

DECISION ON THE STATUS OF SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION
OF OAU/AU TREATIES
DOC. EX.CL/410(XIII)

The Executive Council:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the Status of OAU/AU Treaties;
2. **COMMENDS** Member States and the Commission for the ongoing efforts aimed at encouraging other Member States to become States Parties to the OAU/AU Treaties;
3. **REITERATES ITS APPEAL** to Member States to give priority to OAU/AU Treaties and speed up the process for their signature and ratification/accession and report periodically, as may be appropriate, on the progress made in the implementation of the Treaties;
4. **FURTHER REITERATES ITS APPEAL** to the Pan-African Parliament to carry out advocacy and sensitize Member States to expedite the process of ratification/accession to OAU/AU Treaties;
5. **AUTHORIZES** the Commission to accelerate the recruitment of a Jurist in the Arabic language within the next twelve (12) months, to align the Arabic legal instruments with the texts in the other languages in order to ensure consistency of the treaties in all working languages of the African Union;
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission to finalize the study on harmonization of ratification procedures and implement the relevant decisions relating to the review of OAU/AU Treaties;
7. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to convene the meeting of Ministers of Justice/Attorneys General on outstanding legal matters, and to report to the Executive Council in due course.

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