the Forum to be held during the 4th quarter of 2008;</p> <p>WELCOMES the reaffirmation by the Great Jamahiriya of its offer to host the 13th Meeting of the Standing Committee of Afro-Arab Cooperation and REQUESTS the Chairperson of the Commission to consult with the Secretary General of the League of Arab States on the necessary arrangements for the holding of the said Session;</p>				

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	<p>REQUESTS the Commission in collaboration with the LAS Secretariat and the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC), through its Sub-Committee on Multilateral Cooperation, to prepare the necessary documentation pertaining to Afro-Arab Cooperation, including a draft joint strategy and action plan addressing areas of mutual interest including Peace and Security, Economic Cooperation and Investment;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to convene a meeting of the twelve (12) African countries with a view to elaborating a common position before the meeting of the Standing Committee;</p> <p>ALSO REQUESTS the Commission and the LAS Secretariat to make the necessary preparations for the convening of the Afro-Arab Summit;</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission to report to the PRC on proposed institutional cooperation mechanisms between the AU and LAS, as well as the activities of joint Afro-Arab institutions including proposals to</p>				

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	<p>further improve their work;</p> <p>UNDERSCORES the need for regular consultations between African and Arab Ambassadors in selected Capitals and Cities, in particular in Addis Ababa, Cairo, Brussels, Geneva, New York and Washington with a view to coordinating actions and, where possible, harmonizing positions on global and regional issues of common concern;</p> <p>ENDORSES the establishment of Afro-Arab Committees of Ambassadors in identified and other capitals and cities where the African Union and the League of Arab States have representations;</p> <p>CALLS UPON Heads of all Permanent Delegations and Diplomatic Missions of the African Union and the League of Arab States to work hand in hand for the establishment and proper functioning of the Committees.</p>				
<p>EX.CL/Dec. 440 (XIII) Decision on the Situation in Palestine and the Middle East -</p>	<p>REAFFIRMS its support for a peaceful settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict on the basis of the principles of international law and all relevant resolutions; and REQUESTS the UN Security</p>				

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<p>Doc.EX.CL/442 (XIII)</p>	<p>Council to shoulder its major responsibilities under its Charter in maintaining International peace and security in order to achieve a comprehensive just, and lasting peace;</p> <p>ALSO REAFFIRMS its support for the Arab Peace Initiative that was adopted during the Arab League Summit - Beirut 2002; and CALLS UPON Israel to accept and to take advantage of this historical opportunity, which aims at ending the Arab-Israeli conflict and establish peace in the region;</p> <p>FURTHER EXPRESSES its appreciation for the relentless efforts exerted by the Arab Republic of Egypt which resulted in the achievement of a period calm in the Gaza Strip; and CALLS UPON Israel to cooperate in good faith in its implementation and lift the blockade imposed on the Strip;</p> <p>CONDEMNS the Israeli government's decision to build 820 new settlement units in Jabal Abu Ghneim, Shuafat and Beit Hanina of the 1967 territories, which is considered as a serious threat to the entire peace process;</p>				

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	<p>URGES the Israeli government to stop all unilateral measures aimed at and designed to create a new reality in the Palestinian Occupied Territories, particularly the continuous building of illegal settlements as a new geopolitical reality; and further URGES the Israeli government to immediately cease all settlement activities in the Palestinian Occupied Territories and to remove the road blocks and demolish the Apartheid Separation Wall that is built in the occupied territories, as well as to comply with the decision of the International Court of Justice and U.N. General Assembly Resolution in this regard;</p> <p>CONDEMNS Israel for its continuing work on excavations around and under the Al-Aqsa Mosque, and the deliberate destruction of places of archaeological and heritage in the city of Al-quds (Jerusalem), in addition to doing great damage to the religious places and for its religious, historical and civilization values;</p> <p>STRONGLY CONDEMNS the Israeli occupying authority and denounces the repressive</p>				

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	<p>practices and policies, particularly the continuous invasions, daily assassinations, and brutal assaults committed against the defenseless Palestinian civilians in the Palestinian Occupied Territories, including Al-Quds Al-Sharif (Jerusalem) its capital, and URGES the Israeli government to immediately put an end to activities which constitute a flagrant violation of International law and the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949;</p> <p>DEMANDS that the International Community, and in particular all international human rights bodies move effectively to uphold the cause of prisoners and detainees in Israeli jails and to work towards their release, and to compel Israel to abide by the laws and relevant international treaties; AND</p> <p>STRESSES that achieving a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the region will not be achieved without the release of all prisoners and detainees from the Israeli jails;</p> <p>CALLS UPON the Government of Israel to put an end to its occupation of all Arab lands occupied since 1967, including the Syrian and Lebanese territories,</p>				

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	<p>and to abide by the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions, particularly Resolutions 242 and 338, the Madrid Declaration, the Land for peace Principle, the Arab Peace Initiative and the Road Map, in order to reach a just, comprehensive, lasting and peaceful solution to the Arab-Israeli Conflict;</p> <p>TAKES NOTE of the efforts deployed by the Committee of Ten (10) Member States on Palestine established by the July 2002 Decision AHG/Dec. 182 (XXXVIII), and URGES continued efforts by the African Union in the quest for a just, comprehensive, lasting and peaceful solution to the conflict in Palestine and the Middle East, and warmly WELCOMES the proposal by the current Chair of the African Union to visit Ramallah in order to experience the reality of the situation prevailing in the occupied territories;</p> <p>COMMENDS the recent developments in Lebanon which have led to the agreement on the election of the President of the Republic and the formation of a government, and INVITES all the Lebanese parties to work towards</p>				

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	the consolidation of this major gain for the restoration of peace and national reconciliation.				
<p>EX.CL/Dec.448 (XIII) Decision on the Report of the Pan-African Parliament Doc. EX.CL/423 (XIII)</p>	<p>AUTHORIZES PAP to establish and operationalize a trust fund to provide supplementary funds to support its activities;</p> <p>DECIDES to establish a joint Forum comprising the Chairperson of the Commission and the Heads of all the other organs of the Union in order to ensure that they synergise their programmes and activities.</p>	<p>PAP to report</p>			
<p>EX.CL/Dec.449 (XIII) Decision on the Report of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights for the Year 2007 Doc.EX.CL/445 (XII)</p>	<p>AUTHORISES AfCHPR to submit in 2009 a new structure of the Registry and new proposals concerning the status of the Judges;</p> <p>URGES Member States which have not yet done so to ratify the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the establishment of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, and to ADHERE to the declaration recognizing the jurisdiction of the Court to receive petitions from individuals and non-governmental organizations;</p>	<p>AfCHPR to submit proposals in conjunction with AHRD</p> <p>AfCHPR to report</p>			

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	<p>REQUESTS the United Republic of Tanzania, hosting the Headquarters of the AfCHPR, in collaboration with the Commission, to take all the necessary steps to avail the AfCHPR, as soon as possible, with an operational structure, in conformity with the provisions of the Headquarters Agreement.</p>	<p>United Republic Of Tanzania and AfCHPR to report</p>			
<p>EX.CL/Dec.452 (XIII) Decision on the Current Political Situation in Zimbabwe</p>	<p>CALLS ON all parties to exercise restraint, refrain from any acts of violence and prevail on their supporters to put an immediate end to the use of violence and intimidation;</p> <p>URGES the parties to commit themselves to a peaceful solution to the current situation through dialogue;</p> <p>STRESSES that all parties work together towards finding a lasting solution.</p>				
<p>EX.CL/Dec. 453 (XIII) Decision on African Candidatures for Posts within the International System</p>	<p>DECIDES to endorse the following candidatures:</p> <p>(i) The Arab Republic of Egypt for one of the two (2) seats reserved for Africa in the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), for the 2008-</p>				

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<p>Doc. EX.CL/449 (XIII)</p>	<p>2010 period;</p> <p>(ii) The Republic of Burkina Faso for one of the two (2) seats reserved for Africa in the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), for the 2008-2010 period;</p> <p>(iii) Republic of Uganda for a Non-Permanent Seat on the UN Security Council for 2009-2010;</p> <p>(iv) Ambassador Abdul Samad Minty of South Africa, for the post of Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), in the event that the incumbent Director General, Mr. Mohamed El Baradei of Egypt decides not to avail himself for the next term;</p> <p>(v) Dr. Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf of Somalia, as Judge of the International Court of Justice (ICJ), at elections which will take place during the session of the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council scheduled to be held in October 2008;</p> <p>(vi) Egypt and Tunisia, for re-election to the Council of Administration and the Postal Operations Council of the Universal Postal Union (UPU);</p>				

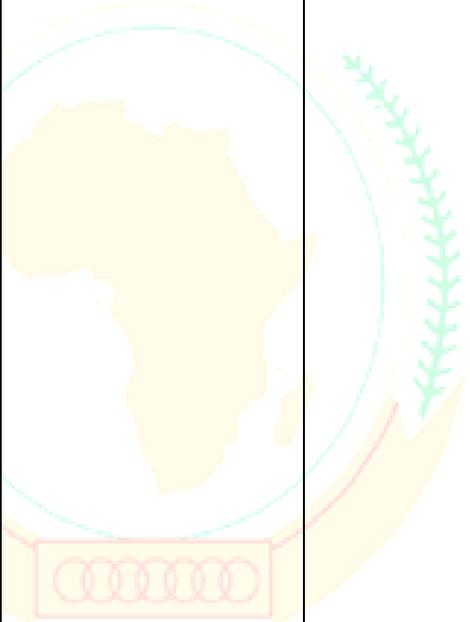
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	<p>(vii) Burkina Faso and Libya, for seats on the Council of Administration and the Postal Operations Council of the Universal Postal Union (UPU);</p> <p>(viii) Mr. Gilbert Houngbo of Togo, for the post of President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD);</p> <p>(ix) Mr. Fatih Bouayad-Agha of Algeria, for a new term at the International Public Service Commission for the 2009-2010 period, at elections to be held during the 63rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly;</p> <p>(x) Chief Michael Kaase Aondoakaa SAN, of Nigeria, for the Governing Council of the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT), at the elections of UNIDROIT Governing Board to be held in Rome, Italy;</p> <p>(xi) Mr. Pollar Awich of Uganda, for a seat on the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child, at elections to be held in New York in November 2008;</p> <p>(xii) Ambassador Ahmed Amin Fathalla of Egypt, to the United Nations Human Rights Committee, at elections to be</p>				

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	<p>held in September 2008.</p> <p>DECIDES that the candidatures of Nigeria and Sierra Leone for non-permanent seats on the United Nations (UN) Security Council will be considered at subsequent sessions of the Ministerial Committee prior to the elections;</p> <p>ALSO DECIDES to endorse the following candidatures:</p> <p>(i) Mr. Rajoomer Lallah of Mauritius, for re-election for membership of the United Nations Committee on Human Rights for the period 2009-2010, during elections due to be held in New York in September 2008;</p> <p>(ii) Mr. El Hadji Lamine Moctar Bousso of Senegal, for membership of the United Nations Committee on Human Rights for the period 2009-2010, during elections to be held in New York in September 2008;</p> <p>(iii) Mr. Bouzid Lashari of Algeria, for membership of the United Nations Committee on Human Rights for the period 2009-</p>				

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	<p>2010, during elections taking place in New York in September 2008;</p> <p>(iv) Prof. Amsatou Sow Sidibe of Senegal, for membership of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, during elections scheduled for New York on 30 July 2008;</p> <p>(v) Judge Sanji Monageng of the Republic of Botswana, to the position of Judge at the International Criminal Court (ICC) during elections scheduled for January 2009.</p>				
DECISIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY					
<p>Assembly/AU/Dec. 198 (XI) Decision on the African Peer Review Mechanism</p>	<p>NOTES that twenty-eight (28) Member States have voluntarily acceded to APRM and INVITES all Member States that have not yet done so to join the Mechanism;</p> <p>CALLS UPON the government of the Republic of South Africa to grant all facilities to APRM for the discharge of its mandate;</p> <p>DECIDES that APRM Structures, namely the APRM Forum, the</p>	<p>South Africa and APRM to report</p>			

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	<p>APRM Panel and the APRM Secretariat shall be part of the processes and structures of the African Union;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to negotiate and conclude a host agreement, with the Government of the Republic of South Africa, for APRM with a view to facilitating the discharge of its mandate.</p>	<p>South Africa and APRM to report</p>			
<p>Assembly/AU/Dec. 200 (XI) Decision on the Report of the Activities of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights Doc. EX.CL/446 (XIII)</p>	<p>ADOPTS and AUTHORIZES in accordance with Article 59 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Charter), the publication of the 23rd and 24th Activity Reports of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and their Annexes;</p> <p>COMMENDS ACHPR for the work accomplished and URGES it to pursue and intensify its efforts in this regard;</p> <p>REITERATES the need for ACHPR to be provided with adequate resources to remove donor dependence and enable the ACHPR discharge its mandate effectively and independently;</p>				

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	<p>EXPRESSES APPRECIATION to the Government of the Republic of The Gambia for the efforts deployed in hosting ACHPR for the past 20 years, and URGES the Government to provide a permanent headquarter for ACHPR, in line with the Criteria for Hosting AU Organs adopted in July 2005;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) to expedite its consideration of the proposed Structure of the Secretariat of ACHPR, with a view to providing it with adequate staff for the effective discharge of its mandate;</p> <p>URGES ACHPR to expedite consideration and finalisation of its revised Rules of Procedure, ensuring that these Rules are consistent with the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights;</p> <p>ENCOURAGES ACHPR, in collaboration with the AU Commission, to take the necessary steps to have the status of the ACHPR as an Organ of the AU regularized;</p>	<p>Gambia and ACHPR to report</p>			

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	<p>REQUESTS ACHPR to prepare proposals on the honorarium, per diem and other allowances to be paid to the Members of ACHPR, for consideration by the AU Policy Organs;</p> <p>ALSO REQUESTS the ACHPR to prepare a Paper on how the African Commission works, with a view to enhancing stakeholders' understanding of its working methods and operational modalities;</p> <p>TAKES NOTE of the observations and reservations made by the Arab Republic of Egypt, regarding the shortcomings of the ACHPR in the translation of documents, in interpretation, and in transmitting documents to Member States, due to human and financial resource constraints, which can result in procedural and substantial shortcomings.</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the ACHPR to report on the same to the next ordinary session of the Assembly in 2009.</p>				

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<p>Assembly/AU/Dec. 204 (XI) Decision on the Reform of the United Nations Security Council Doc. Assembly/AU/8 (XI)</p>	<p>REQUESTS the Committee of Ten to address other Reform issues of the United Nations System, and to present a progress Report to the next ordinary session of the Assembly;</p> <p>DECIDES TO RENEW the directive to the African Permanent Representatives to the United Nations, as stated in the Assembly Decision (Assembly/AU/Dec.184 (X) of January 2008, relating to their participation in inter-governmental negotiations in New York;</p> <p>ENDORSES the decision of the Committee of Ten to meet regularly and requests the African Union Commission to facilitate the meetings.</p>				
RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY					
<p>Assembly/AU/Res. 1 (XI) Resolution on Zimbabwe</p>	<p>Hereby decide:</p> <p>TO ENCOURAGE President Robert Mugabe and the leader of the MDC Party Mr. Morgan Tsvangirai to honour their commitments to initiate dialogue with a view to promoting peace, stability, democracy and reconciliation of the Zimbabwean</p>				

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	<p>people;</p> <p>TO SUPPORT the call for the creation of a Government of National Unity;</p> <p>TO SUPPORT the SADC Facilitation, and RECOMMEND that SADC mediation efforts should be continued in order to assist the people and leadership of Zimbabwe to resolve the problems they are facing. In this regard SADC should establish a mechanism on the ground in order to seize the momentum for a negotiated solution;</p> <p>TO APPEAL to States and parties concerned to refrain from any action that may negatively impact on the climate of dialogue;</p>				

SOCIAL AFFAIRS

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS

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<p>HEALTH Decision on Africa's Health Strategy Doc. EX.CL/354 (XI)</p>		<p><i>(Social Affairs Department to update on the current manner in the same concise manner and to fill other columns if not fully implemented)</i></p> <p>An operational plan has been developed for the implementation of the Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Plan for Africa;</p> <p>Regular consultation is being held with different partners, stakeholders and the Bureau of the Conference of African Ministers of Health (CAMH3) on the way forward</p>			
<p>POPULATION Decision of the African Population Commission Doc. EX.CL/384(XII)</p>	<p>APPEALS to the International Community to provide assistance toward the implementation of the Johannesburg Declaration</p>	<p>Regional forums on population and development including the promotion of safe motherhood in Africa are being organized as part of the implementation of the Declaration and the MDGs</p>			
<p>DRUGS CONTROL Decision</p>	<p>REQUESTS the Commission and the RECs, in collaboration with relevant</p>	<p>Contracted an expert to facilitate the process of</p>			

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EX.CL/Dec.381(XII) on the Third Session of the AU Conference of Ministers for Drug Control and Crime Prevention	partners, to follow-up on and monitor implementation of the Plan of Action and report to the AU policy organs every two (2) years	interaction and capacity building with RECs and Member States for the implementation of the PoA			
SOCIAL WELFARE Decision EX.CL/Dec.399 (XII) on The Second Pan-African Forum on Children: Mid-Term Review	MANDATES the Chairperson of the African Union to present the Call for Accelerated Action to the United Nations General Assembly Commemorative High-Level Plenary Meeting, devoted to the follow-up of the 2002 UN Special Session on Children, to be held in New York in December 2007; CALLS ON the AU Commission to report on progress made on the implementation of the 2001 Plan of Action of Africa Fit for Children every two (2) years, and to convene the next Pan-Forum on Children in 2011.	The Call for Accelerated Action was presented to the UN High Level Plenary Meeting by the Minister for Women and Children Affairs of Ghana in December 2007; The call for Accelerated Action and the 2001 Plan of Action has been disseminated to all Member States for their implementation. The Commission will follow upon the progress in implementation and report to the Council.			
LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND MIGRATION					
Decision on the fifth Ordinary Session of Labour and Social Affairs Commission <u>DOC. EX.CL/382 (XII)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All proposals of candidatures for the ILO Higher offices and committees be submitted by the African Group Member of the Governing Body in Geneva through the AU Geneva office to the LSAC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports will be submitted in September of each year. 			

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	<p>for consideration,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALLS ON MS to implement the Africa-EU Declaration on Migration and Development • CALLS ON the Commission in collaboration with the ARI Governing Board to take all the necessary measures to review the mandate and structure of ARI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some MS reported that they were involved in the discussion, • All candidatures were submitted as per decision and considered by the LSAC, <p>Programmes are underway to visit Member States to assist them in the implementation</p> <p>The Commission has contracted a Consultant to carry out a study and make proposals on the revitalization of ARI. The</p> <p>Report of the Consultant will be submitted to the First AU Conference of Ministers in charge of Social Development scheduled to take place in October 2008</p>			

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DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL					
<p>EX.CL/Dec. 434 (XIII) Decision on the Sixth Ordinary Session of the Labour and Social Affairs Commission (LSAC) -Doc. EX.CL/433 (XIII)</p>	<p>CALLS ON Member States to submit their reports on the implementation of the recommendations of LSAC to the AU Commission before the end of November 2008;</p> <p>ALSO CALLS ON Member States to implement the Policy Framework on Migration in Africa and the Africa-European Union (EU) Declaration on Migration and Development, and ensure that the rights and dignity of migrant workers are respected by receiving Countries;</p> <p>URGES Member States to participate in the Experts Workshop on the Informal Economy in Africa and to assist in the development of related Continental strategies and programmes;</p> <p>REQUESTS the AU Commission in collaboration with Member States and other partners to prepare a comprehensive analytical report, in 2009, on the implementation of the 2004 Ouagadougou Declaration and Plan of Action on Employment and Poverty Alleviation;</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS that reflection should continue on the</p>				

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	<p>rethinking of the working methods of LSAC and that this issue should be raised during the first session of the AU Ministers in charge of Social Development Conference to be held in October 2008;</p> <p>ENDORSES all the proposed candidatures by LSAC for the International Labour Organization Governing Body (ILO-GB) as listed in the Report including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The candidature of Algeria for the Government Vice-Chair for the 97th Session of the International Labour Commission (ILC) and; ii) The candidature of Mr. Juan Somavia, for a third term, as Director General of ILO; <p>ALSO ENDORSES the LSAC Resolution on Palestinian Workers and Declaration on the Food Crisis in Africa.</p>				
<p>EX.CL/Dec. 436 (XIII) Decision on the Special Session of the African Union Conference of Ministers of Health – Doc. EX.CL/435 (XIII)</p>	<p>EMPHASISES that the attainment of the Health MDGs will require renewed commitment to health and development with particular focus on Primary Health Care; strengthening of health systems, significant increases in domestic and external investment, national ownership and improved effectiveness of</p>				

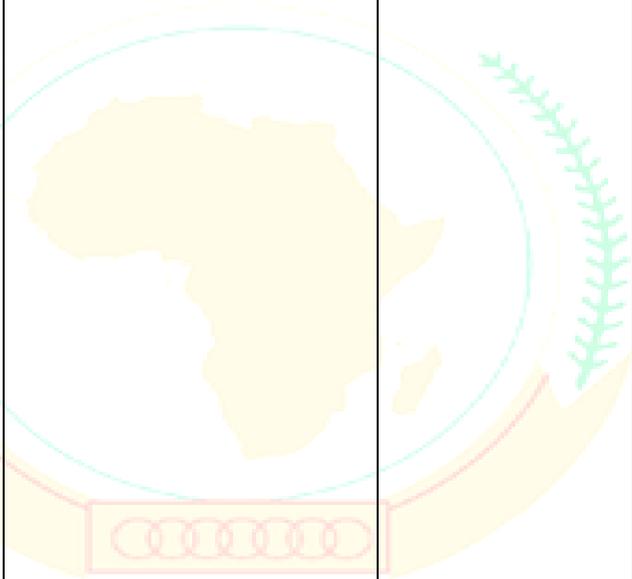
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	<p>international cooperation;</p> <p>ENDORSES the adoption of an <u>Africa Healthy Lifestyles Day</u>, proposed to be “<i>the Last Friday of February each Year</i>”;</p> <p>URGES Member States to actively pursue the implementation of the Africa Health Strategy, in line with their respective national and regional health plans and strategies;</p> <p>ALSO URGES Member States to submit updated information in order to accelerate the implementation of the Plan of Action of the AU Decade of African Traditional Medicine (2001-2010);</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to submit the report on the mid-term review on the occasion of Africa Traditional Medicine Day, 31st August 2008;</p> <p>FURTHER URGES Member States to implement the outcomes of the April 2008 AU Continental Workshop to Harmonise, Develop and Institutionalise the Maternal, Newborn and Child Mortality Reviews, and accelerate the implementation of MDG 4 and 5 in the framework of previous strategies to promote maternal,</p>				

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	<p>newborn and child health;</p> <p>ENDORSES the nomination of Dr. Manto Tshabalala-Msimang, Minister of Health of South Africa, to act as AU Goodwill Ambassador and Champion for <i>“Africa’s Movement to Improve Maternal Health and Promote Child Survival and Development beyond 2015”</i> in collaboration with other Health Ministers”;</p> <p>URGES Member States to double efforts at national, regional and continental levels to implement the May 2006 Abuja Commitments Towards Universal Access to HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria Services, and submit national reports for the 5-Year Review due in 2010 in time;</p> <p>CALLS UPON Member States to actively implement the recommendations of the Taskforce on Training and Education of the Global Health Workforce Alliance (GHWA) and ALSO CALLS UPON Ministers of Health of AU Member States to participate actively in the Sixth International Ministerial Conference on Avian and Pandemic Influenza due to be held in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt from 24 to 26 October 2008; and to take part in the deliberations of the Third Session of</p>				

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	<p>the Conference of the Parties to the Framework convention on Tobacco control to be held in Durban, South Africa, in November 2008;</p> <p>ALSO CALLS UPON Regional and International Development Partners to sustain efforts to support Member States in the implementation of the above commitments, including resource mobilization;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to continue to coordinate and harmonise follow up actions of the Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Plan, including the preparation of a concrete plan for implementation, in close collaboration with countries, Regional Economic Communities, the World Health Organization (WHO), Intellectual Property Organizations and other relevant partners;</p> <p>ALSO REQUESTS the Commission to follow up on the implementation of this Decision and report to the next Session of the AU Conference of Ministers of Health (April 2009).</p>				
<p>EX.CL/Dec.441 (XIII) Decision on the Report of the African Committee of Experts on the</p>	<p>URGES Member States that have not yet ratified the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child to speed up this process;</p>				

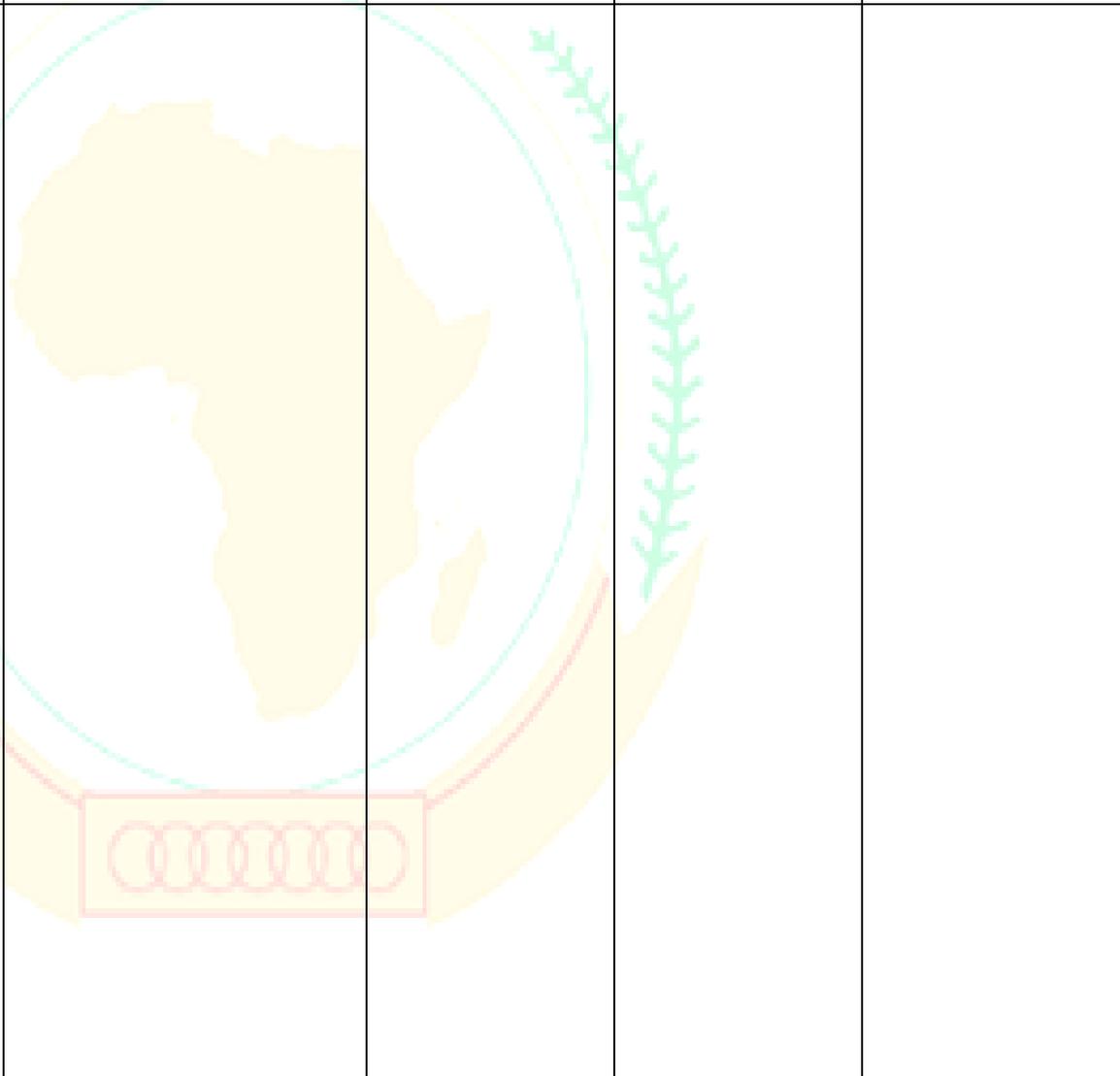
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<p>Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC) Doc.EX.CL/447 (XIII)</p>	<p>ALSO URGES Member States that have not yet submitted their reports to comply with the recommendations of the Committee for the submission of reports;</p> <p>REQUESTS Members of the Committee to make the necessary preparations to organize the second Children’s Champion Award;</p> <p>CALLS UPON the Members of the Committee, in the execution of their programme, to prioritise the implementation of the Call for Accelerated Action on the Implementation of the Plan of Action Towards «Africa Fit for Children»;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Committee to collaborate with the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights as well as with the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child and other relevant institutions in carrying out its mandate;</p> <p>ALSO REQUESTS the Committee to spare no effort in pursuing its mandate of promotion of the rights of the child and implementation of the provisions in the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child;</p> <p>FINALLY REQUESTS the</p>				

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	Commission to clarify and review the status of the Committee and provide it with an autonomous budget to enable it to fulfill its mission of coordinating and implementation of the Charter on the Continent.				
DECISIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY					
<p>Assembly/AU/Dec.1 94 (XI) Decision on the Progress Report on the Implementation of the Commitments of the May 2006 Abuja Special Summit on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (ATM) Doc. Assembly/AU/4 (XI)</p>	<p>WELCOMES the Malaria Initiative launched by the United Nations (UN) Secretary General and the appointment of a UN Special Envoy on Malaria; and REQUESTS the AU Commission to work closely with the Envoy in the implementation of the Malaria Elimination Campaign launched by the African Union;</p> <p>URGES Member States to implement their pledge to devote at least fifteen percent (15%) of their national budget to health in order to adequately address health and development, especially HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria;</p> <p>ALSO URGES Member States to strengthen health systems in the framework of the Africa Health Strategy (2007-2015) as the best approach to promote universal access to HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria services by 2010;</p>				

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	<p>FURTHER URGES Member States to strengthen their respective disease surveillance capacities for effective monitoring and evaluation and to prepare progress reports to the AU organs and other constituencies;</p> <p>CALLS UPON Regional and International partners to sustain efforts to support Member states in the implementation of the various commitments on HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria (ATM);</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to promote regional cooperation whilst coordinating and harmonizing follow-up on the response to HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria;</p> <p>ALSO REQUESTS the Commission in collaboration with development partners to monitor the implementation of this Decision and to prepare a review report in 2010 as requested by the Special Summit on ATM.</p>				
<p>Assembly/AU/Dec.1 95 (XI) Decision on the Report on the Promotion of Maternal, Infant and Child Health in Africa</p>	<p>REAFFIRMS the need to implement its the Decision adopted by the Banjul Summit in 2006 on a legislation that regulates and respects social life in Africa, and URGES Member States to make contributions in this regard;</p>				

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Doc.Assembly/AU/6 (XI)	<p>URGES all Member States to take action to institutionalize enquiries into Maternal, Infant and Child deaths in Member States; to this effect periodic reports should be submitted to the AU Commission, Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and relevant partners for assessment and analysis of progress and sharing of best practices;</p> <p>ENDORSES the nomination by the Special Session of the AU Conference of African Ministers of Health, on 17 May 2008 of Dr M. Tshabalala-Msimang, Minister of Health of the Republic of South Africa as Goodwill Ambassador to champion the Promotion of Maternal, Infant and Child Health in Africa;</p> <p>CALLS UPON the United Nations (UN) Agencies and other International Partners to accelerate actions to improve maternal, infant and child health in order to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to speed up action for capacity building with the view to strengthening advocacy, resource mobilization, coordination and harmonization,</p>				

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	<p>monitoring and evaluation of progress made in the promotion of maternal, infant and child health in Africa;</p> <p>ALSO REQUESTS the Commission to develop and disseminate a format to guide Member States with reporting, to enable it to update its statistical data;</p> <p>REITERATES its previous Decision, requesting the Commission in collaboration with relevant Partners, to intensify advocacy and coordination efforts towards the attainment of MDGs 4, 5, and 6 in Africa and to submit progress reports to the next ordinary session of the Assembly, in January 2009.</p>				
<p>Assembly/AU/Dec.2007 (XI) Decision on Strengthening the Cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union in Combating Trafficking in Human Beings</p>	<p>COMMENDS the efforts exerted by various African Union organs and United Nations dealing with the issue of trafficking in human beings, in particular the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking (UNGIFT), the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), the International Labour Organisation (ILO), the International Organization on Migration (IOM), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United</p>				

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	<p>Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA), and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and STRESSES the need for enhancing cooperation and coordination between the Commission and all other organs and stakeholders dealing with this important issue;</p> <p>DIRECTS the Permanent Representatives of the Member States of the African Union to the United Nations in New York to propose and start negotiations on a Global Action Plan for combating trafficking in human beings under the auspices of the President of the United Nations General Assembly, taking the 2006 Ouagadougou Action Plan and other regional Action Plans, in particular the ECOWAS Initial Action Plan Against Trafficking in Persons as a basis for the African position, and to coordinate with other interested Member States with similar action plans or similar positions towards achieving our objectives;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to provide all necessary support to the Permanent Representatives in New York throughout the negotiation g process and to intensify its interaction with all organs and stakeholders dealing with this issue</p>				

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	with a view to ensuring the early adoption of the proposed Global Action Plan, and to present a Progress Report, to the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly in January 2009.				

TRADE AND INDUSTRY

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

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2.	EX.Cl. /Dec.401 (XII)	<p>EPA Negotiations</p> <p>(Holding of the EU-Africa High-level meeting on EPA negotiations)</p>	<p><i>(Trade and Industry Department to observe the column presentation as above and to update on developments in a concise manner)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization of meetings and participation in various activities aimed at evaluating interim agreements; • Organization of the AU Conference of Ministers of Trade and Finance (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 1 to 2 April 2008) giving rise to the adoption of the Declaration on EPA negotiations. 	<p>Action continuing.</p> <p>Ongoing consultations with all Member States, all ACP States and the EU to finalize development-friendly EPA.</p>
3.	Assembly/AU/Dec.17.1(X)	Strengthening of Africa-TICAD Cooperation	<p><i>(Trade and Industry Department to observe the column presentation as above and to update on developments in a concise manner)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in TICAD IV preparatory meetings. • Participation in the Ministerial Meeting held in Gabon in March 2008 which adopted the Libreville Declaration. 	<p>Participation in the Yokohama (Japan) Summit from 27 to 30 May 2008.</p>

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4.	Assembly/AU/Dec.17.5(X)	Plan of Action to speed up industrial development in Africa	<p><i>(Trade and Industry Department to observe the column presentation as above and to update on developments in a concise manner)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organization in Cairo, Egypt, of a meeting of stakeholders, namely the ADB, the European Investment Bank, the World Bank, RECs, NEPAD, the ECA and UNIDO to rally their support for the implementation of the Plan of Action. 	Activities underway.
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation of the 18th CAMI to be held in South Africa in November 2008. 	

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EX.CL/Dec.427 (XIII) Decision on the Report of the Commission on the Twelfth Session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Doc. EX.CL/420 (XIII)	<p>WELCOMES the re-affirmation and strengthening of the mandate of UNCTAD as the focal point of the United Nations (UN) for the integrated treatment of trade and development and interrelated issues in the areas of finance, technology, investment and sustainable development and URGES that UNCTAD be endowed with adequate resources to effectively carry out its mandate;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to</p>				

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	<p>ensure effective implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding between the AU Commission and UNCTAD signed in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in April 2008 and to organize, as soon as possible, a meeting with the UNCTAD Secretariat with a view to developing and prioritizing a programme of activities that will enhance the capacity of African countries;</p> <p>URGES the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to address the development opportunities and challenges of globalization in accordance with the Accra Declaration and the Accra Accord.</p>				
<p>EX.CL/Dec.428 (XIII) Decision on Progress Report on the Various Strategic Partnerships of the African Union with Japan (TICAD IV), China, South America, India, Turkey and Iran – Doc. EX.CL/421 (XIII)</p>	<p>REQUESTS the Commission to take all necessary measures to facilitate the successful conduct of the Africa-Turkey Summit in Istanbul, Turkey, in August 2008, and the Second Africa-South America Summit scheduled for Venezuela, in November 2008;</p> <p>CALLS ON Member States to participate effectively in both Summits in line with the 2006 Banjul Decision;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to continue working closely with the relevant AU organs with a view to</p>				

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	<p>strengthening existing partnerships and developing a strategy for the AU to ensure that Africa engages in win-win partnerships that will benefit the Continent as a whole;</p> <p>DECIDES that the Commission and partners shall jointly organize all future meetings within the framework of the partnerships;</p> <p>CALLS ON Member States to take necessary steps to take advantage of the outcomes of both the Africa-India Forum Summit and TICAD IV, and REQUESTS the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) and the Commission to elaborate with India an appropriate plan of action for the implementation of the Delhi Declaration and Framework of Cooperation as agreed in the Delhi Declaration;</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission to take urgent steps to conclude the global review of all existing partnerships, including the criteria for such partnerships, rationalization of and participation of Member States at summits, as mandated by the July 2006 Banjul Decision, and make appropriate recommendations thereon to the Executive Council in January 2009.</p>				

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<p>EX.CL/Dec.429 (XIII) Decision on the Report on the on-going Doha Round Negotiations in the World Trade Organization Doc. EX.CL/423 (XIII)</p>	<p>ENDORSES the Declaration on the WTO Doha Development Agenda (DDA) Negotiations, adopted by the Joint Conference of AU Ministers of Trade and Finance in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in April 2008;</p> <p>REAFFIRMS its commitment to the attainment of a fair, balanced and rules-based multilateral trading system with specific commitments for special and differential treatment for developing countries;</p> <p>CALLS FOR an early conclusion of the current Doha Round of Negotiations, without compromising the development dimension that should be at the centre of the outcome;</p> <p>URGES the WTO Members, especially the major players in the negotiations, to show more political commitment and greater flexibility in negotiating positions that will ensure successful conclusion of the Doha Round;</p> <p>COMMENDS African Negotiators for their articulation and defence of Africa's common interests in the negotiations and REQUESTS them to remain vigilant and united in the</p>				

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	final phase of the Doha Round.				
DECISIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY					
<p>Assembly/AU/Dec. 197 (XI) Decision on the Report on Negotiations of Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) Doc. EX.CL/422 (XII)</p>	<p>REQUESTS Member States that have had to initial individual Interim EPAs to avoid disruption of their trade with the European Union (EU) after the 31st of December 2007 deadline, to pursue and finalize within their Regional Economic Communities (RECs)/Regional Groupings the negotiation and conclusion of full and comprehensive EPAs;</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the Member States concerned to ensure that the contentious issues in the Interim EPAs that have been identified by the AU Ministers of Trade and Finance are adequately addressed in the negotiations of full and comprehensive EPAs;</p> <p>URGES the European Commission not to put pressure on African Governments to ratify the Interim Agreements without taking into account the concerns raised on the contentious issues;</p> <p>INVITES the European Commission to honour the commitment made by</p>				

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	<p>the Council in Brussels on 27 May 2008 to make EPAs an instrument for the promotion of development ,support to regional integration, and gradual integration of African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) group of States in the world economy, and URGES the European Commission to fully reflect this commitment in the negotiation and conclusion of full and comprehensive EPAs;</p> <p>REQUESTS the AU Commission , in collaboration with the United Nations Commission for Africa (UNECA) and the RECs, to accelerate the elaboration of a full EPA template to be used as a guideline by all African countries / groups negotiating full EPAs;</p> <p>URGES the European Union to consider providing an alternative trading arrangement, that is World Trade Organisation (WTO) – compatible but not less favourable than the Lome/Cotonou trading regime, to African countries/groups that have not initialled Interim EPAs and may not be in a position to conclude full EPAs;</p> <p>CALLS ON the AU Commission and the European Union Commission to facilitate an early convening of the</p>				

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	<p>high-level Africa–Europe consultations on EPAs, as agreed in Lisbon during the Second Europe – Africa Summit, held in Portugal, in December 2007;</p> <p>REQUESTS African negotiating countries and groups to remain united in their engagement with the European Union Commission on EPAs;</p> <p>REQUESTS the AU Commission to strengthen its coordination and harmonization of the positions of the countries and groups in the negotiations of full EPAs;</p> <p>URGES Member States and the RECs to take full advantage of the European Union Aid for Trade resources.</p>				

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

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DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL					
<p>EX.CL/Dec.424 (XIII) Decision on Private Sector Development Doc. EX.CL/413 (XIII)</p>	<p>ENCOURAGES the public and private sectors to pursue good corporate governance, socially responsible business practices, transparency, and the respect of laws, rules and regulations;</p> <p>FURTHER ENCOURAGES the public and private sectors to work closely together in utilizing their respective core competencies to attain synergy and achieve results collectively;</p> <p>CALLS UPON Member States to create an enabling environment for effective private sector development;</p> <p>URGES all stakeholders to fully participate in the implementation of the recommendations;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission, in collaboration with the UN Global Compact and other relevant stakeholders to put in place an effective mechanism to follow up on the implementation of the agreed</p>				

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	<p>recommendations;</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission in consultation with the Permanent Missions to the AU in Addis Ababa, to identify participants for the Private Sector Forum.</p>				
<p>EX.CL/Dec. 425 (XIII) Decision on the Africa-European Union (EU) Dialogue Doc. EX.CL/416 (XIII)</p>	<p>CALLS UPON Member States to express interest in the eight partnerships of the first Action Plan, allocate the necessary human, material and financial resources and propose projects for the implementation, based on criteria to be agreed upon with the Commission and within the framework of the eight partnerships, of the first Action Plan;</p> <p>URGES Member States, the Regional Economic Communities and other relevant stakeholders to take active part in the implementation of the first Action Plan under the coordination of the Commission;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to ensure the effective involvement of the Regional Economic Communities in the implementation and monitoring of the processes;</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission to negotiate implementation modalities with the</p>				

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	European Union on the basis of the outcome of the consultations.				
<p>EX.CL/Dec. 426 (XIII) Decision on the Report on Assessing Progress Towards the Attainment of the Millennium Development Goals and the Status of the MDG Africa Initiative Doc. EX.CL/417 (XIII)</p>	<p>WELCOMES and ENDORSES the recommendations contained in the Report including those of the MDGs Africa Steering Groups, and CALLS UPON Member States and Partners to support their implementation;</p> <p>CALLS UPON Member States and Development Partners to devote sufficient resources for the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Second Decade of Education for Africa (2006-2015) in line with Assembly Decision (Assembly/AU/Dec.92 (VI) on the Second Decade of Education for Africa (2006-2015);</p> <p>ECOURAGES Member States to align development strategies to MDGs and support those who heed this call;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission in collaboration with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and the African Development Bank (AfDB) to organize an African High Level Preparatory Meeting for the forthcoming UN High Level Event on Africa's Development Needs as well</p>				

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	<p>as a High Level Event on the Millenium Development Goals in September 2008, to come up with an African common position on accelerating progress to attain the MDGs in Africa.</p>				
<p>EX.CL/Dec.431 (XIII) Decision on the Report of the First Joint Annual Meetings of the African Union Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa's Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development - Doc. EX.CL/428 (XIII)</p>	<p>CALLS ON Member States and their representatives at the United Nations Headquarters to actively participate in preparatory meetings and workshops on the implementation and review of the Monterrey Consensus;</p> <p>WELCOMES the establishment of the African Climate Policy Center at UNECA with the objective of providing policy guidance to Member States;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission in collaboration with UNECA and other relevant partners to establish an African Cluster on Science and Technology to foster the implementation of Africa's Science and Technology Consolidated Plan of Action;</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission in collaboration with members of the African statistical systems and in line with the established procedure, to finalize and</p>				

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	<p>submit the African Charter on Statistics at the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council scheduled for January 2009;</p> <p>REITERATES ITS APPEAL AND CALLS ON Member States to meet their own commitments to increase budget allocation to Millennium Development Goals (MDG)-sensitive sectors, in particular meeting the ten percent (10%) allocation to agriculture as agreed under the AU-New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) and the fifteen percent (15%) of budget allocation to health as agreed in the Abuja Declaration on HIV/AIDs, Tuberculosis (TB) and other related infectious diseases;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission in collaboration with UNECA to create an observatory for regional integration in Africa, as a platform for sharing knowledge and best practices in regional integration;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to pursue and further strengthen its collaboration with UNECA.</p>				

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<p>EX.CL/Dec. 437 (XIII) Decision on the Report and Declaration of the Third Conference of Ministers in charge of Integration Doc.EX.CL/436 (XIII)</p>	<p>URGES the Member States that have not done so, to establish structures dealing with integration issues;</p> <p>ENCOURAGES Members States to consider allowing a gradual transfer of part of their sovereignty to the regional and continental institutions along the principle of subsidiarity for the realization of integration programmes;</p> <p>CALLS ON Member States to exempt all government officials and all African citizens who are holders of diplomatic passports from visas;</p> <p>ALSO CALLS ON Member States of the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) that have not yet done so, to fast-track the implementation of the legal instruments adopted on free movement on the one hand, and on the other, those that have already implemented their free movement programme, to take all necessary measures in order to remove any impediment to the success of this programme;</p> <p>FURTHER CALLS ON Member States of the RECs to accelerate the establishment, where they do not exist, of free trade areas (FTA);</p>				

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	<p>CALLS ON Member States to allocate more resources for regional infrastructure development, and REQUESTS the Commission to conduct the necessary studies to this effect;</p> <p>CALLS ON Member States, the Commission as well as the development partners to take all necessary measures to initiate adequate programmes likely to provide lasting solutions to difficulties facing countries that have experienced war to reduce the development disparity among states;</p> <p>RECOMMENDS that the Assembly devotes exclusively, when necessary, one of its sessions to issues pertaining to integration and development;</p> <p>CALLS for the holding of periodic meetings between the Chairpersons of the RECs and of the Chairperson of the Union, in consultation with the Commission in order to strengthen coordination and follow-up;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to present on a regular basis a report to the Assembly, at its July sessions, on the status of integration in Africa.</p>				

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DECISIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY					
<p>Assembly/AU/Dec. 205 (XI) Decision on the Report of Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee on NEPAD Doc. Assembly/AU/3 (XI)</p>	<p>URGES the African Union Commission to complete the process of the appointment of the Chief Executive Officer for the NEPAD Secretariat by the next African Union Summit in January 2009 along the lines of the January 2008 AU Assembly decision and CALLS ON Member States to encourage their citizens to submit applications for the post;</p> <p>COMMENDS the hosting of the NEPAD Review Summit by President Abdoulaye Wade in Dakar, Senegal on 15 April 2008 as well as the initiatives presented by Senegal on the revitalization of the NEPAD programme and URGES all Member States to contribute viewpoints on the structure and profile of the new NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Authority;</p> <p>WELCOMES the ongoing work of the AU/NEPAD Coordinating Unit on the integration of NEPAD into the structures and processes of the African Union, particularly the inauguration of the Unit and DIRECTS that the Unit should remain guided by the 2003 Maputo AU</p>				

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	<p>Assembly Declaration, the conclusions of the Algiers NEPAD Brainstorming Summit of March 2007 and the Addis Ababa January 2008 AU Assembly's decision, which continue to form the basis for the integration of NEPAD into AU structures and processes;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to take the necessary measures to speed up the conclusion of the Host Agreement for the NEPAD Secretariat with the Government of South Africa and WELCOMES the assurance by President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa that all efforts would be made to conclude the Host Agreement before the end of July 2008;</p> <p>AGREES AND URGES the completion of the process of the integration of NEPAD into the structures and processes of the African Union by the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly in January 2009;</p> <p>ACCEPTS the recommendation of HSGIC to take three key messages of importance for Africa to the G7 Summit scheduled for Hokkaido, Japan, from 7 – 9 July 2008, as follows:</p>				

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Africa Action Plan remains the basis for Africa's engagement with the G8; • Reactivation of the G8/NEPAD follow-up mechanism as agreed upon at the G8 Heiligendamm Summit of 2007 to ensure prompt and effective fulfilment of all G8 commitments and pledges to Africa; • Facilitate better access to concessional loans by African countries for the purpose of economic growth within the context of prudent macro-economic management as part of the process of reviewing the issues of Financing for Development. This is all the more important in view of the burden of the hike in prices of oil and inflation in food prices faced by oil importing countries; <p>EMPHASIZES that the Japanese "Cool Earth" Initiative should not compromise or undermine Africa's positions and strategies on Climate Change being canvassed at the international level through the United Nations Framework for Climate Change (UNFCCC's) Kyoto and post-Kyoto processes;</p>				

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	<p>UNDERScores the need for early preparations by Africa for the 2009 G8 Summit in Italy and the 2010 G8 Summit in Canada, and the appropriate engagements at various levels by Africa with the leadership of the two countries for the necessary sensitization towards African priorities, interests and concerns;</p> <p>APPROVES the new membership of the NEPAD HSGIC for the next two (2) years as follows:</p> <p>Central Africa Cameroon, Congo, DRC, Gabon</p> <p>East Africa Ethiopia, Madagascar*, Sudan*, Rwanda</p> <p>North Africa Egypt, Algeria, Libya, Tunisia</p> <p>Southern Africa South Africa, Namibia*, Malawi*, Lesotho*</p> <p>West Africa Nigeria, Senegal, Mali, Benin*</p> <p>*New members</p> <p>DECIDES that the country chairing the African Union during its term of</p>				

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	office, shall automatically be a member of HSGIC, if not already a member and FURTHER DECIDES that the Republic of Tanzania shall be a member of HSGIC				

PEACE AND SECURITY

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DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL					
<p>EX.CL/Dec. 430 (XIII) Decision on the Report of the Commission on the Operationalization of the African Standby Force Doc. EX.CL/427 (XIII)</p>	<p>ENDORSES the recommendations contained in the Declaration adopted by the Second Ordinary Session of Ministers of Defence and Security regarding the operationalization of the ASF by 2010;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission, working closely with the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and Regional Mechanisms (RMs), as well as Member States, to implement the recommendations expeditiously with the view to operationalizing the ASF by 2010;</p> <p>CALLS ON Member States and the partners to provide the necessary support with respect to technical and financial resources for the effective establishment of the ASF by 2010.</p>				
<p>EX.CL/Dec.452 (XIII) Decision on the Current Political Situation in Zimbabwe</p>	<p>CALLS ON all parties to exercise restraint, refrain from any acts of violence and prevail on their supporters to put an immediate end to the use of violence and intimidation;</p>				

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	<p>URGES the parties to commit themselves to a peaceful solution to the current situation through dialogue;</p> <p>STRESSES that all parties work together towards finding a lasting solution.</p>				
DECISIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY					
<p>Assembly/AU/Dec. 193 (XI) Decision on the Report of the Peace and Security Council on its activities and the State of Peace and Security In Africa Doc. Assembly/AU/2 (XI)</p>	<p>REQUESTS the Commission and AU Member States to continue to support efforts aimed at consolidating the progress made to date in the Comoros, including the rationalization of current institutional arrangements and the improvement of governance, as well as the socio-economic recovery of the Archipelago and the war on poverty;</p> <p>EXPRESSES SATISFACTION at the Agreements reached to resolve the electoral crisis in Kenya and the establishment the coalition Government, in particular the National Accord and Reconciliation Act and the Agreement on the Principles of Partnership of the coalition Government. The Assembly COMMENDS the work done by</p>				

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	<p>President John Kufour of Ghana, the Panel of Eminent African Personalities led by Kofi Annan, and including Mr. Benjamin Mkapa, former President of Tanzania and Mrs. Graça Machel, as well as the critical role played by the Chairperson of the AU, President Jakaya Kikwete of Tanzania and President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda in his capacity as Chairperson of the East African Community, in assisting the parties to reach a peaceful solution to the crisis. The Assembly AKNOWLEDGES the goodwill shown so far in implementing these Agreements and CALLS ON all parties to fully implement all aspects of the Agreements;</p> <p>WELCOMES the progress made in the promotion of an all-inclusive political process in Somalia, in particular the conclusion, on 9 June 2008, in Djibouti, of an Agreement between the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) of Somalia and the Alliance for the Re-Liberation of Somalia (ARS), under the auspices of the United Nations, with the support of the AU, other regional organizations and international partners. The Assembly STRONGLY URGES all Somali stakeholders to</p>				

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	<p>join this process and commit themselves to the peaceful and negotiated settlement of the conflict in Somalia. The Assembly CONDEMNS all attempts aimed at undermining the ongoing peace and reconciliation process in Somalia;</p> <p>CALLS UPON the international community to lend increased support to the efforts aimed at bringing to a definite end the violence that has plagued Somalia for about two decades, including the early deployment of a United Nations peacekeeping operation that would take over from the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) and support the long-term stabilization and reconstruction of Somalia in view of ;</p> <p>REITERATES ITS APPRECIATION for the work done by the AMISOM and APPEALS to the Member States and AU partners to provide increased support to the Mission to enable it successfully carry out its mandate;</p> <p>EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN over the situation prevailing at the border between Djibouti and Eritrea, and the</p>				

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	<p>tension in the relations between the two countries.¹ The Assembly STRONGLY CONDEMNS Eritrea's military action against Djibouti in Ras Doumeira and Doumeira Island and DEMANDS that Eritrea withdraws immediately and unconditionally from the Djiboutian territories it occupies and STRONGLY CONDEMNS the use of force, REITERATES the obligation to respect the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of Member States, and CALLS FOR the return to the situation prevailing at the common border between the two countries before the current tension, including the immediate withdrawal of all the forces positioned there since 4 February 2008;</p> <p>The Assembly WELCOMES the initiatives taken by the PSC and the Commission to facilitate the resolution of this crisis, including the dispatching by the Commission of a mission to Djibouti, from 5 to 9 June 2008, and EXPRESSES ITS SINCERE APPRECIATION to the Djiboutian authorities for cooperating with the mission and their constant willingness to enter into dialogue in order to find a peaceful solution to the crisis;</p>				

¹ Reservation entered by the State of Eritrea

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	<p>EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN at the refusal of the Eritrean authorities to receive the mission from the Commission and URGENTLY APPEALS to them to extend their full cooperation to the efforts deployed by the AU towards a peaceful solution to the crisis. The Assembly WELCOMES the support provided by the United Nations Security Council to the AU efforts, as expressed in its Presidential Statement of 12 June 2008;</p> <p>WELCOMES AND EXPRESSES SUPPORT to the decision of the 12th IGAD Summit held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 14 June 2008 on the Eritrea and Djibouti conflict. The Assembly NOTES the decision taken by the IGAD Summit by recognizing the implications of Eritrea's absence from IGAD for regional peace, security and development, and the consequent designation of a Ministerial Committee to engage Eritrea on the possibility of reconsidering her decision to suspend IGAD membership;</p> <p>WELCOMES the agreement reached by the parties to the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), on 8 June 2008, on a "Roadmap for the return</p>				

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	<p>of IDPs and Implementation of the Abeyi Protocol”, which will pave the way towards the resolution of the Abeyi impasse, and URGES the parties to intensify their efforts with a view to addressing all the outstanding issues in the implementation of the CPA. The Assembly NOTES the steps taken by the Commission in support of the implementation of the CPA, and REQUESTS that immediate steps be taken for the full operationalization of the Liaison Office in Khartoum with an Office in Juba. The Assembly ENCOURAGES the AU Ministerial Committee for Post-Conflict Reconstruction in the Sudan to pursue and intensify its efforts;</p> <p>EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN at the continued lack of progress in the political process in Darfur, and URGES the parties to extend full cooperation to the joint AU-UN Mediation so that substantive negotiations can begin in earnest. The Assembly ALSO EXPRESSES CONCERN at the continued violence in Darfur and its impact on the civilian population. The Assembly STRESSES the need for continued efforts towards the full deployment of UNAMID;</p>				

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	<p>EXPRESSES CONCERN at the continued tensions between Chad and the Sudan and CALLS for renewed efforts to implement the Dakar agreement and previous agreements between the two countries;</p> <p>NOTES WITH SATISFACTION the efforts deployed by the Central African Government in the promotion of the Inclusive Political Dialogue. The Assembly COMMENDS the conclusion of the preparatory work for the said Dialogue and URGES all the parties concerned to participate in it in a constructive manner. The Assembly WELCOMES the signing in Libreville on 21 June 2008, of the Comprehensive Ceasefire and Peace Agreement between the Government and the People's Army for the Restoration of Democracy (APRD) and the Union for Rally of Democratic Forces (UFDR). The Assembly URGES the Democratic Front for the People of Central Africa (FDPC) to sign the said Agreement, and TAKES NOTE of the decision of the ECCAS Summit to transfer the management of the FOMUC from CEMAC to ECCAS, and EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION to all the development partners for their constant support and their</p>				

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	<p>commitment alongside the Central African authorities and ENCOURAGES them to continue and strengthen their support to the consolidation of peace and stability in the CAR;</p> <p>WELCOMES the efforts deployed towards the implementation of the Joint Communiqué signed in Nairobi, on 9 November 2007 by the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwandan Governments, as well as the work achieved by the Joint Monitoring Group established by the Tripartite+ Summit held in Addis Ababa on 5 December 2007. Furthermore, the Assembly URGES the Congolese parties to comply with the Goma Statements of Commitment, to strictly implement them with a view to accelerating the re-establishment of State authority in the Kivus, and promote the socio-economic development of the two provinces;</p> <p>EXPRESSES SATISFACTION at the conclusion, in Bujumbura on 26 May 2008, by the Government of Burundi and the Palipehutu/FNL, of a Joint Declaration on the Cessations of Hostilities, which re-launches the implementation of the Comprehensive Ceasefire</p>				

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	<p>Agreement of 7 September 2006. The Assembly APPEALS to Member States and AU partners to provide all the necessary support to the ongoing efforts, thus contributing to the consolidation of peace in Burundi;</p> <p>EXPRESSES SATISFACTION at the progress being made in the post-conflict reconstruction and peace building efforts in Liberia, and ENCOURAGES the larger international community to continue to support the efforts of the Liberian Government;</p> <p>NOTES WITH SATISFACTION the progress made in the peace process in Côte d'Ivoire and WELCOMES, in particular, the measures taken, on a consensual basis, to hold the presidential elections on 30 November 2008. The Assembly PAYS TRIBUTE to President Blaise Compaoré of Burkina Faso, the current Chairperson of ECOWAS, and Facilitator of the Inter-Ivorian Direct Dialogue. The Assembly URGES all the Ivorian parties to maintain and consolidate the dynamics of peace prevailing in the country since the signing of the Ouagadougou Political Agreement on 4 March 2007. The Assembly CALLS ON the international community to</p>				

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	<p>continue to accompany and support the peace process in Côte d'Ivoire;</p> <p>WELCOMES the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations of 7 April 2008 on the relationship between the UN and regional organizations, in particular the African Union, in the maintenance of international peace and security. The Assembly COMMENDS the Republic of South Africa for the sustained efforts that it has made in following up on the Assembly's decision of January 2007 for the funding of AU-led peace support operations through UN assessed contributions. The Assembly ALSO EXPRESSES appreciation to the other African Members of the Security Council for their support and efforts;</p> <p>ALSO WELCOMES the Secretary-General's proposal, endorsed by the Security Council in its resolution 1809(2008) of 16 April 2008, to set up an African Union-United Nations panel consisting of distinguished persons to consider in-depth the modalities of how to support, including financing, peacekeeping operations undertaken by regional organizations, in particular as related to start-up funding, equipment and</p>				

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	logistics, and make concrete recommendations. The Assembly REQUESTS the Commission to continue to follow up the implementation of this resolution.				
RESOLUTIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY					
Assembly/AU/Res. 1 (XI) Resolution on Zimbabwe	<p>Hereby decide:</p> <p>TO ENCOURAGE President Robert Mugabe and the leader of the MDC Party Mr. Morgan Tsvangirai to honour their commitments to initiate dialogue with a view to promoting peace, stability, democracy and reconciliation of the Zimbabwean people;</p> <p>TO SUPPORT the call for the creation of a Government of National Unity;</p> <p>TO SUPPORT the SADC Facilitation, and RECOMMEND that SADC mediation efforts should be continued in order to assist the people and leadership of Zimbabwe to resolve the problems they are facing. In this regard SADC should establish a mechanism on the ground in order to seize the momentum for a negotiated solution;</p> <p>TO APPEAL to States and parties</p>				

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	concerned to refrain from any action that may negatively impact on the climate of dialogue;				

INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENERGY

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EX.CL/Dec.393(XII) AU Min. Conference on Road Transport	To implement the Declaration and Plan of Action on Road Transport as endorsed by the AU Policy Organs, in collaboration with Member States, RECs, UNECA, ADB, EU, World Bank and other partners and submit periodic reports to Executive Council on the status of its implementation.	<p><i>(Infrastructure and Energy Department to update in a concise manner)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To regularly report on status, starting from July 2008 <p><u>Status:</u> In the short period since the holding of the Ministerial conference on road transport, implementation has been initiated on some activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continental roads master plan; ▪ Harmonization of road policies, standards and road transit facilitation; ▪ Road environmental guidelines; and ▪ Continental consultative framework. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 Policy Officer and 2 short/medium-term (2-5 years) in-house experts are needed; 	

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DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL					
<p>EX.CL/Dec.432 (XIII) Decision on the Conference of African Ministers in charge of Energy on the Official Launching of the African Energy Commission (AFREC) Doc. EX.CL/430 (XIII)</p>	<p>URGES Member States, that have not yet done so, to speed up the signing and ratification of the Convention of the African Energy Commission;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission, in collaboration with the African Development Bank and other relevant partners to mobilize the necessary resources and political support for the activities of AFREC;</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission to submit periodic reports on the implementation of this Decision to the Executive Council.</p>			▪	
<p>EX.CL/Dec. 433 (XIII) Decision of the First Session of the Conference of African Ministers of Transport (CAMT)– Doc. EX.CL/432 (XIII)</p>	<p>URGES Member States to ensure effective application of the Continental Guidelines in their negotiations of air service agreements with the EC and/or EU Member States as well as consult the AU Commission whenever necessary in order to protect Africa’s collective interests in the aviation industry;</p> <p>REQUESTS the AU Commission to disseminate the Guidelines on Negotiation of Air Service Agreements to all Member States</p>			▪	

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	<p>and other key stakeholders including the European Commission as well as facilitate their application;</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the AU Commission, in collaboration with the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), specialised institutions, Member States and other stakeholders to take all necessary measures to speed up the implementation of the Plans of Action with a view to developing a strong, integrated and viable transport sector in the Continent;</p> <p>APPEALS to the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the African Development Bank (AfDB), the European Union, the World Bank and other relevant development partners to support the implementation of the Plans of Action of the African Union on transport development;</p> <p>REQUESTS the AU Commission to submit periodic reports on the implementation of this Decision to the Executive Council.</p>				
EX.CL/Dec. 435 (XIII) Decision on the Second Session of	URGES Member States to ensure effective use of the Reference Framework for the Harmonization of Telecommunications/ICT Policies			▪	

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<p>the Conference of African Ministers in charge of Communication and Information Technologies (ICT) Doc. EX.CL/434 (XIII)</p>	<p>and Regulations and, the implementation of the Strategic Orientation and Action Plan for the Development of Postal Services in Africa;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to disseminate the Reference Framework for the Harmonization of Telecommunications/ICT Policies and Regulations, and the Strategic Orientation and Action Plan for the Development of Postal Services in Africa to all Member States and other key stakeholders as well as facilitate their application;</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission, in collaboration with the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), specialised institutions, Member States and other stakeholders to take the necessary measures to speed up the implementation of the Reference Framework for Telecommunication and ICT, the Strategies and Action Plans for the development of a Postal Sector in Africa, and the ARAPKE with a view to developing a strong, integrated and viable Communications sector in the Continent;</p> <p>APPEALS to the United Nations</p>				

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	<p>Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the African Development Bank (AfDB), the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the World Bank, the European Union (EU), and relevant development partners to support the implementation of the Reference Framework for Telecommunication and ICT Policies and Regulations in Africa, the Strategies and Action Plans for the Development of the Postal sector in Africa and the African Regional Action plan on Knowledge Economy and its flagship projects;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to submit an official proposal to the African Development Bank seeking support to establish a Communication and Information Technologies Fund before 2010 to foster the implementation of ARAPKE;</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission to submit periodic reports on the implementation of this Decision to the Executive Council.</p>				

HUMAN RESOURCES, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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

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		give them more visibility			
<p>Assembly/AU/Dec.92 (VI) Decision on the Second Decade of Education for Africa (2006-2015) and the Framework of the Plan of Action for the Second Decade – (EX/CL/224 (VIII)) Rev.2</p>	Develop and implement the Second Decade of Education for Africa	<p>(HRST to update in a concise manner)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan launched in 2006 • Implementation strategies and partnerships have been developed for implementation of the Plan in the areas of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tertiary Education ○ TVET ○ Teacher development ○ Curriculum and teaching and learning materials ○ Education Management Information Systems 	(This is an ongoing activity, spanning ten years. Indeed, the whole education programme of the AUC is in implementation of this decision	Shortage of staff	<p>New Staff have reported</p> <p>Complete strategies and proceed with implementation as set out in the Plan of Action</p>
<p>Assembly/AU/Dec.110 (VI) Decision on the Establishment of an African Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (AFESCO) (Doc. EX.CL/243 (VIII)) Add.10</p>	Establishment of an African Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (AFESCO)	<p>(HRST to update in a concise manner)</p> <p>The Republic of Sudan has not responded with a detailed proposal as requested.</p>		I believe this has been shelved, as it is up to Sudan to do something about it first	Wait for the republic of Sudan to respond
<p>Assembly/AU/Dec.139 (VIII) Decision on the Establishment of an African Education Fund – Doc. EX.CL/314 (X)</p>	- Facilitate the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Second Decade of Education for Africa;	<p>(HRST to update in a concise manner)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan is being implemented 	Implementation of Plan of Action is ongoing for ten years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue according to Plan of Action. • Seek more strategic partnerships

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	<p>-Secure funding to strengthen the Education Department at AUC and RECs</p> <p>- Establish the African Education Fund; - Formalization of working relations between the Commission and expert agencies such as the Association of African Universities (AAU) and ADEA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SADC, UNESCO, ADEA have integrated Plan into their programmes • Received EU support for laying foundation for implementation and hiring two consultants. Posts have proved difficult to fill • Meeting held with RECs to outline framework for collaboration and follow up of the implementation of the second decade; and explore ways and means of capacity building for this purpose • Secured commitment from AfDB to establish the African Education, Science and Technology Fund; Several high level meetings held to discuss fund. AfDB are 	<p>Posts for EU support have proved hard to fill due to unattractive terms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing activity 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-advertise for posts at higher professional level • Follow up with AfDB • <p>Enhance current collaboration with partners. Seek more partnerships to</p>

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		<p>currently carrying out a feasibility study on the establishment of the Fund;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOA signed with AAU to be the lead expert agency with the AUC for implementation of higher education programmes • MOU with ADEA ready for signing. ADEA has committed to providing expertise for the AUC in the areas of EMIS, publicity among others • MOU with UNISA under review by Legal Counsel • MOU discussions started with ACDE • MOU discussions with FAWE 	<p>Establishment of partnerships is an ongoing activity</p>		<p>ensure ownership of Plan of Action by a wide range of stakeholders</p>
<p>EX.CL/Dec.325 (X) Decision on the report of the Second Extraordinary Session of the Conference of Ministers of Education of the African Union <u>DOC.EX.CL/314 (X)</u></p>	<p>Implement decisions of the report of the Second Extraordinary Session of the Conference of Ministers of Education of the African Union</p>	<p><i>(HRST to update in a concise manner)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steering Committee of COMEDAF established; met 29th to 30th May 2007; and 9-11 January 2008 • COMEDAF III held in Johannesburg August 2007 • UNESCO have 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proceed with implementing the Plan of Action and decisions from subsequent COMEDAF and Summit meetings • AUC should formalize the secondment for the Officer to be well received and facilitated to work

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		<p>seconded one Senior Officer to the Education Division with effect from December 2007</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Commission has recruited one Senior Policy Officer for Education, but she has delayed to report 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve terms and conditions of service at the AUC
<p><u>Khartoum, Decision EX.CL/Dec.254 (VIII) on Science and Technology</u></p>	<p>The Commission, the NEPAD and Member States to be responsible for mobilizing financial and technical resources to implement programmes and projects contained in the Africa's Science and Technology Consolidated Plan of Action.</p>	<p><i>(HRST to update in a concise manner)</i></p> <p>An African Education Science and Technology Fund</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The AUC will submit an official proposal to the African Development Bank (AfDB) seeking to establish the fund; A feasibility study will be conducted to establish the modalities of the fund; and The Bureau of AMCOST, AUC and NEPAD will expedite the creation of the fund and should not wait until AMCOST IV.
<p><u>Assembly/AU/Dec.138 (VIII) Decision On The need to establish a single Pan- African Intellectual Property Organization (PAIPO)</u></p>	<p>The commission to facilitate the establishment of the African Regional Intellectual Property</p>	<p><i>(HRST to update in a concise manner)</i></p> <p>An inter-departmental meeting for the AUC</p>			<p>A meeting with the World Intellectual Property Organization, African Regional Intellectual Property Organization</p>

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	Organization	departments those are working in linkage with Intellectual property issues was held in the AUC compound to have other departments contribution and Recommendation .			<p>(ARIPO) and Organization Africaine de la Propriété Intellectuelle (OAPI) designed to take place in the next semester.</p> <p>Consultant to do strategic analysis for the situation on the ground and to propose the linkage between the existing organizations (ARIPO, OAPI) and the PAIPO and also to advices in the optimum way to involve the North Countries, since the North Countries are not a members of any of the existing organizations.</p>
<p>Assembly/AU/Dec.161 (VIII) <i>Decision declaration of 2007 as the launching year of building constituencies and champions for science, technology and innovation in Africa</i></p>	2007 was declared as the launching year of building constituencies and champions for science, technology and innovation in Africa	<p>(HRST to update in a concise manner)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The First African Union Conference of African Women in Science and Technology was conducted in August 2007 • The African Science and Technology day • The department 			<p>Implementation of the outcomes of the First African Union Conference of African Women in Science and Technology</p> <p>Celebrating annually the African Science and Technology day by the 30th of June, of each year</p>

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		<p>launches the AU-WIPO Award</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The department in developing statge of the African Union Best Scientific Award 			
<p><u>Assembly/AU/Dec.161 (VIII)</u> <i>Decision for Achieving 1 % GDP for Science and Technology by 2010</i></p>	<p>Achievements of 1 % GDP for Science and Technology by 2010</p>	<p><i>(HRST to update in a concise manner)</i></p> <p>The HRST department is in the development stage of African Science and Technology policy framework.</p>			<p>The proposed science and Technology policy development programme is consisting of the following Phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase (1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) African Science and Technology Strategic planning meeting; (b) African Science statistics system; and (c) The AUC survey for the Science and Technology in the member states. Phase (2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The analysis of the survey outcome; and (b) Producing the African Science and Technology 2007 survey report. Phase (3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) SWOT analysis of the African Science and

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					<p>Technology sector;</p> <p>(b) Drafting the African Science and Technology optimum Policy;</p> <p>(c) Workshop for defining the optimum African Science and Technology policy;</p> <p>(d) Member states comments on the draft policy; and</p> <p>(e) Finalizing the African Science and Technology optimum policy</p> <p>(f) Presenting of the African Science and Technology Policy by the AMCOST.</p> <p>Phase (4)</p> <p>(a) Capacity building programme to the member state official on the African Science and Technology optimum policy.</p> <p>Phase (5)</p> <p>(a) Monitoring and elevation the implementation of the policy; and</p> <p>(b) Production of the biennial Science and Technology African report.</p>

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<p>EX.CL/Dec.292 (IX) <i>Decision on the 1st ordinary session of the Conference of AU Ministers of Youth (DOC.EX.CL/262(IX))</i></p>	<p>The Commission, the Regional Economic Communities and the Member States should improve cooperation and develop coordination mechanisms for the implementation of the Charter</p> <p>The Commission should process the revitalization of the Pan African Youth Union</p>	<p>(HRST to update in a concise manner)</p> <p>The charter is officially launched (ADF-V) and many countries are in the process of popularization (Cameroon, Djibouti, Togo, Burundi, DRC, Congo, Liberia, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Mali, Cote D'ivoire)</p> <p>Four Member States signed for the Charter and started the ratification process. HRST reminded all Member States their role towards the Charter and provided copy of the document. Also strategy to popularize the African Youth Charter was produced and distributed.</p> <p>HRST organized two regional workshops (Central and Western Africa), involving 11 Countries in post conflict situation, and members from PYU. The main objective is to advocate for the Charter, but also to present a framework for TVET pilot project</p>			<p>Follow up of the popularization, ratification and implementation of the Charter continues</p> <p>Advocacy in close contact with officials and parliamentarians continues</p> <p>Pilot project will include the finding from field visits and specific needs towards training in TVET and employment-based programmes and equipment</p> <p>Finalization of mechanisms for resource mobilization and partnership for the implementation of training projects.</p> <p>Bureau meeting scheduled from 17-19 October 2007 in Tripoli. Other actions will follow the recommendations from the Bureau meeting Mechanisms for new</p>

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		<p>developed to train the youth in relevant countries for their participation in the reconstruction process</p> <p>The developed strategy to revitalized the PYU is to be presented to the Bureau of Ministers of Youth for consideration and recommendation for adoption</p>			<p>election</p> <p>Development of Business plan and plan of action of PYU,</p> <p>Mechanisms for follow up and coordination</p> <p>Resource mobilization strategy</p> <p>Etc.</p>
<p>EX.CL/Dec. 291 (IX) Decision on the 1st AU Conference of Ministers Responsible for Communication and Information Technology</p>	<p>Calls upon Member States to implement all the commitments made in the Declaration and in particular the African Regional Action Plan on Knowledge Economy (ARAPKE).</p> <p>The Conference of AU Ministers responsible for Communication and Information technology be held regularly and that the Institutionalization of the Conference be carried out in line with the process of establishing the</p>	<p><i>(HRST to update in a concise manner, in coordination with Infrastructure and Energy Department as regards to Telecommunication aspects and Legal as regard to STCs)</i></p> <p>Steering Committee meeting and Bureau meeting took place to in Cairo, Egypt on 25-26 March for the Steering Committee meeting and 27 March for the Bureau meeting. The meetings discussed and made their recommendations on the following items:</p>			<p>Second Meeting of ICT Ministers: The meeting scheduled to be in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, tentatively on the end of October 2007</p> <p>Promotion of using ICT: The Activities will take place in the period of the ICT Week with the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize of AICTW, Paperless day and other • ICT Best Practices Competition (AUBPA). • Open a discussion forum on ICT Key Issues. <p>The Department planning to organize a workshop for the African common position on</p>

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	<p>Specialized Technical Committees (STCs).</p> <p>Commission to ensure active participation in the Forthcoming Events, Conferences and Activities emergent from the World Summit on Information Society and also URGES the member states, civil society and the private sector to participate in the events</p> <p>Stronger collaboration for the promotion of Communication and Information Technology in the Continent.</p>	<p>a. ARAPKE flagship projects. b. Resource mobilization. c. DSF 1% Principle. d. Policies and Regulatory framework conducive to the development of telecommunications, information and communication (ICT) Networks and Services in Africa.</p> <p>Implementation of ARAPKE flagship projects: The Steering Committee of the CIT Ministerial Conference formalized a working group to undertake the process of identifying the flagship projects of ARAPKE. The group has selected 11 projects and the resource mobilization process will determine the implementation phase and its modalities for the selected projects</p>			<p>the Internet Governance issue, the International meeting will be held Nov 2007 in Brazil.</p>

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<p>AHG/Dec.164 (XXXVII) July 2001(Biosafety)</p>	<p>The assembly: Reiterates its commitment and support for the ongoing two processes initiated by the Secretariat of elaborating: 6 (b) an African Biosafety Model Law and an Africa-wide Biosafety System 1. "...calls on Member States to use these Model as a basis for finalizing their national legislation by adapting their provisions to the national context and within the framework of the WTO negotiations"</p>	<p><i>HRST to update in a concise manner (Is it necessary to reintroduce all Decisions taken since 2001 or will it not be more appropriate to refer and implement the latest Decision on Biosafety??). It will be necessary in the future not to repeat same Decisions on same subject without any significant development.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An African Model Law on Safety in Biotechnology developed by the AUC and has been available to Member States since April 2002 • The Model Law has largely been and continues to be used by member States in the development of their national biosafety frameworks and laws 			<p>Revision of the Model Law according to Africa's Priorities in biotechnology and sub-regional meetings to discuss it and its implementation.</p>
<p>CM/Dec.623 (LXXIV) July 2001</p>	<p>Executive Council: 1.Commends the Secretary General on his initiatives and efforts ...in developing the draft</p>	<p><i>(HRST to update in a concise manner. See previous remarks!)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An African Model Law on Safety in 			<p>Revision of the Model Law According to Africa's Priorities in biotechnology and sub-regional meetings to discuss it and its implementation .</p>

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	<p>African Model Law on biosafety and an Africa-wide Biosafety System</p> <p>Council urges member states to:</p> <p>i) Participate effectively in the two on-going processes of developing model laws and to use these models as a basis for finalizing their national legislations by adapting their provisions to the national context and within the framework</p>	<p>Biotechnology developed by the AUC and has been available to Member States since April 2002</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Model Law has largely been and continues to be used by member States in the development of their national biosafety frameworks and laws 			
<p>EX/CL/Dec.26 (III) July 2003</p>	<p>The Executive Council:</p> <p>2) Stresses the need for Member States to equip themselves with the necessary human and institutional capacities to deal with Biosafety issues within the framework of implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety</p> <p>3) Endorses the steps</p>	<p><i>(HRST to update in a concise manner. See previous remarks!)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An AU Biosafety Project is being implemented through the financial support of the German government through its German technical cooperation (GTZ) which aims at providing the AU with the effective tools to support its member 			<p>Revision of the Model Law According to Africa's priorities in biotechnology and sub-regional meetings to discuss it and its implementation.</p> <p>Prepare issues papers on Biosafety to support the Implementation of the Model and the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety</p>

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	<p>so far taken at national and regional levels aimed at putting in place and Africa-wide Biosafety System as well as an Africa-wide Capacity Building Program in Biosafety in order to strengthen the abilities of Member States to deal with Biosafety issues</p> <p>4) Urges Member States in abiding by the provisions of the Cartagena Protocol, to use the African Model Law on Biosafety prepared by the AU Commission as a basis for drafting their national legal instruments in Biosafety, taking into account their national peculiarities, in order to create an harmonized Africa-wide space and system in Biosafety for the regulation of genetically modified organisms movement,</p>	<p>States in the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and utilize the Model Law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An AU Biosafety Unit has been established within the Department of Human Resources Science and Technology that is currently implementing the AU Biosafety Project • An African Strategy on Biosafety has been developed for which guides the safe application of modern biotechnological activities in the Region. • Revision of the Model Law is in process to adapt the Model law to the developments in the technology and based on the trends being taken at national levels • Context paper on the revision of the model law is prepared; • Meetings are scheduled in the 			<p>Revision of the Model Law according to Africa's Priorities in biotechnology And sub-regional meetings to discuss it and its implementation;</p> <p>Translate the Biosafety Strategy and dispatch to Member States and Sub-regional discussions Both with the Revised Model Law</p> <p>Revision of the Model Law According to Africa's priorities in biotechnology and sub-regional meetings to discuss it and its implementation;</p>

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	<p>transportation and importation in Africa;</p> <p>5) Appeals to the developed countries, particularly Africa's development partners willing to assist Africa in this endeavour, to grant the necessary resources as well as financial and technical support towards the implementation of this program</p> <p>6) Requests the Chairperson of the Commission to convene a meeting of Experts and Civil Society Organizations to give further consideration to this issue and come out with proposals for an African Common Position for adoption by the policy organs of the AU</p> <p>7) Requests the Chairperson of the Commission to ensure sustainability of the program on Capacity building in</p>	<p>second semester 2007 for sub-regional discussions on the Biosafety Strategy and the Revised Model Law.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Model law was introduced and noted by the AMCOST III who recommended to present it to all relevant Ministries for their comments. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Project faced difficulties for the use of budget code 	<p>Translate the Biosafety Strategy and dispatch to Member States and Sub-regional discussions both with the Revised Model Law</p> <p><u>NB</u>: The Sub-regional meetings has been postponed to 2008</p>

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

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

RURAL ECONOMY AND AGRICULTURE

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DECLARATIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY					
Assembly/AU/Decl .1 (XI) Sharm El Sheikh Commitments for Accelerating the Achievement of Water and Sanitation Goals in Africa	<p>WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO:</p> <p>(a) Increase our efforts to implement our past declarations related to water and sanitation.</p> <p>(b) Raise the profile of sanitation by addressing the gaps in the context of the 2008 eThekweni Ministerial Declaration on sanitation in Africa adopted by AMCOW.</p> <p>(c) Address issues pertaining to agricultural water use for food security as provided for in the Ministerial Declaration and outcomes of the first African Water Week.</p> <p>And particularly;</p> <p>(d) Develop and/or update national water management policies, regulatory frameworks, and programmes, and prepare national strategies and action plans for achieving the MDG targets for water and sanitation over the next seven (7) years;</p> <p>(e) Create conducive environment to enhance the effective</p>				

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	<p>engagement of local authorities and the private sector;</p> <p>(f) Ensure the equitable and sustainable use, as well as promote integrated management and development, of national and shared water resources in Africa;</p> <p>(g) Build institutional and human resources capacity at all levels including the decentralized local government level for programme implementation, enhance information and knowledge management as well as strengthen monitoring and evaluation.</p> <p>(h) Put in place adaptation measures to improve the resilience of our countries to the increasing threat of climate change and variability to our water resources and our capacity to meet the water and sanitation targets;</p> <p>(i) Significantly increase domestic financial resources allocated for implementing national and regional water and sanitation development activities and Call upon Ministers of water and finance to develop appropriate investment plans;</p> <p>(j) Develop local financial</p>				

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	<p>instruments and markets for investments in the water and sanitation sectors;</p> <p>(k) Mobilize increased donor and other financing for the water and sanitation initiatives including national projects and Rural Water and Sanitation Initiatives, the African Water Facility; Water for African Cities programme and the NEPAD Infrastructure Project Preparation Facility, as committed in the G8 Initiatives on water and sanitation;</p> <p>(l) Promote effective engagement of African civil society and public participation in water and sanitation activities and programmes;</p> <p>(m) Promote programming that addresses the role and interests of youth and women, given that the burden of poor water and sanitation falls disproportionately on women and children;</p> <p>(n) Strengthen AMCOW as a key regional mechanism, and other regional stakeholders, as relevant, for promoting cooperation on water and sanitation;</p> <p>(o) Strengthen AMCOW's initiative on sustainable management of water resources, to implement</p>				

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	<p>its roadmap for the African Groundwater Commission;</p> <p>(p) Strengthen partnership at all levels in our countries and between Regional Economic Communities as well as with the international development agencies and promote public-private partnerships with the view to fast tracking actions towards meeting the MDG on water and sanitation in our continent;</p> <p>(q) Request AMCOW to annually report on progress made in the implementation of our commitment on water and sanitation with support from regional partners, and to submit these reports for our consideration;</p> <p>(r) Call on African Ministers in charge of water and finance in collaboration with the African Development Bank and development partners, to hold a meeting of Ministers of Water and Finance to develop appropriate financing policies;</p> <p>(s) Request the Regional Economic Communities and the Rivers and Lake Basin Organizations to initiate regional dialogues on climate change and its impacts</p>				

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	<p>on the water sector with the aim of designing appropriate adaptation measures;</p> <p>Call upon the G8 to reaffirm at its next Summit in Japan its commitment to fully implement the G8 initiatives on water in Africa, notably the 2003 Evian Plan on Water, to step up their engagement in the sanitation sector and to enter into a strengthened partnership with the AU Member States, through AMCOW, for achieving the Water and Sanitation MDGs.</p>				
<p>Assembly/AU/Decl .2 (XI) Declaration on Responding to the Challenges of High Food Prices and Agriculture Development</p>	<p>DECLARE our firm commitment to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Reduce by half the number of undernourished people in Africa by 2015 and eradicating hunger and malnutrition in the Continent. 2- Take all necessary measures to increase agricultural production and ensure food security in Africa, in particular through the implementation of Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme of NEPAD and the Maputo Declaration of July 2003. 3- Support the following thematic priority-options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increase food production and productivity for key commodities by improving 				

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	<p>access to agricultural inputs for diversified cropping and livestock production systems including targeted SMART subsidies (fertiliser, improved seeds, better access to technologies and innovations);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improve production of fertilizers from existing plants and explore the possibility of establishing new ones based on the availability of raw materials in the region; ▪ Support national and regional food initiatives to stabilize prices, and serve as emergency stock ; ▪ Strengthen food security and agricultural information and early warning systems that are sustainable with key stakeholder participation; ▪ Introduce and support agricultural insurance systems and micro credit; ▪ Increase production by improved sustainable soil fertility management including conservation agriculture technologies; ▪ Enhance food processing, credit systems, and use of improved storage, and minimize post harvest losses; ▪ Promote indigenous crops and 				

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	<p>technologies for production and processing of nutrient-rich crops;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improve logistics capacity to move emergency supplies and agricultural inputs. <p>4- Address the challenges posed by the high food prices through the following measures:</p> <p>(a) Immediate/ short terms responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Immediate assistance to the vulnerable segments of populations through targeted food assistance and safety net measures including cash and/or food transfers to combat hunger and malnutrition; ▪ Intensify agricultural production and productivity through the use of targeted input subsidies, particularly fertilizer and improved seed, and enhance access to water and small scale irrigation; ▪ Improve post harvest management to minimize crop storage losses and enhance processing; 				

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	<p>(b) Medium to long-term responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Invest in appropriate social safety nets and interventions that include both protective actions to mitigate short-term risks and preventative actions to preclude long-term negative consequences; ▪ Scale up investments for sustained agricultural growth including expanded public spending for rural infrastructure (roads, markets, irrigation and water harvesting techniques, etc.), services (micro-finance, market information systems, insurance programmes, etc.), agricultural research and technology development and transfer (increased productivity, post-harvest management, extension, etc.); ▪ Enhance sustainable land management practices including soil and water management and conservation; ▪ Enhance institutional and human capacities for agricultural development; ▪ Review bio-fuel policies to make more grains and 				

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	<p>oilseeds currently used for fuel available for food and feed.</p> <p>WE CALL FOR:</p> <p>1- A Global partnership that deals with the causes and repercussions of the current crisis, tackles the issue of food security within the more comprehensive humanitarian scope and its association with the inalienable human right to food and life, so as to support the efforts on the national, regional, and international levels to curtail the rise in food prices.</p> <p>2- The successful early conclusion of the Doha Round to provide for rules-based, fair and free international trade particularly in food and agriculture commodities is an indispensable part of a long term solution. The substantial lowering of barriers to trade in agriculture products coupled with reductions in overall trade-distorting subsidies, particularly in developed countries will have an impact on food production and investment in agriculture in many developing countries, particularly in Africa.</p> <p>3- The immediate launching of an International High level dialogue</p>				

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	<p>between food exporters and importers from developed and developing countries aimed at:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Concluding an international strategy for the short, medium and long-term handling of the current crisis. b. Examining the speculation risks pertinent to agricultural commodity prices. c. Reinforcing the efforts to promote the development of the agriculture sector in fields of land reclamation, boosting productivity, and encourages the infrastructure needed for transporting and stockpiling crops. d. Energizing scientific research in the field of fertilizers and new seed varieties, one that scrutinizes the effects of genetically modified seeds on sanitary and phyto-sanitary, human, as well as animal health. e. Confronting climate change challenges seriously and effectively in its relationship with prevailing consumption and production patterns, and their grave repercussions on drought and land desertification, and their direct consequences on the 				

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	<p>world's food security.</p> <p>4- The setting of an international code of conduct that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Reconsiders the current expansion in the production of biofuel as an alternative source of traditional energy. b. Sets the standards for the responsible utilization of grain based biofuel. c. Reassesses the actual social and environmental costs of biofuel, and restricts its production to agricultural waste and specific designated non food crops. d. Reconsiders the current subsidy offered to ethanol and bio-diesel producers, and subjects it to rules of world trade. This subsidization is creating hazardous distortion to the present international system of agricultural production and trade. <p>WE FURTHER CALL UPON:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Multilateral and bilateral development partners, in particular those participating in the next G8 Summit in Hokaido to provide financial and technical support to 				

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	<p>assist African countries to increase substantially their food and agricultural production and productivity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The RECs to take proactive measures on their assistance to countries on the short term, as well as, medium-long term response by identification of the technical assistance required at the regional level. ▪ African Union Commission and NEPAD Secretariat to establish a taskforce supported by FAO, WFP, IFAD, World Bank, and RECs that can coordinate active and timely follow-up to actions in this declaration including; facilitation the coordination of development partners support for country level programming activities in connection with both immediate and longer term responses to the food price crisis and supporting the dialogue with development partners at national level on responses to the crisis. ▪ The African Union Commission, NEPAD Secretariat in collaboration with the FAO, WFP, IFAD, 				

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	<p>AfDB and the World Bank to develop a short term action plan to raise production substantially in the next two planning seasons.</p> <p>We commit ourselves to mobilize all means to alleviate the suffering caused by the situation of rising food prices and to strengthen agricultural development raising production and productivity as a solution to the challenges facing Africa.</p>				

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