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### **REPORT ON THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION** **OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE** **COUNCIL AND THE ASSEMBLY**

## INTRODUCTION

This Report is a synopsis of implementation of the various Decisions, Declarations and other measures of the policy organs of the Union, by the Departments, Directorates and Units of the Commission during the period under review, that is July to December 2006.

During their various Ordinary, Extraordinary and Special Sessions, the Executive Council and the Assembly of the Union, indeed, adopted quite a number measures at the conclusion of their deliberations. Such measures constitute the legal authority which commits the Commission and other organs of the Union to pursue activities in furtherance of the integration process in the Continent. Many of the activities were carried out in collaboration with Member States in the form of consultation and coordination meetings designed to harmonize viewpoints and actions, and were quite often geared to adoption of common positions and harmonized policy decisions.

The activities carried out during the period under review cover quite diverse subjects and a number of vital issues of interest to Member States. They range from legal, administrative, financial, political and peace and security issues to economic, social and cultural matters. Some of the activities form part of the reports on the Agenda of the Executive Council and/or that of the Assembly.

In view of budget and human resource constraints during the period under review, some of the decisions with high degree of financial implications were not implemented ; while others, for technical reasons and/or time constraints, were differed to a later date pending improved or conducive conditions or when the constraints would have eased.

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS ADOPTED IN BANJUL**

Decisions: No & Title	Decisions: Action Required	Implemented (Fully/Partly) Action Taken	Not Implemented	Constraints
<b>Assembly/AU/Dec.127(VII)</b> on Hissene Habre case	<p>Committee appointed pursuant to Assembly decision in Khartoum reported in Banjul and the following decision was adopted:</p> <p><b>CONSIDERING</b> the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice in this case, and the ratification by Senegal of the United Nations Convention Against Torture;</p> <p>i) <b>DECIDES</b> to consider the Hissène Habré Case as falling within the competence of the African Union;</p> <p>ii) <b>MANDATES</b> the Republic of Senegal to prosecute and ensure that Hissène Habré is tried, on behalf of Africa, by a competent Senegalese court with guarantees for fair trial;</p> <p>iii) <b>FURTHER MANDATES</b> the Chairperson of the Union, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Commission, to provide</p>	-	-	The Republic of Senegal should update the Assembly on the measures taken to implement this decision.

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	<p>Senegal with the necessary assistance for the effective conduct of the trial;</p> <p>iv) <b>REQUESTS</b> all the Member States to cooperate with the Government of Senegal on this matter;</p> <p>v) <b>CALLS UPON</b> the International Community to avail its support to the Government of Senegal.</p>			
<p><b>EX.CL/Dec. 281(IX)</b> on the Ministerial Committee on Elections of the Members of the Commission</p>	<p><b>DECIDES</b> to establish, in conformity with Article 14 of the Statutes of the Commission, a Ministerial Panel composed of two (2) Member States per Region assisted by a team of consultants to be appointed in consultation with the Chairperson of the Commission;</p> <p><b>REQUESTS</b> the various Regions to submit the names of their respective representatives (on the Panel) to the Commission by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2006;</p> <p><b>MANDATES</b> the Panel to work out the modalities and procedures for the pre-selection, selection and</p>	<p>Note Verbale was sent to the Regional Deans to designate their representatives on the Panel.</p> <p>Each region has designated its respective representatives with the exception of the North.</p> <p>The representatives of the Northern Region are still awaited.</p> <p>The team of</p>		

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	<p>elections of the Members of the Commission and to submit a report and appropriate recommendations thereon to the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council, in January 2007;</p> <p><b>REQUESTS</b> the Chairperson of the Commission to provide the necessary assistance and support to the Panel.</p>	<p>consultants is yet to be appointed</p> <p>Draft modalities for the elections of the Members of the Commission has been elaborated.</p> <p>A meeting of the Ministerial Panel is scheduled to be held in the margins of the Executive Council in January 2007.</p>		
<p><b>EX.CL/Dec.282 (IX)</b> Decision on the Status of OAU/AU Treaties</p>	<p><b>URGES</b> all Member States that have not yet done so to sign and ratify or accede to the OAU/AU treaties expeditiously and implement those to which they are parties as a matter of priority;</p> <p><b>REQUESTS</b> the Commission to take the necessary steps to implement the previous decision of the fifth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council held in Addis Ababa, in July 2004 on the review of OAU/AU Treaties, including the convening of meetings of experts to examine the recommendations of the Executive Council and to elaborate the necessary legal</p>	<p>- The Commission has regularly transmitted the updates in the status of signatures and ratifications/accessions to all Member States and encouraged them to sign and ratify/accede to the treaties.</p> <p>- OLC has also organized annually a 'Signing Week' to sensitize Member States.</p>	<p>- The implementation of the recommendations on the review of OAU/AU Treaties is yet to be carried out and the</p>	<p>- OLC has to assist many of the other Departments/Direct orates/Units carry out their own activities.</p> <p>- The Staff complement is still low.</p> <p>- The Meeting Ministers of Justice and Attorneys General scheduled for October/November</p>

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	instruments as well to take necessary measures towards harmonization of ratification procedure in Member States.	The study on ratification procedures has been finalized and will be submitted to the proposed meeting of Ministers of Justice.	meeting of Legal experts is yet to be convened  - Meeting of Ministers of Justice was to consider the study on ratification procedures before submission to Council for consideration	2006 which would have considered the draft texts could not take place as planned.
<b>Ex. CL./Dec.283 (IX)</b> on the merger of the ACHPR and the Court of Justice of the AU	<b>DECIDES</b> , in conformity with Rule 5(3) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council, to refer the said legal instruments to a meeting for Ministers of Justice and Attorney Generals from Member States for finalisation and submission of a report to the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council, in January 2007;  <b>AUTHORISES</b> the expenditure for the meeting and <b>REQUESTS</b> the Chairperson of the Commission to provide the necessary assistance and support to the meeting.	The meeting of Ministers of Justice and Attorneys General scheduled for October/November 2006 to consider outstanding legal matters could not take place as planned and will be held after the January Summit.	Consultations on the source of funding are being carried out	Funds yet to be allocated

## **PEACE AND SECURITY**

### **STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS OF THE BANJUL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND SUMMIT ON PEACE AND SECURITY ISSUES** **January 2007**

Decisions: No. & Title	Decisions: Action Required	Implemented (Fully/Partly) (Actions Taken)	Constraints
<b>Assembly/AU/Dec.120(VII) Decision on the Activities of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union Doc. Assembly/AU/4(VII)</b>	<p>The Peace and Security Council to continue efforts, with particular emphasis on conflict prevention, by examining potential crisis situation before they degenerate into conflict, and ensuring the implementation of peace building programs in countries emerging from conflict on the basis of the Framework Document on Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Several meetings of the PSC were held to discuss potential and ongoing crisis and conflict situations during the period under review</li> <li>- The PSC met on 18 August 2006 to review the situation and the post-conflict reconstruction efforts in Liberia. On that occasion, the PSC requested the Commission to dispatch a multidisciplinary team of experts to Liberia to assess the situation and come up with recommendations on the assistance that could be rendered by the AU. Steps are underway to dispatch the mission.</li> <li>- On 7 December 2006, the PSC met to review the situation in Central African Republic. The PSC endorsed the recommendations of the multi-disciplinary mission of experts</li> </ul>	<p>Need for increased human and financial resources to follow-up on the implementation of decisions taken.</p>

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		dispatched by the AU to CAR, from 3 to 15 April 2006, and urged AU Member States to take the required measures to urgently assist the CAR. Steps are underway for the implementation of this decision	
<b>Assembly/AU/Decl.2 (VII) Declaration on the Situation in Somalia</b>	The Commission, working closely with the IGAD, to take all necessary steps for the early deployment of IGASOM in Somalia, to be subsequently taken over the AU, as provided for in decision PSC/PR/Comm.(XXIX) adopted by the 29 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the PSC held on 12 May 2005	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Participation in Joint AU/IGAD Assessment Mission to Somalia – 27 June to 12 July 2006.</li> <li>2. Participation in Joint AU/IGAD Planning sessions as follows:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. IGAD Foreign Ministers Conference in Nairobi – 31 July 2006</li> <li>b. IGAD Chiefs of Defence Staff Meeting in Nairobi – 14 to 23 August 2006.</li> <li>c. Joint AU/IGAD Planning for IGASOM – Addis Ababa 05-12 September 2006</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. PSC approved IGASOM Deployment Plan at its 62<sup>nd</sup> meeting in Addis Ababa on 13 September 2006</li> <li>4. Submission of IGASOM Deployment Plan to UN Security Council and request for an exemption to the arms embargo for IGASOM Deployment – September 2006. Subsequently,</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mobilization of funding of and logistical support</li> <li>- Force generation</li> </ul>



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		<p>the UNSC adopted resolution 1725(2006), authorizing IGAD and AU to establish a protection and training mission in Somalia, based on the mandate and concept of operations specified in the IGASOM Deployment Plan.</p> <p>5. Consultative meeting – AU/IGAD/LAS, on the situation in Somalia, held on 27 December 2006</p> <p>6. Continued consultations between the AU Commission and the TFG, as well as with other stakeholders on how best to support the peace process in Somalia</p>	
<p><b>EX.CL/Dec.302 (IX)</b> <b>Decision on the AU Policy on Post - Conflict Reconstruction and Development - Doc. EX.CL/274 (IX)</b></p>	<p>The Commission, in collaboration with the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), relevant United Nations (UN) and other institutions and African Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), to take all the necessary steps for the effective implementation of the PCRD Policy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Convening, by the Commission, of a consultative workshop on the implementation of the PCRD Policy, in Addis Ababa, on 26 September 2006. Participants to the Workshop included all RECs</li> <li>- Next steps include submission to the AU Policy Organs of a document on the modalities for the implementation of the PCRD Policy.</li> </ul>	<p>Need for increased human and financial resources to follow-up on the implementation of the decisions taken</p>

## **POLITICAL AFFAIRS**

Decisions: No. & Title	Status of Implementation		
	Implemented (Fully/Partly) (Actions taken)	Not Implemented	Constraints
<p><b>EX.CL/Dec. 284(IX)</b></p> <p><b>SITUATION OF REFUGEES, RETURNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS</b></p> <p>Para 5 – Concern about the insecurity in the refugee camps in Chad and encourages any initiative aimed at ensuring the security of the refugees</p> <p>Para 8 – Appeal to all donor countries to recognize the precarious refugee situation in Africa and make generous contributions towards their protection and assistance needs</p> <p>Para 9 – Requests the Commission to expedite the efforts of developing a legal framework for IDPs</p> <p>Para 10 – Calls upon the Commission to explore new avenues for raising extra-budgetary resources to supplement Member States</p>	<p>Fully implemented as the PRC Sub-Committee on Refugees undertook assessment mission to Chad where they offered assistance for the refugees in Chad. The issue has also been discussed at the Peace and Security Council</p> <p>Partly implemented. Efforts continue to take place in liaison with relevant partners including UNHCR, ICRC, WFP, AHA &amp; IOM through joint programmes &amp; activities, which among other things centered around donor fatigue</p> <p>On-going exercise. Engaged a consultant and the draft legal instrument is ready for review by Government Legal Experts in 2007</p>	<p>Contact established with partners.</p>	

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<p>efforts and International Community's contribution in assisting refugees, returnees and IDPs in Africa</p> <p>Para 11 – Request the Commission, the PRC Sub-Committee on Refugees, AU Partners, Civil Societies and NGOs to remain engaged in monitoring the implementation of the outcome of the Ouagadougou Ministerial Conference</p> <p>Commission to continue implementing its Work Programme in accordance with the various Decisions, Recommendations and Resolutions in collaboration with the PRC sub-Committee on Refugees, UNHCR and other AU Partners and relevant Organizations</p>	<p>Implemented in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) AU Policy to facilitate post-primary education for victims of forced displacement in African</li> <li>b) Assistance to refugees, returnees and IDPs in difficult humanitarian crises has been provided to refugees from Central African Republic in Chad, Sahrawi refugees in Algeria and to victims of floods in Ethiopia as well as victims of drought in Kenya</li> </ul> <p>Continued to implement its work programme for 2006 in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Voluntary repatriation, by urging Member States to create conducive conditions for return of refugees and IDPs and sustainable reintegration in their communities</li> <li>b) Undertook field assessment missions to Chad and Algeria and provided assistance to refugees in those countries</li> <li>c) More assessment missions are planned for Liberia, Kenya, The Sudan and Ethiopia</li> <li>d) Promotion of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) through jointly launching with ICRC of the ICRC Customary Humanitarian Law Study as well as organizing a joint AU/ICRC</li> </ul>		

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	<p>Brainstorming session with African Ambassadors in Addis Ababa</p> <p>e) A series of conferences, meetings and seminars/workshops were held with AU partners and other organizations in the field of humanitarian issues which helped among other things to implement Decisions of Executive Council and Summit of Heads of State and Government</p> <p>f) The Coordinating Committee on Assistance to Refugees, Returnees and IDPs (CCAR) met and revised the Rules of Procedures of the enlarged CCAR and the Terms of Reference of the CCAR Working Group.</p>		

## **HUMAN RESOURCES, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

### **KHARTOUM 2006 AND BANJUL 2006 DECISIONS** **IMPLEMENTATION STATUS AS AT DECEMBER 2006**

<b>N° &amp; TITLE OF THE DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	<b>IMPLEMENTATION STATUS</b>	<b>WAY FORWARD</b>
<b><i>EX.CL/Dec.292 (IX)</i></b> <i>Decision on the 1<sup>st</sup> ordinary session of the Conference of AU Ministers of Youth (DOC.EX.CL/262(IX))</i>	<p>The Commission, the Regional Economic Communities and the Member States should improve cooperation and develop coordination mechanisms for the implementation of the Charter</p>	<p>HRST developed information paper for the signing and ratification process of the African Youth Charter</p> <p>HRST developed and present to member States strategies for popularization</p> <p>The Charter is officially launched (ADF-V)</p> <p>Three Countries signed the charter and started the ratification process (Mali, Burundi and Togo)</p> <p>UN Partners, OIFrancophonie and other international Organizations are involved in the popularization process of the Charter (ADF-V)</p>	<p>HRST is in the process of revitalizing Pan African Youth Union, so that they can ensure and follow up the popularization, ratification and implementation of the Charter through Youth organizations and Ministries of Youth all over Africa, and also develop monitoring and evaluation strategies.</p> <p>Meeting with RECs is planned for 2007 to clarify responsibilities towards the ratification and popularization of the Charter</p>

N° & TITLE OF THE DECISION	ACTION REQUESTED	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS	WAY FORWARD
<p><b>Assembly/AU/Dec 92(VI)</b> <i>Decision On A Second Decade Of Education For Africa (2006 – 2015) And The Framework Of The Plan Of Action For The Second Decade</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2006-2015 was declared Second Decade of Education for Africa;</li> <li>• Member States, RECs and Partners called upon to support its implementation</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Bureau of Ministers of Education met in Addis Ababa in August to review and endorse the Plan of Action for submission the second extra-ordinary session of COMEDAF II.</li> <li>2. Second Extra-ordinary COMEDAF II was held from 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> September in Maputo to consider, adopt and launch the Plan of Action.</li> <li>3. The Plan of Action was launched on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September, by the Prime Minister of Mozambique.</li> <li>4. The COMEDAF II meeting also endorsed a Steering Committee for the Second Decade of Education, including IPED as the pan-African Education Observatory.</li> </ol>	<p>Education programme for 2007 covers establishment of systems and institutional linkages for successful implementation of the Plan of Action for the Second Decade of Education for Africa</p>
<p><i>Decision On Establishing Iped As Education Observatory For Africa (Doc. Ex/CI/224 (Viii)) Rev.2</i></p>	<p>Build Capacity of IPED to become an education observatory of the African Union.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. IPED has been included in the Steering Committee of the Second Decade of Education for Africa, as the Education Observatory</li> <li>2. The Department participated in the 14<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Council of IPED Member States in Dakar in September 2006, and ensured that a decision was made to commit the 11 IPED Member States to clearing IPED's outstanding debts so that the AU will not be disadvantaged in its management of IPED as its Education Observatory</li> </ol>	<p>To proceed with capacity building of IPED according to the Plan of Action for the second Decade of Education for Africa</p>

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		3. An Audit mission sent to the Democratic Republic of Congo in October 2006 established the status of IPED in the areas of human resource and financial management, legal issues and programming. A 'transformation' work plan has been developed to address the capacity building needs in order to establish IPED as an education observatory within the next two years.	
<p><b>Doc. Ex/CI/243 (Viii)</b> <b>Add.10</b></p> <p><b>Assembly/Au/Dec.110 (VI)</b> <i>Decision On The Establishment Of An African Educational, Scientific And Cultural Organization (Afesco)</i></p>	The Commission should consider the issue in cooperation with a Group of Experts to be set up for this purpose	The Government of Sudan is yet to respond to a Note verbale requesting further information on their proposal, to enable the Commission to carry out a feasibility study	Continue to await response from the Government of Sudan

**SOCIAL AFFAIRS****STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF BANJUL DECISIONS (JULY 2006)**

Decision	Commitments	Activities Undertaken	Responsible	Remarks
<b>HEALTH</b>				
<i>Decision on Africa's Common Position to the UN General Assembly Special Session on AIDS (New York, 31 May – 2 June 2006)</i> <i>Assembly/AU/Dec.114 (VII)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Popularize the Common Position and the annexed Brazzaville Commitment on Scaling up Towards Universal Access to HIV/AIDS Services</li> <li>Improve harmonization and coordination of strategies with RECs and Development Partners.</li> <li>Develop Implementation Plan on Abuja Special Summit outcomes for Member States, CSOs, AU, RECs and Development Partners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disseminate the Common Position to Member States, CSOs, UN Agencies and other Development Partners.</li> <li>Organized Inter-Agency Meeting on coordination of AU, RECs and Development Partners on HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria Strategies.</li> <li>Done</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social Affairs</li> <li>Social Affairs</li> </ul>	<p>Follow up meeting planned for next year</p> <p>To be submitted for adoption by Ministers of Health</p>
<i>Decision on the Abuja Call for Accelerated Action Towards Universal Access to HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria Services</i> <i>Assembly/AU/Dec.115 (VII)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-declare HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria as a state of emergency in Africa;</li> <li>Lead in implementation of the Abuja Call</li> <li>Strengthen partnership for a harmonized, well-coordinated multi-sectoral approach</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Done</li> <li>Developed Implementation on the Abuja Call and follow up on its operationalization</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social Affairs</li> <li>“</li> </ul>	<p>Plans to launch renewed Malaria Campaign underway</p> <p>Need to mobilize</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mobilize support for additional funding</li> <li>▪ Mobilize Parliamentarians and CSOs to play their role, in a well-coordinated manner</li> <li>▪ AU, RECs and Development Partners to follow up on implementation and Report to the Assembly.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Above mentioned Inter-Agency Meeting organized</li> <li>▪ Efforts ongoing: from EU and UN Agencies</li> <li>▪ CSOs coalition against AIDS mobilized</li> <li>▪ Inter-Agency Meeting on Harmonization and coordination organized; and AU getting more involved in activities of RECs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ “</li> <li>▪ “</li> <li>▪ “</li> <li>▪ “</li> </ul>	<p>PAP and CSOs involved in Malaria and TB advocacy, too.</p> <p>Follow up planned</p>
Decision on the Continental Framework for Harmonization of Approaches among Member States, and Integration of Policies on Human Rights and People Infected and Affected by HIV/AIDS Assembly/AU/Dec.116 (VII)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Urge Member States and CSOs to develop and implement appropriate National Frameworks</li> <li>▪ Requesting AU ACERWC, RECs, ACHPR and Development Partners to follow up on implementation and Report to AU Assembly.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dissemination done</li> <li>▪ Implementation Plan developed for adoption by Ministers; and then implementation to be monitored</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Social Affairs</li> <li>▪ Social Affairs</li> </ul>	<p>Development Partners requested to utilize their country offices to facilitate Member States to implement</p> <p>Review report due in 2008 but Interim Report in July 2007</p>

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African Regional Nutrition Strategy Ex/CL/Dec.248 (VIII)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Print, publish, and disseminate the Strategy</li> <li>Print, publish, and disseminate the Strategy</li> <li>Establish Taskforce</li> <li>Conduct Experts Meeting in December</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Experts Meeting held in December 2006</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social Affairs</li> </ul>	Revised Plan of Action adopted incorporating NEPAD Nutrition Initiative
Continental Framework on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights EX.CL/Dec.249 (VII)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Convene Special Session of the AU Conference of Ministers of Health in Maputo</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Special Session held from 18 – 22 September 2006</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social Affairs</li> </ul>	Plan of Action Adopted
<b>SPORT</b>				
Decision On Other Items Proposed By Member States To The Sixth Ordinary Session Of The Assembly Doc. Assembly/Au/3 (Vii) on International Year of the Football	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organise meeting with Ethiopia, CAFS, FIFA and South Africa to set up a Steering Committee</li> <li>Develop programme of activities for the Year</li> <li>Launch the International Year of African Football</li> <li>WELCOMES Algeria's offer to host the Ninth All-Africa Games in July 2007 and INVITES Member States to participate massively in the Ninth All-Africa Games in Algiers, and mobilize top-level sports men and women in line with the resolutions of relevant African policy organs with a view to the Olympic Games due to take place in Beijing in 2008;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A first meeting of both the organizing and logistics committee for the Launch of the IYAF to be held in January 2007</li> <li>The AU participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Stakeholders Meeting of Algiers in November 2006</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social Affairs</li> </ul>	A first meetings of both the organizing and logistics committee for the Launch of the IYAF held in December 2006.
<b>SOCIAL WELFARE</b>				
Decision On The Fourth Ordinary Session Of The Labour And Social Affairs Commission Doc. Ex.Cl/260 (Ix)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>REQUESTS the Commission to organize a meeting of Social Development Ministers to finalize the Draft Social Policy Framework in Africa prior to its submission to the Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in July 2007;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The AU is in process of reviewing the Social Policy Framework Document submitted for consideration during the Fourth</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social Affairs</li> </ul>	

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		Ordinary Session of the Labour and Social Affairs Commission		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ REQUESTS the Commission to work out the financial implications for the establishment of the Advisory Council for Ageing and CALLS ON Member States to establish National Advisory Councils to address the plight of elderly people;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The AU with HelpAge International have issued the Yaounde Call for Action in September 2006;</li> <li>▪ Discussions are on-going with HelpAge international on the establishment of the Advisory Council for Ageing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Social Affairs</li> </ul>	The AU with HelpAge International will first set up a steering committee to define the TOR for the Advisory Council
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>REQUESTS</b> ARI to undertake advocacy and lobbying missions to Member States to inform them of the Institute's activities, lobby for membership and ensure that people with disabilities are integrated in the national development programmes of Member States;</li> <li>▪ <b>CALLS ON</b> the Commission in collaboration with the ARI Governing Board to take all the necessary measures to review the mandate and structure of ARI;</li> <li>▪ REQUESTS ARI to undertake advocacy and lobbying missions to Member States to inform them of the Institute's activities, lobby for membership and ensure that people with disabilities are integrated in the national development programmes of Member States;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ARI has established a website in October 2006;</li> <li>▪ AU Dept. of Social Affairs has already started a desk review on the mandate and structure of ARI</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Social Affairs</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ URGES Member States to capitalize on existing African institutions such as the African Centre for Applied Research and Training in Social Development (ACARTSOD) in conducting research in the Continent and provide support to the Centre by becoming members and fulfilling their financial obligations;</li> </ul>	Conducted visits to ACARTSOD. A meeting was held in Libya on the Gaddafi Initiative on Youth, women and Children, and was organized by ACARTSOD (2006) in November 2006 and the AU participated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Social Affairs</li> </ul>	Center has potentials. Efforts should be sustained. Libya commended on leadership
Decision On The African Committee Of Experts On The Rights And Welfare Of The Child Doc. Ex.Cl/275 (Ix)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>TAKES NOTE WITH SATISFACTION</b> of the efforts of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (Committee) in the popularization of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (African Charter) and <b>CALLS ON</b> the Committee to start considering reports received from State Parties;</li> <li>▪ APPEALS to Member States, which have not yet done so, to expedite the ratification process of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child and implement its provisions;</li> <li>▪ URGES Member States to give particular attention to children in their development policies and programmes and commit themselves to attain the Agenda of an "Africa Fit for Children";</li> <li>▪ <b>CALLS ON</b> the Committee to collaborate with the Commission in the convening of the Mid-Term Review Meeting to assess the implementation of the African Common Position on Children scheduled for the last quarter of 2006;</li> <li>▪ <b>APPEALS</b> to Member States to provide moral, technical and financial support to the Committee;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 8<sup>th</sup> ACERWC was held from 27 Nov – 1 Dec 2006</li> <li>▪ Three Reports from member states have already been received</li> <li>▪ Awareness raising campaigns to member states are on-going by ACERWC</li> <li>▪ Questionnaire has been developed by DSA and reviewed by ACERWC</li> <li>▪ One Senior officer was recruited in August.</li> </ul>	<p>Social Affairs</p> <p>Social Affairs</p> <p>Social Affairs</p> <p>Social Affairs</p>	The challenge of lack of the Secretary to the Committee persists

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>URGES</b> the Commission to continue to support the Committee and strengthen its capacity to enable it function more effectively.</li> </ul>			
Decision On The Enactment Of A Legislation For Organizing And Ensuring Respect For Social Life In Africa Doc.Ex.Cl/290(Ix)Add.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>REQUESTS the Commission to</b> Carry out a study for the enactment of a legislation for organizing and ensuring respect for social life in Africa and report to the next Ordinary session of the Executive Council in January 2007.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mission has been undertaken by DSA to Libya in November 2006 and report was prepared on the mission.</li> <li>▪ Desk study was conducted by the AU.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Social Affairs</li> </ul>	The recommendations of the report will be followed up by DSA.
<b>LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND MIGRATION</b>				
Decision on the fourth Ordinary Session of Labour and Social Affairs Commission EX.CL/Dec.290 (IX)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ REQUESTS Member States to actively participate in the regional consultations organized by the Commission at regional level on the development of regional frameworks on the integration of policies and programmes for the promotion of employment and poverty reduction in line with the <b><u>Ouagadougou Summit</u></b></li> </ul>	Regional workshops were organized. Five regional studies on employment promotion were realized. Also five regional frameworks on the integration of employment policies and programmes were developed for Southern, West, north, east and central Africa.	Social Affairs  Member States supported the Commission	Continental report will be compiled as well as Integrated employment policies.  All regional meetings were successfully carried out.
EX.CL/Dec.304 (IX) Decision on the Migration Policy Framework for Africa DOC.EX.CL/276 (IX)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>URGES</b> Member States and RECs to utilize the migration framework, in the development of migration policies;</li> <li>▪ <b>REQUESTS</b> the Commission in consultation with the International Organization for Migration and other relevant partners, to assist Member States</li> </ul>	Document presented to UN High Level Dialogue  Documents were sent to Member States	Social Affairs	

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	<p>with the development and implementation of sound migration policies;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>MANDATES</b> the African Union Commission to develop, in collaboration with partners, a follow-up mechanism;</li> <li>▪ <b>FURTHER REQUESTS</b> the Chairperson of the African Union Commission to periodically report on the implementation of the Framework.</li> </ul>	Plans are under-way		
EX.CL/Dec.305 (IX) Decision on the African Common Position on Migration and Development DOC.EX.CL/277 (IX)	<p><b>The Assembly:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>URGES</b> Member States to implement the Common Position;</li> <li>2. <b>REQUESTS</b> the Commission to convene as soon as possible the Ministerial Conference on Migration and Development to be held in Libya.</li> </ol>	<p>Common Position Presented to the UN High Level Dialogue</p> <p>Convened preparatory meetings in Brazzaville and Malta to pave the way for the Africa-EU Ministerial Conference on migration and development</p>	Social Affairs	Done
	<p><b>EX.CL/Dec.305 (IX)</b> <b>The Executive Council:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>URGES</b> Member States to mainstream migration in development strategies and implementation especially in the area of human resource development;</li> <li>2. <b>FURTHER URGES</b> Member States to allocate adequate resources for the implementation of the recommendations contained in the African Common Position on Migration and Development;</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Africa-EU Ministerial Conference convened in Tripoli, Libya November 2006.</li> </ul>	Social Affairs	<p>Joint Africa-EU Declaration on migration and development adopted</p> <p>Plan of Action on Human Trafficking adopted</p>

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	<p>3. <b>APPEALS</b> to the International Community to continue to collaborate in the implementation of and provide support towards the attainment of the objectives contained in the African Common Position on Migration and Development;</p> <p>4. <b>REQUESTS</b> the Chairperson of the Commission, in collaboration with International Organization for Migration and other partners, to coordinate and advocate for the implementation of the African Common Position on Migration and Development;</p> <p>(i) <b>MANDATES</b> the Chairperson of the African Union Commission to Develop the Common Position as a broad African consensus on issues of migration and development and to present it to the African Group of Ambassadors at the UN as Africa's input into the UN High Level dialogue on International Migration and Development scheduled for September 2006.</p> <p>5. <b>FURTHER REQUESTS</b> the Chairperson of the Commission to report on the outcome of the Africa-Europe Ministerial Conference on Migration and Development and the UN High Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development to the next ordinary session of the Assembly.</p>	<p>EU allocated an amount of money for the implementation of the Africa-EU Joint Declaration on Migration and Development</p> <p>AU Commission attended the UN High Level Dialogue and presented the Common position to the African Ambassadors, the Report is available</p> <p>The Report is prepared and hereby reported to the Assembly.</p>		

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Decision on the Establishment of the African Centre for Study and Research on Migration Doc. EX.CL/290 (IX) ADD.2	<p><b>EX.CL/Dec.314 (IX)</b></p> <p><b>The Executive Council,</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>REQUESTS</b> the Commission, in collaboration with the Government of Mali, to monitor the implementation of this decision, and oversee the process for the establishment of the African Centre for Study and Research on Migration;</li> <li><b>FURTHER REQUESTS</b> the Commission to submit a report on the process at the 10<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Executive Council.</li> </ol>	Republic of Mali requested to submit relevant documents to the AU Commission	Social Affairs	Feasibility study is still to be carried out pending receipt of documentation from Republic of Mali



**INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENERGY****STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF SUMMIT DECISIONS**  
**BANJUL SUMMIT, JUNE/JULY 2006**

<b>Decisions: No &amp; Title</b>	<b>Decisions: Action required</b>	<b>Implemented (Fully/Partly) (Actions taken)</b>	<b>Not Implemented</b>	<b>Constraints</b>
<b><u>Assembly/AU/ Dec.132 (VII)</u></b>  <b>Decision on the proposal to establish a fund within the African union to alleviate the increase in oil price on the poor African countries and the coordination of African oil policies</b>	1. The Commission to conduct in-depth study on oil price rises and present a detailed Strategy for cooperation and solidarity between oil producing and non-oil producing African countries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Study jointly conducted by ADB and AU</li> <li>A continental Policy for cooperation and solidarity in the field of oil and gas will be prepared based on the Cairo Ministerial meeting decisions, recommendations and guidelines</li> </ul>		None
	2. The Commission to organise the First Meeting of Ministers responsible for Oil and Gas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Held in Cairo (Egypt), 11 to 15 December 2006</li> <li>The outcomes of the ministerial meeting will be presented to the 8<sup>th</sup> AU Summit in January</li> </ul>		None
				None
<b><u>EX.CL/Dec.293 (IX)</u></b>  <b>Decision on the first conference of African ministers responsible for electrical energy</b>	1. Member States to give the energy sector enough priority in their development policies with particular regard to poverty reduction strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> <li>The Commission will monitor compliance on continuous basis and prepare reports.</li> </ul>		Activity is dependent on 2007 Programme Budget

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	2. The Commission to take all the necessary measures, in collaboration with the RECs and other partners, towards the implementation of the electricity Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activities have been launched for the implementation of the Plan of action such as for the continental Policy, institutional study for major projects, etc.</li> </ul>		Activity is dependent on 2007 Programme Budget
<b><u>EX.CL/Dec.294 (IX)</u></b>  <b>Decision on the first conference of African ministers responsible for railway transport</b>	1. Member States to give the enough priority to transport matters in their development policies with particular regard to poverty reduction strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report of the Ministerial Conference including the Brazzaville Declaration and Action Plan has been made available to Member States and other stakeholders</li> </ul>		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Commission will monitor compliance on continuous basis and prepare reports.</li> </ul>		Activity is dependent on 2007 Programme Budget
	2. The Commission to take all the necessary measures, in collaboration with the RECs and other partners, towards the implementation of the railway transport Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activities in the railway transport Plan of Action have been included in the 2007 Programme and Budget of the Commission</li> </ul>	Implementation will start in early 2007	Awaiting 2007 Programme Budget approval
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparation of Concept papers and Terms of Reference for specific projects is underway.</li> </ul>	Ongoing	None yet

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<b><u>EX.CL/Dec.295 (IX)</u></b>  <b>Decision on the conference of African ministers responsible for air transport</b>	1. African airlines to strengthen cooperation through commercial agreements and harmonization of tariffs in order to enhance connectivity of intra-African route networks and minimise the cost of air travel in the Africa;	• Consultations have been made with AFRAA on strategies for encouraging African airlines to enhance their commercial and operational cooperation.		None yet
		• Project to determine the most efficient African air routes network is included in the 2007 Programme Budget of the Commission	To begin in 2007	Activity is dependent on 2007 Programme Budget
	2. Member States to create conducive environment for cross-border investments for the commercial creation of African multinational/regional airlines.	• Report of the Ministerial Conference including the Libreville Action Plan has been made available to Member States	Ongoing	None yet
	3. Member States to ensure full and timely payment of contributions and arrears owed to the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) whose interim arrangement with ICAO ends on 31 December 2006.	• The Commission has planned to hold further consultations with the Bureau of AFCAC, and some member states representing all the African Union regions to resolve the issue	The response of Member States has not yet been positive and AFCAC is still in a dire financial situation.	Financial limitations
	4. International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the African	• Meetings have been held with ICAO, UNECA, ADB and the RECs on the implementation of the air transport Action Plan		None yet

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	Development bank (ADB), as well as development partners to support the implementation of the air transport Action Plan for Africa.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Commission and ICAO are in the process of concluding and signing a MoU for the implementation of a project for sustainable air transport for Africa</li> </ul>	To begin in 2007	None yet
	5. The Commission and the RECs to speed up the harmonization of competition rules in the field of Air Transport.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RECs have submitted their air transport competition regulations to the Commission</li> </ul>		None yet
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Commission has engaged a consultant to harmonise the submitted competition regulations.</li> </ul>	Ongoing	None yet

## **RURAL ECONOMY AND AGRICULTURE**

### **Status of Implementation of Banjul Decisions**

No. and Title of the Decision	Status of Implementation
<b>EX.CL/267 (IX)</b>	<p><b>Decision on the Conference of Ministers of Agriculture</b></p> <p>Agriculture Expenditure Tracking System (AETS) for the 10% budget allocation to agriculture adopted as the basis for annual collection of data on allocations for agriculture by Member States.  <b>Nineteen member states submitted data to the Commission on the budgetary allocations using the AETS .</b></p> <p>Preliminary Data Analysis (Data from the 19 countries).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Above 10 percent</i> – 3 countries – Niger 20.15, Ethiopia 13.6, Chad 11.9</li> <li>○ <i>Between 5 and 10 percent</i> – 4 countries – Tunisia 8.2%, Zimbabwe 6.2%, Swaziland 5.5%, Sudan 5.4%.</li> <li>○ <i>Below 5 percent</i> – 12 countries.</li> </ul>
<b>EX.CL/287 (IX)</b>	<p><b>Control of Avian Influneza</b></p> <p><b>Organization of International Conference on Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza :</b></p> <p>As announced during the Banjul Summit, the Fourth International Conference on Bird Flu was held in Bamako from 6 to 8 December under the co-chair of AU, EU and the Government of the Republic of Mali. Several important events preceded the Conference proper.</p> <p>The Bamako Conference, as it is called, brought together representatives of 72 countries and around 20 international and regional organizations. Also in attendance were national political decision makers (Ministerial level) as well as regional and international financial institutions. The meeting received pledges totalling US\$ 475 million in favour of developing countries especially African countries. The participants were generally of the view that Bamako represented a milestone in international mobilization against Avian Influenza and other emerging and re-emerging diseases in the world.</p>
<b>Assembly/AU/6(VII)</b>	<p><b>Abuja Declaration on Fertilizer for African Green Revolution</b></p> <p>To date, 30 countries and four regional economic communities have developed country and regional fertilizer strategies respectively and this number continues to grow as in the aftermath of the Summit countries have recognized the critical</p>

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	<p>importance of fertilizers for restoring soil health and improving agricultural productivity. Many countries are integrating their fertilizer strategies into their overall agricultural sector development programs. Many of the countries have now approached NEPAD and its technical partner in this initiative, IFDC, to help convert these strategies into actionable programs.</p> <p>The AUC and NEPAD have agreed to collaborate on the preparation of a draft Business Plan to facilitate the implementation of the Abuja Declaration. Once it is ready the AUC will circulate it and call a meeting of the four institutions that were charged by the AU Member States to facilitate the implementation of the Abuja Declaration (NEPAD, AUC, UNECA, AfDB) to review the plan and agree on the way forward. This meeting will take place in early 2007 in Addis Ababa. The African Development Bank is finalizing the drafting of both the legal instrument and the framework documents for the establishment of the Fertilizer Facility. These documents outline the proposed governance structure, eligibility criteria and operational procedures for the facility.</p> <p>The draft documents will be circulated to the AU, ECA, NEPAD, IFDC, Rockefeller Foundation and the regional economic communities before finalization. The drafts should be ready for circulation by the end of December, 2006. To catalyze startup Nigerian President Obasanjo has already committed \$10 million to the fund and the AU member states pledged more funding. This is in accordance with <i>Resolution 12: The African Union Member States also requested the African Union Commission and the New Partnership for Africa's Development to set up a mechanism to monitor and evaluate the implementation of this resolution, in collaboration with the Economic Commission for Africa and the African Development Bank, and give a progress report to the African Heads of State at every sixth-monthly African Union Summit.</i></p>

## **ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

### **PROGRESS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

Decision Number and Title	Action Undertaken or to be Undertaken	Constraints
<p><b>Assembly/AU/Dec/112(VII)</b> Moratorium on the recognition of new Regional Economic Communities</p> <p>RECs to coordinate and harmonize their policies among themselves and with the Commission with a view to accelerating Africa's integration process</p>	<p>A road map for the rationalization process was developed and circulated to RECs for their comments and input. Meanwhile, the Commission is recruiting consultants to carry out some studies associated with the rationalization process. Commission still to convene a meeting of RECs in January 2007 to discuss the mechanism for coordination among the RECs.</p>	<p>Financial resources needed to finance participation of RECs</p>
<p><b>Assembly/AU/Dec/113(VII)</b></p> <p>Institutionalization of the Conference of Ministers in charge of Integration</p> <p>Commission, in collaboration with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the African Development Bank (ADB) and RECs, to implement the roadmap for the rationalization process (quantification studies of the scenarios, seminars and workshops for the benefit of stakeholders) and submit a report to the Assembly in July 2007</p>	<p>The justification and terms of reference have been submitted to the Legal Counsel for designating the Conference of Ministers in charge of Integration as a Specialized Technical Committee. The Conference of Ministers in charge of Integration will meet again in Kigali, Rwanda in April 2007.</p> <p>Terms of reference have been developed for the studies to quantify the various scenarios for rationalization. UNDP has agreed to provide financial resources for these studies and work will commence as soon as the consultants have been identified. Workshops will be convened after the studies have been completed in March 2007. The aim is to provide a report and recommendations to Conference of Ministers in Charge of Integration in April 2007 and to the July 2007 Assembly on the outcome of the studies.</p>	<p>Identification of consultants</p>

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<p><b>Assembly/AU/Dec/126(VII)</b></p> <p>Strengthening Africa's Representation in the Bretton Woods Institutions</p> <p>The Chairperson of the Commission to take the necessary measures to convene a special meeting of Ministers in charge of relations with the Bretton Woods Institutions, with a view to elaborating a strategy that will enable Africa remedy the situation. The meeting should be held preferably before the annual meetings of these institutions due to take place in Singapore in September 2006.</p>	<p>The Department had suggested that a meeting of Ministers of Finance be held on 4 September 2006 in Brazzaville. A memorandum seeking approval was sent to the Chairperson's Office and no response was received.</p> <p>A suggestion was made to convene Finance Ministers meeting in Singapore just before the Annual Meetings of the IMF and the World Bank Group. The proposal did not receive support so the decision was not implemented.</p>	
<p><b>Assembly/AU/Dec/132(VII)</b></p> <p>Establishment of an Oil Fund within the AU</p> <p>1. 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Mitigating the effects of high oil prices on the economies of poor non-oil producing African countries;</li> <li>✓ Maximizing oil revenues for oil producing African countries; and</li> </ul>	<p>Terms of reference have been developed for a study on this issue. Subsequently, the ADB in collaboration with the AU Commission carried out a study, which will be discussed at a Ministerial Meeting scheduled for Cairo in December 2006. The meeting will be used to solicit ideas on how the fund could be established and how contributions could be made as well as the access mechanism for the funds by non-oil producing African States. The Department of Infrastructure and Energy is organizing the meeting and the Department of Economic Affairs will be involved.</p>	



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<p>✓ Enhancing the quantity and quality of refined oil products in Africa in order to meet the development objectives of the Continent.</p>		
<p><b>EX.CL/Dec. 285(IX)</b> <b>Alternative Sources of Financing the AU</b></p> <p>The Commission in consultation with Member States to undertake further analytical work to evaluate the impact of the various proposals on various economies, particularly on national budgets, trade, investment (including legal implications of agreements) and business environment and how they would provide sustainable revenue to the Union;</p> <p>The reports on the analytical work be submitted to the Conference of African Ministers of Economy and Finance for consideration and appropriate recommendations to the Executive Council in July 2007.</p>	<p>The terms of reference have been drafted for the studies suggested by the Executive Council. The current budget does not cater for this activity so extra budgetary resources are needed. Financial resources have now been secured from the Africa Capacity Building Foundation to carry out the study. Identification of consultants is now underway.</p>	<p>Delay in mobilization of financial resources led to delayed implementation.</p>

## **TRADE AND INDUSTRY**

### **STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS**

Decisions No. & Title	Decisions: Action Required	Implemented (Fully/Partially) Actions taken)	Not Implemented	Constraints
<b>EX.CL/Dec.298(IX)</b> Decision on Economic Partnership Agreements Negotiations	<p><b>REQUESTS</b> the Commission to coordinate the RECs/Negotiating Groups in the evaluation of the comprehensive review process;</p> <p><b>ALSO REQUESTS</b> the Commission in collaboration with the United Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) to continue its technical support to Member States to enable them to formulate informed positions;</p> <p><b>FURTHER REQUESTS</b> the Commission to coordinate the results of the review of EPA negotiations by African Regions/Groups and to submit a report to the AU Trade Ministers for consideration and policy</p>	<p>The coordinating function of the Commission is being carried out according to the mandate. A coordinating workshop on legal drafting of the EPAs was organized in Kenya from 2 to 4 August. The Commission has also participated in several workshops and events notably in Egypt and Senegal.</p> <p>Ongoing. Thus and among others, Commission has prepared in collaboration with ECA a negotiating brief to guide stakeholders</p> <p>Under way. Further to the agreement reached at the June 2006 ACP-EU Ministerial Trade Committee in which the Commission participated, the latter, in collaboration with ECA have</p>		<p>The Commission continues to experience difficulties in its coordinating role because since its status is not that of a negotiating party, it attends negotiating meetings only upon invitation. Up to now it is being invited to such meetings only by the ESA group.</p>

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	guidance.	conducted a survey, the findings of which are being compiled by ECA.		
<b>Assembly/AU/Dec.119(VII)</b> Decision on WTO Negotiations	<p><b>WELCOMES</b> the technical support provided by the Commission and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) to African negotiators and <b>REQUESTS</b> them to continue to provide their technical support to Member States in the course of the negotiations</p> <p><b>REQUESTS ALSO</b> the heads of State who will take part in the G8 Summit in St Petersburg, to seek the support and cooperation of Heads of State of main countries of the WTO for Africa's position so as to consolidate Africa's interest in the Doha Round</p>	<p>Ongoing. Support to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Session of Ministers of Trade has been dispensed through production of technical papers.</p> <p>In line with this request, H. E. President Denis Sassou Nguesso of the Republic of Congo, Chairperson of the AU issued a Declaration expressing concern for the stalling of the Doha negotiations. The duty, responsibility and moral obligation of all WTO members in delivering on the development dimension of this Round was highlighted. A call was made to all WTO members for the resumption of negotiations and a special appeal was made to the EU and the USA to demonstrate more political commitment to sustain the tremendous efforts made by Africa in the past three years.</p>		

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<b>Assembly/AU/Decl.1(VII)</b> Decision on UNCTAD and UNIDO	<b>CALL FOR</b> , in the context of the reform of the United Nations (UN) System, the strengthening of UNCTAD and UNIDO with a view to enhancing their capacity building support to developing countries for the promotion of trade and industrialization	Ongoing		

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