

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN MINISTERS  
IN CHARGE OF BORDER ISSUES  
DOC. Ex.CL/726(XXI)**

**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report and the Declaration of African Union Ministers in charge of Border Issues, on the African Union Border Programme (AUBP), the draft African Union Convention on Cross Border Cooperation also known as “the Niamey Convention” as well as PRC observations in this regard;
2. **ENDORSES** the Declaration and **REQUESTS** Member States, the RECs and other stakeholders to take the necessary steps to ensure its implementation;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to finalize the 2013-2017 Strategic Plan for the implementation of the African Union Border Programme, in consultation with Member States and other concerned stakeholders;
4. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to submit, as soon as possible, the draft Convention to the Ministers of Justice/Attorneys General in line with relevant Executive Council Decision EX.CL/459(XIV) adopted in January 2009;
5. **REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Commission to report regularly on the status of implementation of the AUBP to the competent organs of the African Union, including the AU Peace and Security Council.



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