

**DECISION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
AFRICAN CHARTER ON STATISTICS
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The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the recommendations of the Third Joint Annual Meeting of the African Union (AU) Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development on the implementation of the African Charter on Statistics held in Lilongwe, Malawi, from 25 to 30 March 2010;
2. **WELCOMES** the efforts by the Commission in collaboration with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the African Development Bank (AfDB), the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and Member States to develop a draft strategy for the harmonization of statistics in Africa (SHaSA);
3. **CALLS ON** Member States that have not yet signed and ratified the African Charter on Statistics to do so expeditiously ;
4. **ADOPTS** the draft SHaSA including its pillar on the African Strategy for the Implementation of the 2008 System of National Accounts (SNA);
5. **CALLS ON** Member States, the Commission, the RECs, UNECA and AfDB as well as other partners to support and implement these initiatives and develop the other pillars of the SHaSA;
6. **REQUESTS** the Permanent Representatives' Committee, through its Sub-Committee on Structures and its Advisory Sub-Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters to consider the possibility of transforming the Statistics Unit into a Division and make appropriate recommendations, including on the financial implications to the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in January/February 2011;
7. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to coordinate with UNECA, AfDB and other relevant stakeholders on the implementation of the African Charter on Statistics as well as the SHaSA, and report regularly to the Executive Council on the progress made.

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