

**DECISION ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE AFRICAN
UNION IN THE WORLD EXPOSITION IN SHANGHAI, CHINA
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The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the participation of the Commission in the Shanghai World Exposition held in Shanghai, China, from 1 May to 31 October 2010;
2. **WELCOMES** and supports the Commission's efforts on preparing its participation in an internationally organized event outside of Africa;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to undertake activities related to the Shanghai World Exposition, and focus on coordination and representation aspects for the Continent in order to avoid duplication;
4. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to explore cost effective means of participating in the Shanghai Exposition, including the reduction of the time spent in Shanghai;
5. **FURTHER REQUESTS** Member States to display the new AU Flag alongside their national flags at their respective stands;
6. **FINALLY REQUESTS** the Commission to take appropriate measures to establish a legal framework aimed at the protection of intellectual property rights of Africa's cultural artefacts.

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