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The Assembly:

- **1. TAKES NOTE** of the Report and Proposal of the Commission;
- **2. RECOGNIZES** the need to alleviate the impact of the increase in oil prices on the poor African States;
- 3. **REQUESTS** the First Meeting of Ministers responsible for Oil and Gas due to be held in Cairo, Egypt, in November 2006, to study the issue in depth and present a detailed Strategy for cooperation and solidarity between oil producing and non-oil producing African countries with a view to:
 - Mitigating the effects of high oil prices on the economies of poor non-oil producing African countries;
 - ii) Maximizing oil revenues for oil producing African countries; and
 - iii) Enhancing the quantity and quality of refined oil products in Africa in order to meet the development objectives of the Continent.
- 4. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Commission to provide a detailed report on the outcome of the Meeting of African Ministers responsible for Oil and Gas to the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly in January 2006.

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