

**DECISION ON ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF FINANCING THE AFRICAN UNION
Doc. EX.CL/656(XIX)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the recommendations of the Executive Council on alternative sources of financing the African Union (AU);
2. **RECALLS** the various decisions taken by the Executive Council and the Assembly on Alternative Sources of Financing the AU , including the 2001 Lusaka Summit Decision AHG/Dec. 1 (XXXVII), the June 2006 Banjul Decision EX.CL/Dec.285 (IX), and the July 2007 Accra Declaration Assembly/AU/Decl.2 (IX) which highlighted the need to identify additional sources of financing the activities of the AU ;
3. **NOTES WITH CONCERN** the dire financial situation of the AU caused by delays in Member States honouring their assessed contributions and complexities of accessing partner funds;
4. **EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN** over the growing reliance on partner funds to finance the continental integration and development agenda;
5. **REITERATES** the imperative need for Member States to provide the AU with predictable, reliable and sustainable resources to enable it fulfil its mandate;
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission to actively pursue the effective implementation of the various decisions of the Assembly on alternative sources of financing the AU;
7. **TAKES NOTE** of progress in the setting up of a High Level Panel of Eminent Personalities (the Panel) with a view to engaging with Member States and coming up with definitive proposals to this long outstanding issue as per the January 2011 Executive Council Decision EX.CL/Dec.643(XVIII);
8. **REQUESTS** the Commission to expedite the process of setting up the Panel and take all necessary measures to facilitate its work;
9. **APPEALS** to all Member States and the Regional Economic Communities to provide all the necessary support to the Panel to ensure a successful outcome of the consultations;
10. **REQUESTS** the Panel to undertake the consultations in a timely manner and report to the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly through the Executive Council, in January 2012.

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