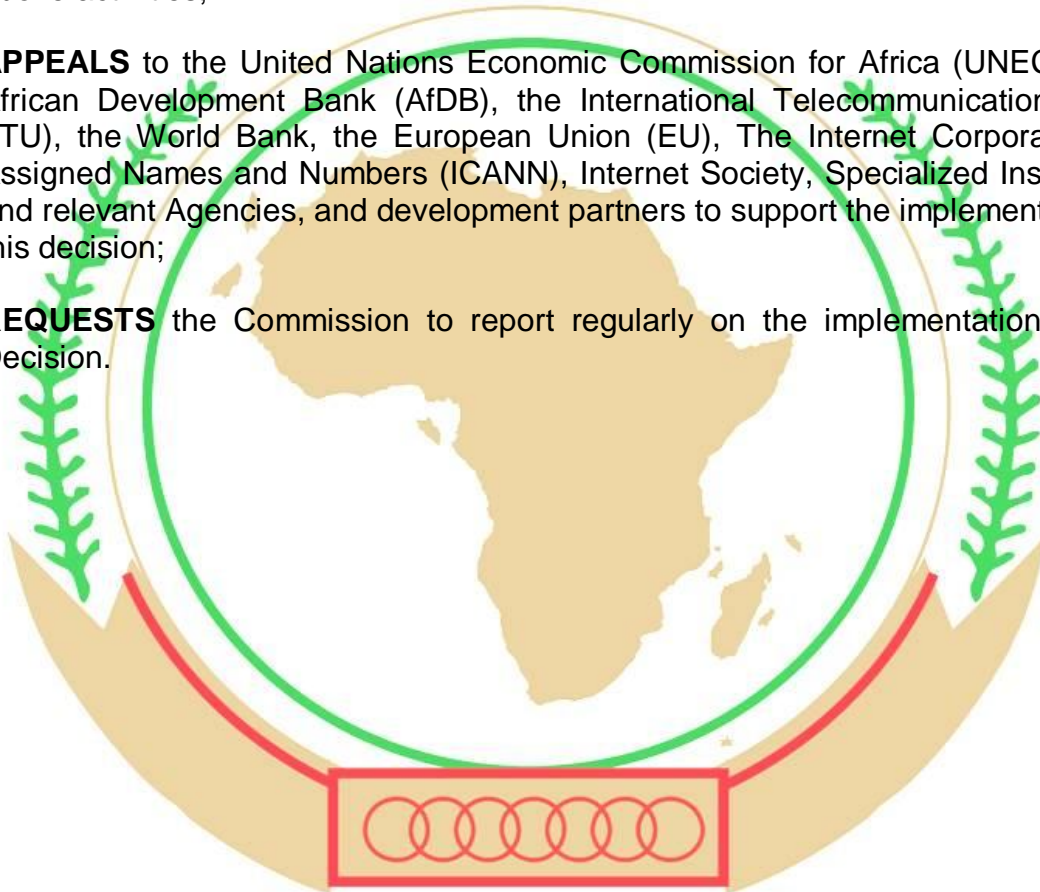


**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE
CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF
COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES
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The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Third Session of the Conference of African Ministers in charge of Communication and Information Technologies (CITMC-3) held in Abuja, Nigeria from 6 to 7 August 2010;
2. **WELCOMES AND SUPPORTS** the 2010 Abuja Declaration and the various initiatives on the development of the Information and Communication Technologies sector in Africa;
3. **SUPPORTS** the integration of Information and Communication Technologies into the respective National Indicative Programmes, the mainstreaming of ICT policies in other sectors at national, regional and continental levels;
4. **REQUESTS** CITMC to take stock of, and provide policy guidelines for, the implementation of the Decisions and the Plan of Action adopted by the Assembly of the Union on its January 2010 Session Theme on ICT;
5. **ALSO REQUESTS** CITMC to ensure that it is African Union-owned, its meetings are adequately prepared and come up with measurable and realistic targets and outcomes; and that it defines the role of partners in these meetings;
6. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to:
 - i) Promote the transition from Analog to Digital terrestrial Broadcasting and to set up National Multi-Disciplinary Committee (Telecoms/ICT experts and regulators, broadcasting experts and regulators and policy makers) on the Analog Switch-Off;
 - ii) Promote the implementation of the e-Post programme;
 - iii) Secure the orbital/spectrum resources required to accommodate continental satellites including applying as a block to secure allocation of the unused International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (ITSO) orbital resources to Africa as priority;
 - iv) Finalize the Convention on Cyber Legislation and support its implementation in Member States by 2012;
 - v) Implement the Dot Africa project;

- vi) Conduct a feasibility study for the establishment of the African Space and develop an African Space Policy;
 - vii) Implement the integration of the New Partnership for Africa's Development NEPAD e-Africa Commission governance into the governance of the CITMC.
7. **URGES** Member States and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), to participate and support the Commission for accelerating the implementation of the above activities;
 8. **APPEALS** to the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the African Development Bank (AfDB), the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the World Bank, the European Union (EU), The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), Internet Society, Specialized Institutions and relevant Agencies, and development partners to support the implementation of this decision;
 9. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report regularly on the implementation of this Decision.



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