

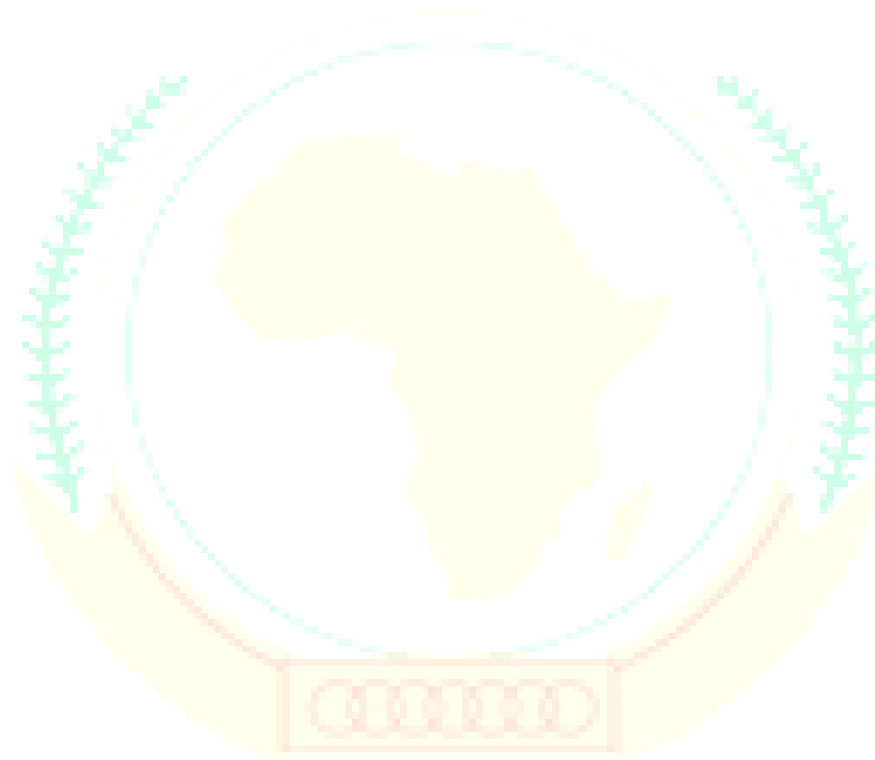
DECISION ON THE CONTRIBUTION OF MEMBER STATES

The Executive Council:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the Contributions of Member States;
2. **APPRECIATES** that the following Member States are up to date with the payment of their contributions to the regular Budget;

Algeria, Angola, Botswana, Equatorial Guinea, Congo, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mali, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe.
3. **WELCOMES** the payment by the Government of the Republic of Congo of a voluntary contribution of United States Dollars Twenty Thousand (US\$20,000);
4. **URGES** Member States who are in arrears of contribution to pay up their arrears;
5. **DECIDES** that temporary and exceptional exemption from sanctions granted to Sierra Leone and Burundi be extended so long as they honour their agreed payment schedules;
6. **DECIDES** to waive all the arrears owed by the Government of Liberia up to the financial year 2003 as requested. **FURTHER MANDATES** the Commission to work out a standard formula that could be applied to Member States emerging from conflict situation today and in the future for consideration of the Executive Council;
7. **AFFIRMS** that the following Member States remain under sanctions:-
 - i) Cape Verde
 - ii) Central African Republic
 - iii) Democratic Republic of Congo
 - iv) Eritrea
 - v) Guinea
 - vi) Guinea Bissau
 - vii) Liberia
 - viii) Mauritania
 - ix) Sao Tome Principe
 - x) Seychelles

8. **DECIDES** that the Commission, the Tunisian Embassy in Addis Ababa and the PRC Sub-Committee on contributions should undertake consultations on the issue of the contributions of Tunisia to the regular budget of the African Union for the 2004 – 2005 financial years.



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