

**DECISION ON THE STATUS OF SIGNATURE AND
RATIFICATION OF OAU/AU TREATIES
DOC. EX.CL/664(XIX)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the Status of signature and ratification of OAU/AU Treaties;
2. **WELCOMES** the efforts made by the Commission and Member States towards signature, ratification/accession of OAU/AU Treaties during the period February to June 2011;
3. **REITERATES** its appeal to Member States to prioritize and accelerate the signing and ratification/accession to OAU/AU Treaties;
4. **ALSO REITERATES** its appeal to Member States to ensure that they comply with the decisions of the policy organs and initiate the process of ratification of new treaties within a period of one (1) year after its adoption in accordance with Executive Council Decision EX.CL/Dec.459 (XVI) on the Status of Signature and Ratification of OAU/AU/ Treaties and the Harmonization of Ratification Procedures adopted by the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2009;
5. **INVITES** all States parties to the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Establishment of an African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights that have not yet done so to make a declaration accepting the competence of the Court to receive cases under article 5 (3) of this Protocol;
6. **TAKES NOTE** of the efforts made by the other AU organs as well as the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), International and Regional Organisations, and Civil Society towards advocacy and sensitisation of Member States to expedite the process of ratification of/accession to OAU/AU Treaties and requests them to persist in these efforts;
7. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to expedite the implementation of previous decisions on the review of OAU/AU Treaties;
8. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to follow up on this matter and report regularly to the Executive Council on the implementation of this Decision.

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