

DECISION ON AFRICA-EUROPE DIALOGUE - DOC. EX.CL/320 (X)

The Executive Council:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Africa-EU Ministerial Troika meeting held in Brazzaville, Congo, in October 2006;
2. **TAKES INTO ACCOUNT** the centuries of relationship between Africa and Europe, which had not benefited Africa much so far;
3. **EXPRESSES** concern for the slow implementation of the Cairo Declaration and Plan of Action adopted in 2000;
4. **WELCOMES** the efforts aimed at holding the 2nd Africa-Europe Summit by the end of 2007 and **CALLS ON** all parties to work together to ensure the success of this Summit with a view to achieving positive outcomes that would transform the relationship to one that is more beneficial to Africa;
5. **STRESSES** that the Cairo documents remain the reference framework for the Africa-Europe dialogue and the basis on which to build on, including with regard to the priority areas and follow-up mechanisms;
6. **TAKES NOTE** of the progress achieved in preparing a more meaningful result oriented joint Africa-Europe Strategy;
7. **DECIDES** that the African Troika be enlarged to include the 8 “*chef de file*”, and any other interested Member State to follow-up on the cooperation mechanisms and preparations for the Summit as well as to finalize the joint Africa-Europe Strategy based on Cairo documents, including other relevant documents, to be presented to the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council scheduled for July 2007.

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