

DECISION ON THE AFRICA-EUROPE DIALOGUE
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The Executive Council:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the Fifth Ministerial Meeting of the Africa-Europe (EU) Troïkas held in Bamako, Mali on 2 December 2005, which reviewed the issues as contained in the Cairo Declaration and Plan of Action;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the EU Strategy for Africa which complements the African Union Strategic Plan;
3. **COMMENDS** the Africa-EU Ministerial Troïkas for the efforts being made on a number of issues of interest to both sides;
4. **UNDERLINES** the need to maintain issues of priority to Africa within the context of the Africa-EU dialogue;
5. **DECIDES** that the Africa-EU Ministerial Troïkas should continue to strengthen the Africa-EU Dialogue and seek ways that could lead to the revitalization of the Follow-up Mechanism provided for in the Cairo Declaration with a view to holding the Africa-EU Summit in the near future;
6. **INVITES** the experts from both sides (Africa/Europe) to develop a joint implementation matrix and study the EU Strategy with a view to translating it into an action plan.

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