

**DECISION ON THE AFRICAN UNION MODEL NATIONAL LAW ON UNIVERSAL  
JURISDICTION OVER INTERNATIONAL CRIMES**

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**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Meeting of Ministers of Justice and/or Attorneys General and **APPROVES** the draft national model law on universal jurisdiction for international crimes and **ENCOURAGES** Member States to adopt or strengthen their national legislations on the prosecution of those accused of international crimes;
2. **ENDORSES** the recommendations of the meeting of Ministers of Justice/Attorneys General on the abuse of the principle of universal jurisdiction
3. **WELCOMES** the steps taken by the Commission to follow up on various Assembly Decisions on the Abuse of the Principle of Universal Jurisdiction by some non-African States, including the elaboration of a Model National Law on Universal Jurisdiction over International Crimes;
4. **ENCOURAGES** Member States to fully take advantage of this Model National Law in order to expeditiously enact or strengthen their national laws in this area;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to explore ways and means through which the capacity of relevant officials and institutions of Member States may be strengthened to enable them effectively perform their duties and mandates under the AU Model Law;
6. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to follow-up on this matter and to report regularly to the Executive Council.



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