

**DECISION ON THE SECOND AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE OF
MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR MARITIME TRANSPORT
DOC. EX.CL/556(XVI)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Second African Union Conference of Ministers responsible for Maritime Transport, held in Durban, South Africa, from 12 to 16 October 2009;
2. **ENDORSES** the African Maritime Transport Charter, the Durban Resolution on Maritime Safety, Maritime Security and Protection of the Environment, and the Revised and Updated Maritime Transport Plan of Action adopted by the Ministers in charge of Maritime Transport in Africa;
3. **REQUESTS** Member States to speed up ratification of the African Maritime Transport Charter so as to enable it to enter into force as early as possible to facilitate accelerated development of maritime transport in the continent;
4. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to facilitate the implementation of the African Maritime Transport Charter and the Durban Resolution on Maritime Safety, Maritime Security and Protection of the Environment within the framework of the 2009-2012 Strategic Plan of the African Union Commission;
5. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), specialised institutions, Member States and other stakeholders to take all the necessary measures to speed up the implementation of the Maritime Transport Plan of Action with a view to developing a cost-effective, safe, secure and clean maritime transport industry in Africa;
6. **URGES** Member States, RECs and Specialised Agencies to participate effectively in the implementation of the African Maritime Transport Charter and the Durban Resolution on Maritime Safety, Maritime Security and Protection of the Environment;
7. **APPEALS** to development partners including the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa; the African Development Bank, the European Union, the World Bank and others to support the implementation of the African Union Maritime Transport Plan of Action;
8. **REQUESTS** the Commission to submit periodic reports on the implementation of this Decision to the Executive Council.

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