

**DECISION ON THE STATUS OF SIGNATURE AND
RATIFICATION OF OAU/AU TREATIES
DOC. EX.CL/707(XX)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the Status of signature and ratification of OAU/AU Treaties;
2. **WELCOMES** the efforts made by the Commission and Member States towards signature, ratification/accession of OAU/AU Treaties during the period June to February 2012;
3. **REITERATES** its appeal to Member States to prioritize and accelerate the signing and ratification/accession to all OAU/AU Treaties but particularly those directly related to shared values;
4. **ALSO REITERATES** its appeal to Member States to ensure that they initiate the process of ratification of new treaties within a period of one (1) year after its adoption in accordance with Executive Council Decision EX.CL/Dec.459 (XVI) on the Status of Signature and Ratification of OAU/AU/Treaties and the Harmonization of Ratification Procedures adopted by the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2009;
5. **INVITES** all States Parties to the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Establishment of an African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights that have not yet done so to make a declaration accepting the competence of the Court to receive cases under article 5 (3) of this Protocol and to ratify the protocol on the merged Court of Justice and Human Rights;
6. **TAKES NOTE** of the efforts made by the other AU Organs and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), the International and Regional Organisations as well as Civil Society towards advocacy and sensitisation of Member States to expedite the process of ratification of/accession to OAU/AU Treaties and **CALLS UPON** them to persist in these efforts;
7. **REQUESTS** Member States to give special attention to the ratification of the following instruments that are not yet in force:
 - i) African Convention on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (revised version) (2003);
 - ii) Charter for African Cultural Renaissance (2006);
 - iii) African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (2007);
 - iv) Protocol on the Statute of the African Court of Justice and Human Rights (2008);
 - v) African Charter on Statistics (2009);

- vi) Protocol on the African Investment Bank (2009);
- vii) African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala Convention) (2009);
- viii) Constitution for the African Civil Aviation Commission - AFCAC (revised version) (2009);
- ix) Revised African Maritime Transport Charter (2010); and
- x) African Charter on the Values and Principles of Public Service and Administration (2011).

8. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to report on regular basis on the implementation of this Decision to the Executive Council through the Permanent Representatives' Committee.



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