

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE OF
MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENERGY
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The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the African Union Conference of Ministers Responsible for Energy, held in Maputo, Mozambique on 5th November 2010;
2. **COMMENDS** the Commission, the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) for the important initiative jointly undertaken and successfully completed in Maputo with regard to the Conference of Energy Ministers for Africa (CEMA), the All Africa Energy Week and the Pan Africa Investment Forum; and call upon the Commission to extend the study to other regions;
3. **ENDORSES** the Declaration and the Resolutions on All Africa Energy Week and on the Study on Solar Energy of the Sahara Desert adopted by the Maputo Ministerial Conference on 5 November 2010;
4. **ENDORESES ALSO** CEMA as a Central Continental Coordination Organ for energy policies, which will assume the functions of all the African Ministerial Conferences and Forums in charge of energy in Africa;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission in collaboration with other stakeholders to take all necessary measures to facilitate and speed up the operationalisation of the CEMA;
6. **ENDORESES** the All Africa Energy Week as a framework for assessing the progress achieved in the area of regional energy infrastructure development and services, consensus building on emerging issues, and high level coordination of all energy sector players and stakeholders. The CEMA meeting and All Africa Energy Week shall take place every two years;
7. **ENCOURAGES** cooperation between the Conference of Energy Ministers for Africa (CEMA), the Conference of Ministers responsible for Water Resources (AMCOW) and the Conference of Ministers of the Environment (AMCEN) with a view to promoting cross-border river basins development and regional electric energy production and transmission networks;
8. **SUPPORTS** the initiative to designate a Year of Energy Access and **CALLS UPON** the United Nations to declare 2012 the International Year of Universal Energy Access and to agree to work with all stakeholders and development partners to achieve this objective through global campaign;
9. **APPEALS** to the AfDB, UNECA as well as other development partners to support the implementation of this Decision;
10. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report regularly on the implementation of this Decision.

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