

**DECISION ON THE RESTRUCTURING
OF THE AFRICAN REHABILITATION INSTITUTE
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The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Progress Report of the Commission on the Restructuring of the African Rehabilitation Institute (ARI);
2. **WELCOMES** the steps taken to ensure the protection and promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities on the continent by Member States, the Commission and the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights;
3. **RECALLS** its Decision EX. CL/Dec. 625 (XVIII) by which the Commission was requested to: "Assist in the restructuring process of the African Rehabilitation Institute (ARI)";
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to continue to assist the ARI in its restructuring process, and provide oversight regarding the financial and administrative management of the Institute in order to facilitate its leading role in the implementation of the extended African Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2010 – 2019);
5. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to include ARI in the review of the existing OAU Specialized Agencies, as directed by the Assembly;
6. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to deepen the study regarding the integration of the functions of ARI into the Commission, including the transitional mechanism and the current financial situation relating to ARI and submit the outcome to the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC), through its Sub-Committee on Structures, and the Sub-Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters;
7. **URGES** Member States to pay their annual contributions and arrears to ARI;
8. **CALLS UPON** the International Labour Organization (ILO), the European Commission and other relevant partners to continue to support ARI;
9. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report on the implementation of this Decision to the Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in January 2013.

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