

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE 9<sup>th</sup> EXTRAORDINARY SESSION  
OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ON THE PROPOSALS FOR  
THE UNION GOVERNMENT – DOC. ASSEMBLY/AU/10 (VIII)**

**The Assembly:**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the 9<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Session of the Executive Council on the Proposals for the Union Government held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in November 2006;
2. **REITERATES** that the ultimate objective of the African Union is the political and economic integration of the continent leading to the creation of the United States of Africa;
3. **DECIDES** to devote the 9<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Assembly in Accra, Ghana in July 2007 to the theme: “Grand Debate on the Union Government”;
4. **FURTHER DECIDES** that all other agenda items shall, in principle, be transferred to the 10<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Assembly scheduled in January 2008 with the exception of the Elections of the Members of the Commission;
5. **REQUESTS** Member States to carry out the necessary national consultations within their countries;
6. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission and the Regional Economic Communities to undertake regional and continental consultations respectively;
7. **ENDORSES** the proposal of the Executive Council, as part of this process, to hold a retreat of Ministers of Foreign Affairs to reflect on the state of the Union to be followed by an Extraordinary Session of the Executive Council and **WELCOMES WITH SATISFACTION** the offer by the Government of South Africa to host such meetings.

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