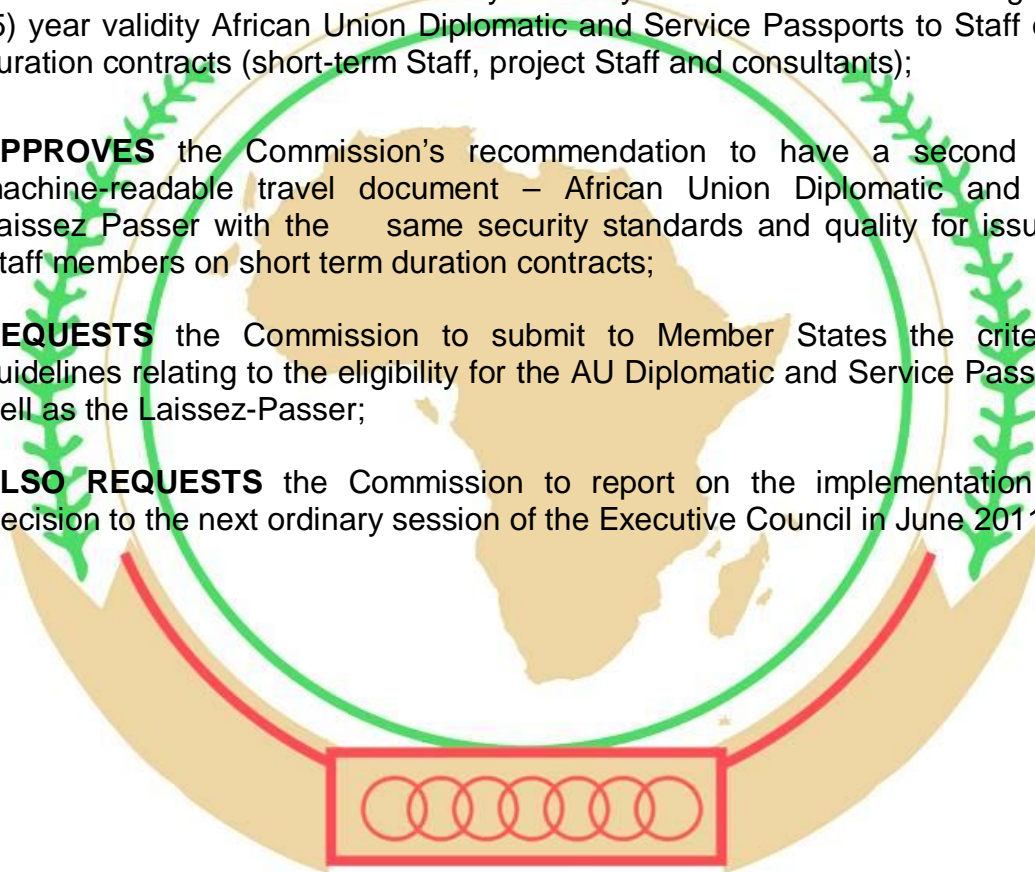


**DECISION ON THE AFRICAN UNION PASSPORT AND LAISSEZ-PASSER
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The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Chairperson of the Commission on the implementation of the new African Union Diplomatic and Service Passports;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the difficulty faced by the Commission in issuing the five-(5) year validity African Union Diplomatic and Service Passports to Staff on short duration contracts (short-term Staff, project Staff and consultants);
3. **APPROVES** the Commission's recommendation to have a second type of machine-readable travel document – African Union Diplomatic and Service Laissez Passer with the same security standards and quality for issuance to Staff members on short term duration contracts;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to submit to Member States the criteria and guidelines relating to the eligibility for the AU Diplomatic and Service Passports as well as the Laissez-Passer;
5. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to report on the implementation of this Decision to the next ordinary session of the Executive Council in June 2011.



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