

DECISION ON THE AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCES AND PROGRAMMES
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The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the recommendations of the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC) on the Report of the PRC Sub-Committee on Conferences and Programmes, and **ENDORSES** the recommendations thereon;
2. **WELCOMES** the efforts of the Commission, particularly the Conference Services Directorate (CSD) to ensure that the African Union meetings do not overlap and **REQUESTS** it to continue to redouble its efforts in this direction;
3. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to improve coordination relating to communications to Member States by forwarding all such communications, including invitation letters through the Permanent Missions of Member States in Addis Ababa;
4. **DECIDES** the following:
 - i) The reports of meetings which were not approved by the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Programmes and Conferences should not be submitted to the Executive Council for consideration. However, on an exception basis, the Executive Council will consider the five (5) reports of the meetings held without approval, during its next Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2011;
 - ii) In the event of a change of date for an approved meeting, the Commission in consultation with the PRC through the Bureau of its Sub-Committee on Programmes and Conferences should identify a new suitable date;
 - iii) Changes in venue or cancellation of a meeting should be communicated at least fifteen (15) days in advance to Member States through their Permanent Missions in Addis Ababa; and the Commission to regularly update the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Programmes and Conferences on monies allocated for meetings that were either not held or cancelled;
 - iv) The Commission should ensure that meetings on the same subject matter and with the same participants are held at the same time or back to back and preferably at the same venues and in this connection, to coordinate with all relevant partners and in particular the United Nations Economic

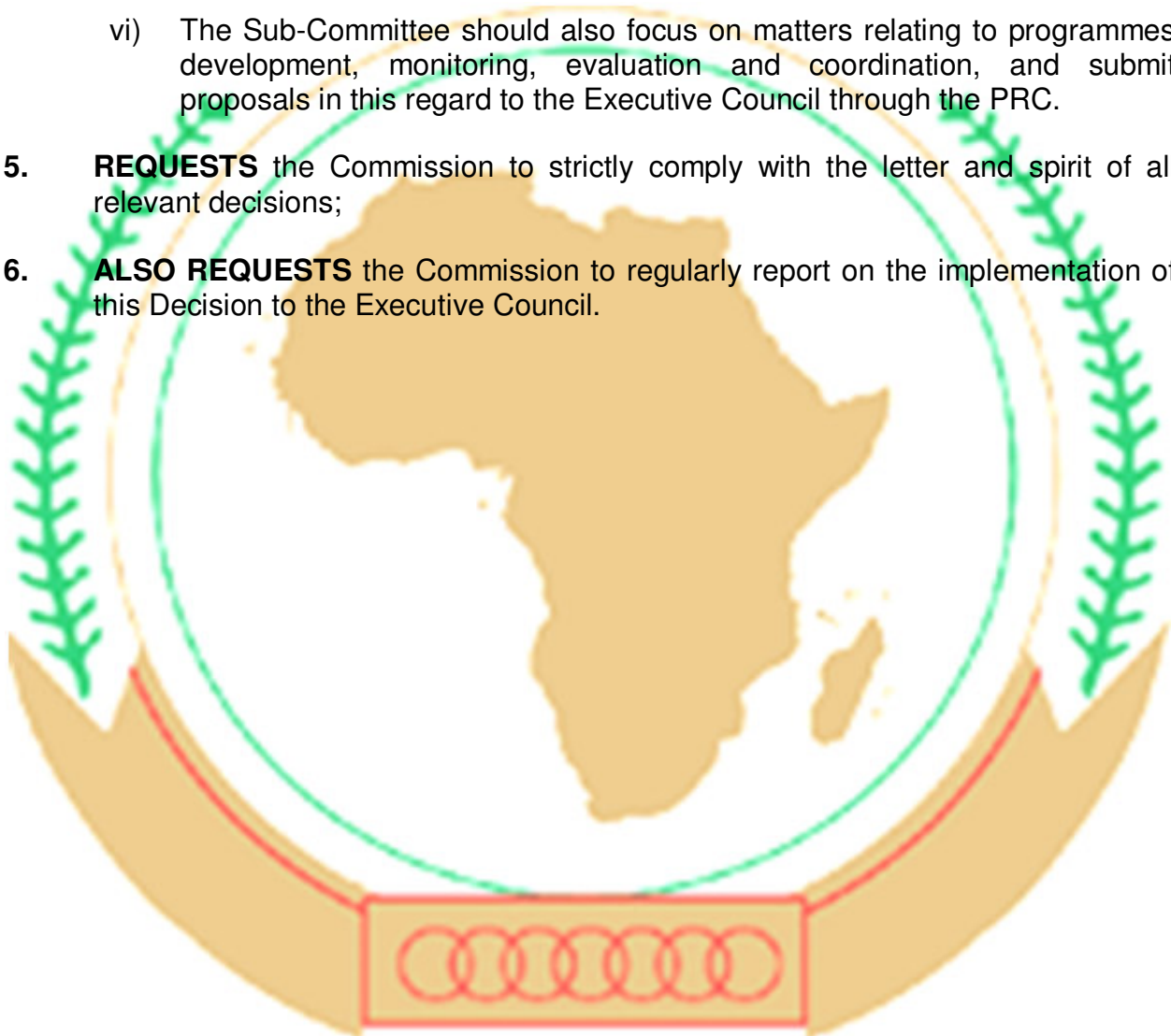
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Commission for African in relation to its respective meetings of similar nature;

- v) Meetings jointly organized with other development partners and agencies should be reflected in the AU Calendar of Meetings to avoid being unaccounted for, both in the budget and other processes;
- vi) The Sub-Committee should also focus on matters relating to programmes development, monitoring, evaluation and coordination, and submit proposals in this regard to the Executive Council through the PRC.

5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to strictly comply with the letter and spirit of all relevant decisions;

6. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to regularly report on the implementation of this Decision to the Executive Council.



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