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**REPORT ON 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 2008 to January 2009, with a focus on Decisions taken at the Sharm El Sheikh Summit in July 2008.

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 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, scientific 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.

As the past experience has shown, many decisions were taken at various sessions with very little degree of implementation which impacts on credibility. It will be most important that for the future, decisions be taken on the basis of a thorough assessment of their financial implications, human resource and institutional capacity requirements, both at the AUC and other concerned Organs' levels as well as at the level of Member States involved in the process of implementation.

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DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL					
EX.CL//Dec.420 (XIII) Decision on the Administrative Issues Referred to the Commission by the 11th Extraordinary Session of the Executive Council on the Audit of the African Union Doc.EX.CL/408 (XIII)	<p>REQUESTS the Commission, with regard to the matters referred to it by Council, to implement those that are purely administrative in nature, linked to the internal processes of the Commission, and do not have any financial implication;</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission, with regard to the recommendations with structural, financial and long term implications to work out, in consultation with the Permanent Representatives Committee the modalities of implementation and to report thereon to the next ordinary session of the Executive Council scheduled for January 2009.</p>	Report has been finalized and submitted (Doc. Ex.CL/456 (XIV)) to the PRC at its meeting held from 26 to 28 November 2008. The PRC recommended that necessary follow up action be taken to implement all Audit Recommendations that were accepted by the Executive Council. As for those recommendations with financial and structural implications that were referred to the Commission, the PRC recommended that the Commission submits appropriate proposals on relevant structures with their financial implications for consideration by appropriate Organs.			
EX.CL/Dec.428 (XIII)	REQUESTS the Commission to take all necessary measures to facilitate	Africa-Turkey Summit took place as scheduled.	Africa - South America Summit		

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Decision on Progress Report on the various Strategic Partnerships of the African Union with Japan (TICADIV) China, South America, India, Turkey and Iran	<p>the successful conduct of the Africa-Turkey Summit in Istanbul, Turkey, in August 2008, and the Second Africa-South America Summit scheduled for Venezuela, in November 2008</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to continue working closely with the relevant AU organs with a view to strengthening existing partnerships and developing a strategy for the AU..."</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission to take urgent steps to conclude the global review of all existing partnerships..."</p>	<p>The Report has been forwarded to the PRC</p> <p>The Commission is presently working closely with the Multilateral Cooperation Sub-Committee and the PRC in this regard.</p> <p>Preliminary study has been concluded. The outcome will be presented to the appropriate organs of the Union</p>	postponed to 2009		
EX.CL/Dec. 446 (XIII) Decision on the Implementation of Previous Decisions of the Executive Council and the Assembly of the African Union – Doc.EX.CL/409 (XIII)	<p>REQUESTS the Commission as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carry out an exhaustive inventory of the decisions so far adopted but have not been implemented; 2. Establish an order of priority in the implementation of the decisions referred to in para.(i) above, and mobilize additional resources for their implementation; 3. Calculate and provide the 	<p>Work in progress will be reported in July 2009</p> <p>Same as above</p> <p>Same as above</p>			

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	<p>financial implications of the implementation of the decisions referred to in para. (i) above.</p> <p>REITERATES ITS REQUEST to the Commission to provide cost implication for future decisions to be adopted by the policy organs of the Union;</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission to fast-track the study on the establishment of the Pan-African Radio and Television Station;</p> <p>ENCOURAGES Member States to adopt decisions on the basis of the widest possible consensus.</p>	<p>AHRD and PBFA Directorate will ensure that any decision to be tabled will be accompanied by cost-implications.</p> <p>DCI to report on it</p> <p>Member States</p>			
DECISIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY					
Assembly/AU/Dec. 206 (XI) Decision on the Report of the Committee of Twelve Heads of State and Government on the Union Government Doc.	<p>REAFFIRMS its decision in the Accra Declaration to “accelerate the economic and political integration of the African continent, including the formation of a Union Government for Africa with the ultimate objective of creating the United States of Africa and ENDORSES the recommendations contained in the Report of the Committee of Twelve in this regard;</p>	<p>A full day Session of the Assembly is planned for the discussion of the matter in accordance with this Decision</p>			

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Assembly/AU/11 (XI)	<p>REQUESTS the Commission to work out, the modalities and details for the implementation of the recommendations on the Union Government of the Committee of Twelve, including a road map and the issues that require clarity, and submit proposals thereon to the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly scheduled for January 2009;</p> <p>DECIDES to devote a full day of its January 2009 Session to consider the Report of the Commission on this matter with a view to bringing the debate to a final conclusion.</p>	<p>A report will be submitted by the Commission to the Assembly accordingly in February 2009</p> <p>Planned</p>			

LEGAL MATTERS

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DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL					
EX.CL/Dec.421 (XIII) Decision on the Status of Signature and Ratification of OAU/AU Treaties Doc. EX.CL/410 (XIII)	<p>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;</p> <p>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;</p> <p>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</p>	Candidates shortlisted and interviewed			

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	<p>languages in order to ensure consistency of the treaties in all working languages of the African Union;</p> <p>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;</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>The Study was finalized and considered by a Meeting of Ministers of Justice and or Attorneys General held in Kigali, Rwanda, from 27 October to 4 November 2008 and appropriate recommendations have been made to the current January 2009 Executive Council and Assembly sessions of January/February 2009 for consideration.</p>			
<p>EX.CL/Dec. 439 (XIII) Decision on the Single Legal Instrument on the Merger of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights and the Court of Justice of the African Union Doc.EX.CL/431 (XIII)</p>	<p>RECOMMENDS the Draft Single Legal Instrument on the Merger of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights and the Court of justice of the African Union to the Assembly for consideration and adoption.</p>	<p>Merger decided by the Assembly and the Single Legal Instrument adopted in Sharm El Sheikh in July 2008</p>			

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EX.CL/Dec. 442 (XIII) Decision on the Election of the Members of the Advisory Board on Corruption within the African Union Doc. EX.CL/448 (XIII)	<p>DECIDES to defer the elections of the Members of the Board to the next ordinary session of the Executive Council scheduled for January 2009;</p> <p>CALLS ON Member States to submit their candidatures in a timely manner.</p>	<p>Note verbale was sent to Member States and States Parties to the Convention well in time inviting them to submit candidatures.</p> <p>Seventeen candidatures were received.</p> <p>The current January 2009 session is expected to carry out the elections of the first membership of the Advisory Board on Corruption</p>			
EX.CL/Dec. 443 (XIII) Decision on the Election of the Members of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child Doc.EX.CL/450 (XIII)	<p>ELECTS the following members of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child:</p> <p>(i) Mrs. Agnès KABORE (Burkina Faso)</p> <p>(ii) Mr. Andrianirainy RASAMOELY (Madagascar)</p> <p>(iii) Mrs. Maryam UWAIS (Nigeria)</p> <p>(iv) Mr. Cyprien Adébayo</p>	Notification made			

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	YANCLO (Benin)				
	RECOMMENDS the elected Members of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child to the Assembly for appointment.	Appointment made by the Assembly			
EX.CL/Dec.444 (XIII) Decision on the Election of Judges of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights – Doc.EX.CL/451 (XIII)	ELECTS the following Judges of the African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights; 1. Mrs. Sophia A.B. AKUFFO (Ghana) - (6-year term) 2. Mr. Githu MUIGAI (Kenya) - (6-year term) 3. Mr. Joseph Nyamihana MULENGA (Uganda) - (6-year term) 4. Mr. Bernard Makgabo NGOEPE (South Africa) - (6-year term) RECOMMENDS the elected Judges of the African Court on Human and People's Rights to the Assembly for appointment.	Notification made			
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DECISIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY					
Assembly/AU/Dec. 196 (XI) Decision on the Single Legal	ADOPTS the Draft Protocol on the Statute of the African Court of Justice and Human Rights;				

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Instrument on the Merger of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights and the African Court of Justice Doc.Assembly/AU/13 (XI)	CALLS on Member States to sign and ratify the Protocol on the Statute of the African Court of Justice and Human Rights as expeditiously as possible so as to enable the Protocol enter into force and ensure the speedy operationalization of the merged Court.	The Commission has informed Member States that the Protocol is open to signature and ratification. But at the date of 23 December 2008, only four Member States (Gabon, Guinea, Nigeria, Senegal) have signed the Protocol which was adopted in July 2008 in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.			
Assembly/AU/Dec. 199 (XI) Decision on the Report of the Commission on the Abuse of the Principle of Universal Jurisdiction Doc. Assembly/aU/14 (XI)	RESOLVE as follows: (i) The abuse of the Principle of Universal Jurisdiction is a development that could endanger International law, order and security; (ii) The political nature and abuse of the principle of universal jurisdiction by judges from some non-African States against African leaders, particularly Rwanda, is a clear violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of these States; (iii) The abuse and misuse of indictments against African leaders have a destabilizing effect that will negatively impact on the political, social and economic development of States and their ability to				

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	<p>conduct international relations;</p> <p>(iv) Those warrants shall not be executed in African Union Member States;</p> <p>(v) There is need for establishment of an international regulatory body with competence to review and/or handle complaints or appeals arising out of abuse of the principle of universal jurisdiction by individual States.</p> <p>REQUESTS the Chairperson of the African Union to table the matter before the United Nations (UN) Security Council and the UN General Assembly for consideration;</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the Chairperson of the AU Commission to urgently cause a meeting between the AU and European Union (EU) to discuss the matter with a view to finding a lasting solution to this problem and in particular to ensure that those warrants are withdrawn and are not executable in any country;</p>	<p>The Chairperson of the Union and the Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union have taken a number of steps which are subject of a separate report for consideration of the current January 2009 session.</p>			

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	ALSO REQUESTS all UN Member States, in particular the EU States, to impose a moratorium on the execution of those warrants until all the legal and political issues have been exhaustively discussed between the African Union, the European Union and the United Nations.				
Assembly/AU/Dec. 201 (XI) Decision on the Appointment of Members of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child Doc. EX.CL/450 (XIII)	DECIDES to appoint the following persons as members of the African Committee on the Rights and Welfare of the Child as elected by the 13 th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council: i. Mrs. Agnès KABORE, Burkina Faso ii. Mr. Adrianirainy RASAMOELY, Madagascar iii. Mrs. Maryam UWAIS, Nigeria iv. Mr. Cyprien Adébayo YANCLO, Benin	No action required			
Assembly/AU/Dec. 202 (XI) Decision on the Election of Judges of the African Court on Human and Peoples'	DECIDES to appoint, for a six-year term the following Judges of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights as elected by the Eighth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council: i. Mrs. Sophia A.B.	No action required			

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Rights Doc. EX.CL/451 (XIII)	AKUFFO, Ghana (6-year term) ii. Mr. Githu MUIGAI, Kenya (6-year term) iii. Mr. Joseph Nyamihana MULENGA, Uganda (6-year term) iv. Mr. Bernard Makgabo NGOEPE, South Africa (6-year term)				

WOMEN, GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT

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DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL					
Decision on the Reports on the Implementation of the AU Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa (SDGEA) (Doc. Ex.CL/376 (XII))	CONGRATULATES member States that submitted their baseline reports in 2007 namely Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali, Nigeria and APPEALS to member States that are yet to submit their baseline reports to urgently submit these reports, for the AU to have a base upon which to build on the progress made	Niger and Zimbabwe submitted their base line reports on SDGEA which will be considered during January Summit 2009. Senegal submitted its second report.	-	Lack of internal capacity in most National Gender Machineries to analyse Gender issues and Report on the SDGEA	Organize a training programme for the Officials for Ministry in Charge of Gender and Women's Affairs on the reporting on the implementation of the SDGEA.
	ALSO CONGRATULATES member States that have signed and ratified the Protocol on the African Charter on Human and Peoples on the Rights of Women in Africa and ENCOURAGES member States that have signed and not yet ratified to do so	26 Member States have ratified the Protocol and 22 have signed it and not yet ratified it. For those countries that have not yet signed/ratified the Protocol, the AUC will continue to do advocacy to urge them to do so with a sense of urgency. This will be done jointly with our different		Lack of budget to carry out advocacy activities in different countries	

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		partners.			
	REQUESTS Member States to adopt the content of the SDGEA as the framework for the acceleration of implementation of the existing instruments and platform for gender equality at the national level, in order to maximize the Implementation of the SDGEA and incorporate it in the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) reports;	AUC sent a letter to APRM secretariat to request them to incorporate the SDGEA in APRM reports		No feed back received from APRM secretariat on the progress made particularly in integrating SDGEA in reviewed questionnaire	AUC will do a follow up of the letter addressed to APRM secretariat

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DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL					
EX.CL/Dec. 445 (XIII) Decision on the Establishment of the Trust Fund for African Women Doc.EX.CL/425 (XIII)	REQUESTS the Commission, in collaboration with the African Development Bank (AfDB) to undertake a feasibility study on a Trust Fund for African Women and CALLS ON AfDB to provide leadership in this regard; REQUESTS the Commission to report to the Assembly in January 2009, on progress achieved in the effective establishment of the	The Commission sent a letter in July 2008 to AfDB to notify them of the Decision of Executive Council. So far, no response has been received.			- Pending the feedback expected from AfDB, the Commission is in the process of identifying Consultants that could carry out the study. It will report on the progress made in this effort in July 2009.

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	Fund which should be launched by the end of July 2009.				
EX.CL/DEC.447 (XIII) Decision on Women's Pre-Summit	RECOMMENDS the holding of a Second Heads of State and Government debate on gender equality within the context of the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa (SDGEA)	Consultations are underway to organize such a debate at one of the next Summits.			
	TAKES NOTE of the International Colloquium on Women in Peace and Security, under the leadership of H.E Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia, to be held in March 2009 and ENCOURAGES Member states to participate in the International Colloquium	A meeting for young women was jointly organized by the Commission and PAWO to prepare for this International Colloquium. Likewise, a Youth pre-ADF Summit was jointly organized by the Commission and ECA in this respect.		Limited financial support	Improve the budget allocation for these activities

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DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL					
EX.CL/Dec.422 (XIII) on Decision ECOSOCC	<p>1. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Commission on the Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC);</p> <p>2. COMMENDS the efforts of the Standing and Credentials Committees of the interim ECOSOCC and the Commission in implementing the previous Decision of the Executive Council on elections into ECOSOCC;</p> <p>3. RECOGNIZES that these efforts have established an appropriate foundation for launching the Permanent Assembly of ECOSOCC;</p> <p>4. REQUESTS the Chairperson of the Commission in consultation with the Chairperson of the Union to set an early date for launching the Permanent Assembly of ECOSOCC and to take all necessary measures to facilitate the process;</p> <p>5. ALSO REQUESTS all Member States to provide adequate support for</p>	<p>No action required</p> <p>No action required</p> <p>No action required</p> <p>Consultations were held and the date was fixed. Consequently, ECOSOCC was launched successfully on 9 September 2008. The Chair of the Union, President Kikwete, presided over the event.</p>			

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	<p>this process and to the Permanent Assembly of ECOSOCC as soon as it is established;</p> <p>6. FURTHER REQUESTS the Permanent Assembly of ECOSOCC, when established, to take urgent and necessary steps to ensure that elections are organized in the remaining Member States where elections have not yet taken place.</p>	<p>Member States provided effective support for the process of launching ECOSOCC particularly through the PRC and its Chairperson.</p> <p>The Permanent Assembly of ECOSOCC and its Credentials Committee at its first post-launch session held in Nairobi, Kenya have established a work programme for the conduct of remaining elections. The Credentials Committee has scheduled new sessions to vet candidates and a composite election is scheduled to be held in Cameroon in the first quarter of 2009 to complete the process.</p>		<p>Effective Support of Member States required to complete the process and ensure that is resourced through the budget.</p>	<p>Provision of effective political and budgetary support of Member States.</p>
DECISIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY					
Assembly/AU/Dec. 203 (XI) Decision on the African Diaspora Summit	1. URGES the Republic of South Africa and the Commission to continue to collaborate closely in this regard;	1. Collaboration between the Commission and the Government of South Africa continues unabated and has been further strengthened through			

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	<p>2. WELCOMES the organization of a Technical Workshop to be held in South Africa from 28 to 30 July 2008, in accordance with the recommendation of the Ministerial Conference, and within the framework of efforts to promote consensus-building in the finalization of the Declaration, Programme of Action and its implementation plan to be adopted at the Diaspora Summit;</p> <p>3. REQUESTS Member States, leaders of the Caribbean Community and the African Diaspora to continue to support and participate actively in the process leading up to the Summit, and the implementation of the Programme of Action to be adopted thereafter;</p> <p>5. REQUESTS the Commission to ensure that the process of organizing Regional Consultative Conferences (RCCs) continues as part of the Implementation Plan, to include the African</p>	<p>consultations to fix a new date for the Summit and ensure its adequate preparations and successful conduct.</p> <p>2. The Technical Workshop was held in Sun City, South Africa from 27-29 August 2008. Its outcome was communicated to Member States as part of the preparatory process for the Summit.</p> <p>3. Mobilisation of all Stakeholders in the different constituencies outlined here and among the African Diaspora remain an ongoing priority focus in the lead up to the postponed Summit.</p> <p>4. This request has informed the preparation of the Diaspora Work Programme for the incoming financial year.</p>	<p>No meeting has been held because there were no budget provisions for it in the current year.</p>	<p>Requirement of adequate financial provision to support the implementation of this programme in</p>	<p>Provision of effective budget support for 2009. Extra-budgetary support from Member States,</p>

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	<p>Diaspora in the Gulf, the Middle East, Oceania and other parts of the world where they have not been held;</p> <p>5. CALLS ON Member States to provide adequate and necessary resources for the implementation of the Programme of Action arising out of this Summit and the wider Diaspora initiative.</p>	<p>5. The Commission has made constant appeal to Member States</p>		<p>the next financial year.</p> <p>Financial Support for Diaspora Programme remains relatively weak</p>	<p>donors and friends and partners of the AU.</p> <p>Member States support for adequate budgetary provision.</p>

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

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Assembly/AU/De c.151 (VIII) on the Flag of the African Union	DECIDES to launch a competition for the selection of a new flag for the African Union	The Commission launched the AUC Flag competition on 8 February 2007.	- implemented		
	REQUESTS the Commission to take all the necessary measures to organize the competition with the following agreed orientations: - The background of the flag should be green colour to symbolize Africa's hope; - Member States should be represented by stars on the flag.	A total of one hundred and six (106) submissions from all over Africa and from Africans in the Diaspora were received by the Commission, including one by the Leader of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	- implemented		
	DECIDES that the design proposed by leader of the Great Libyan Arab Jamahiriya should be taken as one of the entries for the competition	A Panel of Seven Experts was established from seven countries to participate in a selection of five possible flag models for the AU and met at the AU Headquarters from 3 to 5 June 2008.			
	Request the Commission to submit outcome of the selection	The Experts were selected across Africa (Cameroon Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho,			

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		to the 9 th Ordinary Session of the Assembly in July 2007.	<p>Libya, Uganda and Zimbabwe) on the basis of their demonstrated skills in various areas such as graphic design, art, communications and advertising. Their task was to select five designs using agreed criteria.</p> <p>On the basis of agreed procedures, the Panel selected 5 entries plus one special entry submitted by the Leader of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. The report of this Panel is attached to this document for the information of Member States.</p>	Implemented		
EX.CL/Dec.296 (IX) DECISION ON THE AU CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS "TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT		<p>TAKES NOTE of the Report;</p> <p>RECALLS the decision of the 5th Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government held in July 2005, in Sirte on the establishment of a Pan-African Television Channel - Doc. EX.CL/205(VII) ADD.3;</p> <p>ALSO RECALLS that at the January 2006 Khartoum Summit the Executive Council adopted</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pursuant to this Decision, the Commission undertook the following activities: The establishment of an interdepartmental Committee to explore ways and means of carrying out a feasibility study for this project. - The preparation of the Terms of Reference by 			

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T OF THE PAN-AFRICAN RADIO AND TELEVISION CHANNEL” DOC. EX.CL/266 (IX)	<p>the Report of the Expert's Meeting held in Cairo, Egypt from 21 to 23 November 2005;</p> <p>TAKES NOTE of the Report of the follow-up committee on the Establishment of the Pan-African Radio and Television Channel held in Cairo from 15 to 17 February 2006;</p> <p>ACKNOWLEDGES the importance of establishing a Pan-African Radio and Television Channel which is an expression of the Common aspirations of the people of Africa to balanced information that gives a true image of the content and facilitates exchanges with a view to popularizing a project which is of priority to African integration.</p> <p>WELCOMES the offer by Egypt to bear 10% of the project budget;</p> <p>INVITES Member States to redouble efforts towards the establishment of a Pan-African Radio and Television channel to transmit general information under the auspices of the African Union. The Channel shall be the property of its Member States which will have the responsibility</p>	<p>the Commission for the selection of Experts to carry out the study.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The application forms and the Terms of Reference were sent by Note Verbal to all Member States. - At the closing date of the submission of applications, the Commission received 15 candidatures; - The Committee established criteria for the selection of candidates. - Out of the 15 candidates, two were selected for the posts of Project Manager and Technician respectively. <p>A Meeting was held in Addis Ababa with the team leader, on 06 November 2008, during which the following timetable was agreed for the completion of the study:</p>			

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		<p>to decide on the partnerships to be contracted, in terms of technical knowledge and financing;</p> <p>URGES Member States to commit themselves to support and speed up the process for the implementation of the Radio and Television channel designed essentially to provide the African public with information, sports, culture, documentaries and African films, likely to expand possibilities of communication among the peoples;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to organize a meeting of high ranking officials from Member States and experts to examine the various aspects relating to the legal framework, the financing as well as the technological and technical components of the project and submit a comprehensive report on all these aspects;</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission to conduct a Comprehensive study on the issue and submit it for consideration, first by the high ranking officials from Member</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The preliminary report will be ready on 6th December 2008. - The Final technical report on 15 January 2009. - The Draft consolidated report for review by the Office of the Legal Counsel during the first week of February 09. - Based on the comments and technical report a comprehensive report will be finalized by the two experts by the end of February 2009. - Mid April: following the submission of the report, a meeting of African Experts and Ministers of Communication and Information Meeting will take place to consider the report and take decisions on the future of the Pan African TV and Radio stations, prior to the final decision of the Executive Council and Summit in June/July 2009 			

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		States and thereafter by African Ministers of Information and Communication who will submit their conclusions and recommendations to the Ordinary Session of the Assembly in July 2007.				

ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

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DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL					
EX.CL/Dec.415 (XIII) Decision on the African Union Social Security System - Doc.EX.CL/407 (XIII)-a	<p>RECOGNIZES the urgent need to improve the social security system of the AU and REAFFIRMS its earlier decisions to achieve this goal;</p> <p>WELCOMES the recommendations made by the Commission on the structure, mandate and financial implications of the proposed African Union (AU) Pension Fund as requested by the Executive Council during its Eleventh Ordinary Session in Accra, Ghana in July 2007;</p> <p>DECIDES as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work out, as soon as possible the modalities for the establishment of the AU Pension Fund; 2. Terminate the current contract with ALICO as of 1 January 2009; 3. Withdraw the accumulated assets with ALICO over a period of five (5) years with effect from 1 January 2009. 	The Decision to withdraw from ALICO was communicated to the latter end of October 2008. A consultant has been working on the matter and the fund is expected to be operational by January 2009. Practical modalities for the			

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	DECIDES to retain the retirement age of AU staff at sixty (60) years.	effective withdrawal from ALICO are being worked out			
EX.CL/Dec.416 (XIII) Decision on the Revised African Union Quota System Doc. EX.CL/407 (XIII)-a	<p>RECOGNIZES the need for the Executive Council to adopt a system with regard to the eighty-two (82) additional professional positions to the July 2003 Maputo Structure;</p> <p>APPROVES the Quota System elaborated under Scenario-2 as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The principles of unity and solidarity that guided the adoption of the Maputo structure be used as a basis for the distribution of the eighty-two (82) additional positions; 2. The Maputo quota system formulae shall be used; 3. The Base Membership of each Member State be increased from four (4) to five (5) nationals; 4. The remaining twenty-nine (29) posts be divided up between Member States on the basis of statutory contributions. <p>AUTHORISES the Commission to use this quota system in the on-going recruitment exercise;</p> <p>ALSO REQUESTS the Commission</p>	<p>Member States were provided with the revised quota as at 31st July 2008</p> <p>Action taken accordingly</p> <p>This will be done in due</p>			

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	to update Member States, on a regular basis, on their quota and when new posts are created.	course			

CONFERENCE SERVICES

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DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL					
EX.CL/Dec.419 (XIII) Decision on the AU Calendar of Meetings for the Period May-December 2008 Doc. PRC/Rpt (XV)	REQUESTS the Commission to refrain from scheduling meetings during the month preceding meetings of the Assembly in order to dedicate all necessary resources for the preparation and finalization of these meetings;		Will be implemented in 2009	Meetings with items on the Agenda are being held during the set deadline; - Important meetings needing document translation are also held when Summit Documents are being translated;	Report producing meetings should not be held during this cut-off period, as the translation of their reports will divert attention from Summit documents. This could be entertained only in very exceptional cases.
	REQUESTS the Commission to ensure that religious events and holidays are taken into account when preparing the Calendar of Meetings;	Partly Implemented, as some meetings are still scheduled for week ends			
	REQUESTS the Commission to reduce the number of meetings, taking into account its capacity and resources to convene them, and to avoid the overlapping of meetings;	Not fully implemented. The number of meetings is still very high		Insufficient time for CSD to have coordination meeting with Directorates to adjust their calendar.	
	ALSO REQUESTS the Commission	Partly Implemented;		All Directorates do	Departments should abide by the set deadlines

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	<p>to ensure timely preparation and submission of proposals for inclusion in the Calendar of Meetings for the following year, which shall be presented to the PRC by November of each year, and adopted during the January session;</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission to transmit outcome documents of AU meetings to Member States expeditiously;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission, to include the meetings of the PRC and its sub-committees, as well as those of the Peace and Security Council (PSC) in the Calendar of Meetings;</p> <p>FINALLY REQUESTS the Commission to explore the modalities for using the conference facilities available at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), within the context of the cooperation between the two organizations.</p>	<p>Submission of proposals for the draft calendar by most Directorates is very much lagging behind the deadline.</p> <p>Partly implemented</p> <p>Done</p> <p>UNECA aware of the Decision</p>		<p>not submit their documents for translation according to the set deadline.</p> <p>AUC started to use ECA facilities, but payment is required</p>	<p>Decision should be taken at the level of UNECA Executive Secretary Rationalize AUC meetings where we can cope by the use of our own facilities pending the completion of AUC new conference complex.</p>

PROGRAMMING, BUDGETING, FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING

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EX.CL/Dec.378 (XII) 2008 Budget	PRC to review the Financial Rules and Regulations on budget surpluses;	The document prepared included years 2004 to 2007. The surpluses will be discussed by the Advisory Sub-Committee in totality which will make the necessary recommendations accordingly			
EX.CL/Dec.379(XII) Contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To enforce sanctions on concerned Member States and to continue to sensitize them to pay up their dues; 	PBFA has prepared payment plans for some countries. The Sub-Committee will meet in June to consider the matter. Some countries have since started paying like Seychelles, whilst Sao Tome and Principe Republic communicated that they would start paying as per payment plan given by the Commission.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To extend exemption on Burundi and Sierra Leone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implemented 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To apply to Tunisia a 2.88% scale of assessment for 2004&2005 and to request it to clear all its arrears 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implemented and arrears have been paid 			

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	on this basis;				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To finalize the analysis on the standard formula for countries in post-conflict situations and submit a comprehensive report to the Sub-Committee on Contributions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is still being worked on in consultation with Peace & Security Department The document will be discussed in the Sub-Committee. 			
EX.CL/Dec.395(XII) Purchase of Property for the AU Representational Office in Washington DC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To identify a building to accommodate the AU Representational Office and to submit in this connection a financial mechanism to PRC for effecting that purchase. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mission undertaken and report to be considered by Tender Board The earlier building was lost to another buyer and the Office has started looking for another one. 			
EX.CL/Dec.403(XII) Purchase of a new building for the AU Representational Office in Brussels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To identify and submit to PRC through its Advisory Sub-Committee, the financial mechanism for the implementation of this Decision and to purchase the new building soon after 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report discussed by Tender Board and a mission to be undertaken by selected Tender Board members. The building has been fully paid for at Euro 2.1m using the acquisition of AU Property code and the tendering processes for renovation has started. 			

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EX.CL/Dec.404(XII) Representation Allowance for Commissioners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To clear all previous payments up to 31 December 2008 as retroactively endorsed by Council and to continue payment of the representation allowance of US\$250.00 to Commissioners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implemented 			
EX.CL/Dec.407(XII) Pan African Parliament (PAP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To carry on the amendments to EX.CL/Dec.98 (V) as specified in the Decision and in conformity with the AU Financial Rules and Regulations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal & PBFA communicated to PAP to further explain the decision made and emphasized need for PAP to fully implement it. PAP still insists that the Members of Parliament should get higher rates. PAP has been advised to prepare a document on these allowances to be submitted to PRC through the Advisory Sub-Committee on Administrative and Financial Matters. 			

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EX.CL/Dec.417 (XIII) Decision on the Budget Surplus and Transfer between Budget Lines Doc. EX.CL/407 (XIII)-a	<p>AUTHORIZES as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The amount of the working capital shall be increased from United States Dollars Two Million (US\$2,000,000) to United States Dollars Five Million (US\$5,000,000) with effect from the current 2008 financial year; 2. Part of the arrears received in 2008 shall be used to increase the working capital. <p>REQUESTS the Permanent Representatives Committee through its Advisory Sub-Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters, to consider the proposal to carry forward budget surplus to the next budget when information for 2007 accounts is available;</p> <p>REJECTS the request of the Chairperson of the Commission to effect transfers from one budget head of the approved budget to another.</p>	<p>Implemented</p> <p>A document was prepared and will be discussed in the next Sub-Committee Meeting.</p>			
EX.CL/Dec.418 (XIII) Decision on the Contributions of Member States - Doc. PRC/Rpt.	<p>COMMENDS Member States that are up-to-date with the payment of their contributions;</p> <p>URGES all Member States to honour their financial obligations in order to</p>				

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(XVI)	<p>facilitate the realization of the objectives of the Union;</p> <p>URGES Member States who are in default of payment of their contributions to pay up their arrears;</p> <p>DECIDES that the following Member States shall remain under sanctions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cape Verde 2. Democratic Republic of Congo 3. Eritrea 4. Sao Tome and Principe 5. Seychelles. <p>REITERATES ITS REQUEST to the Commission to work out a standard formula that could be applied to Member States emerging from conflict situation for consideration by the next ordinary session of the Executive Council in January 2009.</p>	<p>Member States have continued paying arrears and 17 countries have paid part of the arrears, by 31 October 2008 as shown in the Report on</p> <p>the Contributions,</p> <p>The document was prepared and will be discussed in the Sub-Committee on Contributions.</p>			

POLITICAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

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DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL					
EX.CL/Dec.423 (XIII) Decision on the Situation of Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons in Africa EX.CL/413 (XIII)	REQUESTS the countries of origin to promote peace, security, stability and national reconciliation in order to create conducive conditions for the return of victims of forced displacement in safety and dignity, and continue to address the root causes of forced displacement to facilitate total elimination of the problem;	Ongoing implementation. Efforts continue to take place in collaboration with relevant partners to advocate for and raise awareness on the situation of victims of forced displacement. Sensitisation activities were also undertaken during the humanitarian assessment missions of the PRC Sub-Committee on Refugees, Returnees and IDPs to affected Member States, namely, Angola, Chad, Central African Republic, Rwanda, and Uganda.			

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	<p>CALLS UPON the humanitarian organizations as well as donors, in view of the urgency, magnitude and complexity of the situation of forced displacement in the Continent to enhance their capacities and harmonize their activities so that the positive impact is brought to bear on the humanitarian situation;</p> <p>INVITES the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), in recognition of its protection expertise, to continue and reinforce its role in the protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons within the United Nations coordination</p>	<p>Ongoing implementation. Decisions was forwarded to all partners as well as members of the AU Coordinating Committee on Assistance and Protection to Refugees, Returnees and IDPs (CCAR). HADRP held bi-annual meetings with AU Partners to discuss areas of joint activities. Also, UN agencies and other relevant implementing partners have adopted a cluster approach to improve coordination in addressing the needs of victims of forced displacement in affected countries.</p> <p>Ongoing implementation. The Commission continues to work in close collaboration with UNHCR on various activities, including the</p>		<p>Donor fatigue especially for the protracted cases of forced displacement and the recent financial crisis affecting several countries, including the donors</p>	

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	<p>mechanism;</p> <p>NOTES WITH SATISFACTION the progress made by Member States' legal experts in the finalization of the draft African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons in Africa with a view to its adoption by the Heads of State and Government during the forthcoming Special Summit on Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons scheduled for November 2008; and APPEALS to Member States to consider hosting it;</p> <p>URGES Member States to participate actively in the meetings of Experts and Ministers in charge of the Matter of Forced Displacement as well as the historical Special Summit on Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons in Africa;</p>	<p>development of the draft AU Convention for the Protection and Assistance of IDPs in Africa.</p> <p>Fully implemented. In August 2008, the Republic of Uganda offered to host the Special Summit from 2 to 3 April 2009.</p> <p>Fully implemented. The meetings of Member States Experts and Ministers in-charge of Forced Displacement Issues were held from 5 to 11 November 2008, and were attended by more than half of the AU Member States.</p>		<p>10 Member States responded to the request, and the Commission</p>	

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	<p>REQUESTS the Commission, in consultation with Member States to update statistics and present to the Executive Council the latest figures on forced population displacement in the Report on the Situation of Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons in Africa;</p> <p>FINALLY REQUESTS the Commission to continue to follow-up on the situation of refugees, returnees and internally displaced persons and to report thereon to the next ordinary session of the Assembly scheduled for January 2009.</p>	<p>Fully implemented. In September 2008, the Commission sent a note verbale to all AU Member States referring to the Executive Council Decision EX.CL/Dec. 423(XIII) of June 2008, and requesting for updated statistics on the current situation of forced displacement in their countries.</p> <p>Fully implemented. Missions were undertaken to several countries affected by forced displacement, and the Commission collected up-to-date information on the situation of forced displacement on the Continent. A report is being presented to this Session</p>		therefore had to rely mostly on information from the UN agencies, especially UNHCR.	
EX.CL/Dec. 438 (XIII) Decision on Afro-Arab Cooperation Doc. EX.CL/438	DECIDES on the establishment of the Afro-Arab Development Forum where African and Arab Professional Associations, Researchers, Civil Societies,				

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(XIII)	<p>Private Sectors, Prominent individuals, will meet and discuss issues of common concern to the two regions and ENDORSES the Framework and Modalities for the establishment of the Forum adopted by the 3rd AU/LAS Inter-secretariat Consultative Meeting held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in December 2007;</p> <p>CALLS UPON the Chairperson of the Commission and the Secretary General of the League of Arab States to commence preparation for the inaugural session of the Forum to be held during the 4th quarter of 2008;</p> <p>WELCOMES the reaffirmation by the Great Jamahiriya of its offer to host the 13th Meeting of the Standing Committee of Afro-Arab Cooperation and REQUESTS the Chairperson of the Commission to consult with the Secretary General of the League of Arab States on the necessary arrangements for the holding of the said Session;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission in collaboration with the LAS Secretariat and the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC), through its Sub-Committee</p>				

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	<p>on Multilateral Cooperation, to prepare the necessary documentation pertaining to Afro-Arab Cooperation, including a draft joint strategy and action plan addressing areas of mutual interest including Peace and Security, Economic Cooperation and Investment;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to convene a meeting of the twelve (12) African countries with a view to elaborating a common position before the meeting of the Standing Committee;</p> <p>ALSO REQUESTS the Commission and the LAS Secretariat to make the necessary preparations for the convening of the Afro-Arab Summit;</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission to report to the PRC on proposed institutional cooperation mechanisms between the AU and LAS, as well as the activities of joint Afro-Arab institutions including proposals to further improve their work;</p> <p>UNDERScores the need for regular consultations between African and Arab Ambassadors in</p>				

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	<p>selected Capitals and Cities, in particular in Addis Ababa, Cairo, Brussels, Geneva, New York and Washington with a view to coordinating actions and, where possible, harmonizing positions on global and regional issues of common concern;</p> <p>ENDORSES the establishment of Afro-Arab Committees of Ambassadors in identified and other capitals and cities where the African Union and the League of Arab States have representations;</p> <p>CALLS UPON Heads of all Permanent Delegations and Diplomatic Missions of the African Union and the League of Arab States to work hand in hand for the establishment and proper functioning of the Committees.</p>				
EX.CL/Dec. 440 (XIII) Decision on the Situation in Palestine and the Middle East - Doc.EX.CL/442 (XIII)	<p>REAFFIRMS its support for a peaceful settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict on the basis of the principles of international law and all relevant resolutions; and</p> <p>REQUESTS the UN Security Council to shoulder its major responsibilities under its Charter in maintaining International peace and security in order to achieve a comprehensive just, and lasting</p>				

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	<p>peace;</p> <p>ALSO REAFFIRMS its support for the Arab Peace Initiative that was adopted during the Arab League Summit - Beirut 2002; and CALLS UPON Israel to accept and to take advantage of this historical opportunity, which aims at ending the Arab-Israeli conflict and establish peace in the region;</p> <p>FURTHER EXPRESSES its appreciation for the relentless efforts exerted by the Arab Republic of Egypt which resulted in the achievement of a period calm in the Gaza Strip; and CALLS UPON Israel to cooperate in good faith in its implementation and lift the blockade imposed on the Strip;</p> <p>CONDEMNS the Israeli government's decision to build 820 new settlement units in Jabal Abu Ghneim, Shuafat and Beit Hanina of the 1967 territories, which is considered as a serious threat to the entire peace process;</p> <p>URGES the Israeli government to stop all unilateral measures aimed at and designed to create a new reality in the Palestinian Occupied Territories, particularly the</p>				

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	<p>continuous building of illegal settlements as a new geopolitical reality; and further URGES the Israeli government to immediately cease all settlement activities in the Palestinian Occupied Territories and to remove the road blocks and demolish the Apartheid Separation Wall that is built in the occupied territories, as well as to comply with the decision of the International Court of Justice and U.N. General Assembly Resolution in this regard;</p> <p>CONDEMNS Israel for its continuing work on excavations around and under the Al-Aqsa Mosque, and the deliberate destruction of places of archaeological and heritage in the city of Al-quds (Jerusalem), in addition to doing great damage to the religious places and for its religious, historical and civilization values;</p> <p>STRONGLY CONDEMNS the Israeli occupying authority and denounces the repressive practices and policies, particularly the continuous invasions, daily assassinations, and brutal assaults committed against the defenceless Palestinian civilians in the</p>				

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	<p>Palestinian Occupied Territories, including Al-Quds Al-Sharif (Jerusalem) its capital, and URGES the Israeli government to immediately put an end to activities which constitute a flagrant violation of International law and the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949;</p> <p>DEMANDS that the International Community, and in particular all international human rights bodies move effectively to uphold the cause of prisoners and detainees in Israeli jails and to work towards their release, and to compel Israel to abide by the laws and relevant international treaties; AND STRESSES that achieving a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the region will not be achieved without the release of all prisoners and detainees from the Israeli jails;</p> <p>CALLS UPON the Government of Israel to put an end to its occupation of all Arab lands occupied since 1967, including the Syrian and Lebanese territories, and to abide by the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions, particularly Resolutions 242 and 338, the Madrid Declaration, the Land for peace Principle, the Arab</p>				

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	<p>Peace Initiative and the Road Map, in order to reach a just, comprehensive, lasting and peaceful solution to the Arab-Israeli Conflict;</p> <p>TAKES NOTE of the efforts deployed by the Committee of Ten (10) Member States on Palestine established by the July 2002 Decision AHG/Dec. 182 (XXXVIII), and URGES continued efforts by the African Union in the quest for a just, comprehensive, lasting and peaceful solution to the conflict in Palestine and the Middle East, and warmly WELCOMES the proposal by the current Chair of the African Union to visit Ramallah in order to experience the reality of the situation prevailing in the occupied territories;</p> <p>COMMENDS the recent developments in Lebanon which have led to the agreement on the election of the President of the Republic and the formation of a government, and INVITES all the Lebanese parties to work towards the consolidation of this major gain for the restoration of peace and national reconciliation.</p>				
EX.CL/Dec.448	AUTHORIZES PAP to establish	PAP to report			

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	avail the AfCHPR, as soon as possible, with an operational structure, in conformity with the provisions of the Headquarters Agreement.				
EX.CL/Dec.452 (XIII) Decision on the Current Political Situation in Zimbabwe	<p>CALLS ON all parties to exercise restraint, refrain from any acts of violence and prevail on their supporters to put an immediate end to the use of violence and intimidation;</p> <p>URGES the parties to commit themselves to a peaceful solution to the current situation through dialogue;</p> <p>STRESSES that all parties work together towards finding a lasting solution.</p>				
EX.CL/Dec. 453 (XIII) Decision on African Candidatures for Posts within the International System Doc. EX.CL/449 (XIII)	<p>DECIDES to endorse the following candidatures:</p> <p>(i) The Arab Republic of Egypt for one of the two (2) seats reserved for Africa in the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), for the 2008-2010 period;</p> <p>(ii) The Republic of Burkina Faso for one of the two (2) seats reserved for Africa in the International Atomic Energy</p>	<p>Egypt elected member of the IAEA Board of Governors</p> <p>Burkina Faso elected member of the IAEA Board of Governors</p>			

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	<p>Agency (IAEA), for the 2008-2010 period;</p> <p>(iii) Republic of Uganda for a Non-Permanent Seat on the UN Security Council for 2009-2010;</p> <p>(iv) Ambassador Abdul Samad Minty of South Africa, for the post of Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), in the event that the incumbent Director General, Mr. Mohamed El Baradei of Egypt decides not to avail himself for the next term;</p> <p>(v) Dr. Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf of Somalia, as Judge of the International Court of Justice (ICJ), at elections which will take place during the session of the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council scheduled to be held in October 2008;</p> <p>(vi) Egypt and Tunisia, for re-election to the Council of Administration and the Postal Operations Council of the Universal Postal Union (UPU);</p> <p>(vii) Burkina Faso and Libya, for seats on the Council of Administration and the Postal Operations Council of the Universal Postal Union (UPU);</p>	<p>The Republic of Uganda elected for the Non-Parliament Seat on the UN Security Council</p> <p>Dr. Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf of Somalia, not elected as Judge of the International Court of Justice (ICJ)</p> <p>Re-election of Egypt and Tunisia</p> <p>Burkina Faso and Libya not re-elected for seat on the Council of Administration and the Postal Operations</p>			

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	<p>(viii) Mr. Gilbert Houngbo of Togo, for the post of President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD);</p> <p>(ix) Mr. Fatih Bouayad-Agha of Algeria, for a new term at the International Public Service Commission for the 2009-2010 period, at elections to be held during the 63rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly;</p> <p>(x) Chief Michael Kaase Aondoakaa SAN, of Nigeria, for the Governing Council of the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT), at the elections</p>	<p>Council of the Universal Postal Union (UPU)</p> <p>Appointed Prime Minister of his country, Togo, on 8 September 2008, it is no longer certain that he wishes to remain a candidate for the elections which will take place in February 2009, to take over from the Swede who is the incumbent. It should be noted that in 1984 and 1993, the Algerian Idriss Jazairi held this position.</p> <p>Mr. Faith Bouayad-Agha was re-elected to the ICSC.</p>			

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	<p>of UNIDROIT Governing Board to be held in Rome, Italy;</p> <p>(xi) Mr. Pollar Awich of Uganda, for a seat on the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child, at elections to be held in New York in November 2008;</p> <p>(xii) Ambassador Ahmed Amin Fathalla of Egypt, to the United Nations Human Rights Committee, at elections to be held in September 2008.</p> <p>DECIDES that the candidatures of Nigeria and Sierra Leone for non-permanent seats on the United Nations (UN) Security Council will be considered at subsequent sessions of the Ministerial Committee prior to the elections;</p> <p>ALSO DECIDES to endorse the following candidatures:</p> <p>(i) Mr. Rajoomer Lallah of Mauritius, for re-election for membership of the United Nations Committee on Human Rights for the period 2009-2010, during elections due to be held in New York in September</p>	<p>Mr. Pollar Awich of Uganda was elected for a seat on the Committee until December 2009</p> <p>Ambassador Ahmed Amin Fathalla of Egypt was elected for a seat on the Committee until December 2009</p> <p>Mr. Rajoomer Lallah of Mauritius was re-elected for membership of the United Nations Committee on Human Rights until 2012</p>			

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	<p>2008;</p> <p>(ii) Mr. El Hadji Lamine Moctar Bousso of Senegal, for membership of the United Nations Committee on Human Rights for the period 2009-2010, during elections to be held in New York in September 2008;</p> <p>(iii) Mr. Bouzid Lashari of Algeria, for membership of the United Nations Committee on Human Rights for the period 2009-2010, during elections taking place in New York in September 2008;</p> <p>(iv) Prof. Amsatou Sow Sidibe of Senegal, for membership of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, during elections scheduled for New York on 30 July 2008;</p> <p>(v) Judge Sanji Monageng of the Republic of Botswana, to the position of Judge at the International Criminal Court (ICC) during elections scheduled for January 2009.</p>	<p>Mr. El Hadji Lamine Moctar Bousso of Senegal was not elected for membership of the United Nations Committee on Human Rights.</p> <p>Mr. Bouzid Lashari of Algeria was elected for membership of the United Nations Committee on Human rights until 2012.</p> <p>Prof. Amsatou Sow Sidibe of Senegal was not elected for membership of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women</p> <p>The elections have not yet taken place</p>			

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DECISIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY					
Assembly/AU/Dec. 198 (XI) Decision on the African Peer Review Mechanism	<p>NOTES that twenty-eight (28) Member States have voluntarily acceded to APRM and INVITES all Member States that have not yet done so to join the Mechanism;</p> <p>CALLS UPON the government of the Republic of South Africa to grant all facilities to APRM for the discharge of its mandate;</p> <p>DECIDES that APRM Structures, namely the APRM Forum, the APRM Panel and the APRM Secretariat shall be part of the processes and structures of the African Union;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to negotiate and conclude a host agreement, with the Government of the Republic of South Africa, for APRM with a view to facilitating the discharge of its mandate.</p>	<p>South Africa and APRM to report</p> <p>South Africa and APRM to report</p>			
Assembly/AU/Dec. 200 (XI) Decision on the Report of Activities of the African Commission on Human and	ADOPTS and AUTHORIZES in accordance with Article 59 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Charter), the publication of the 23 rd and 24 th Activity Reports of the African Commission on Human and				

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Peoples' Rights Doc. EX.CL/446 (XIII)	<p>Peoples' Rights and their Annexes;</p> <p>COMMENDS ACHPR for the work accomplished and URGES it to pursue and intensify its efforts in this regard;</p> <p>REITERATES the need for ACHPR to be provided with adequate resources to remove donor dependence and enable the ACHPR discharge its mandate effectively and independently;</p> <p>EXPRESSES APPRECIATION to the Government of the Republic of The Gambia for the efforts deployed in hosting ACHPR for the past 20 years, and URGES the Government to provide a permanent headquarter for ACHPR, in line with the Criteria for Hosting AU Organs adopted in July 2005;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) to expedite its consideration of the proposed Structure of the Secretariat of ACHPR, with a view to providing it with adequate staff</p>	Gambia and ACHPR to report			

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	<p>for the effective discharge of its mandate;</p> <p>URGES ACHPR to expedite consideration and finalisation of its revised Rules of Procedure, ensuring that these Rules are consistent with the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights;</p> <p>ENCOURAGES ACHPR, in collaboration with the AU Commission, to take the necessary steps to have the status of the ACHPR as an Organ of the AU regularized;</p> <p>REQUESTS ACHPR to prepare proposals on the honorarium, per diem and other allowances to be paid to the Members of ACHPR, for consideration by the AU Policy Organs;</p> <p>ALSO REQUESTS the ACHPR to prepare a Paper on how the African Commission works, with a view to enhancing stakeholders' understanding of its working methods and operational modalities;</p>				

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	<p>TAKES NOTE of the observations and reservations made by the Arab Republic of Egypt, regarding the shortcomings of the ACHPR in the translation of documents, in interpretation, and in transmitting documents to Member States, due to human and financial resource constraints, which can result in procedural and substantial shortcomings.</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the ACHPR to report on the same to the next ordinary session of the Assembly in 2009.</p>				
<p>Assembly/AU/Dec. 204 (XI) Decision on the Reform of the United Nations Security Council Doc. Assembly/AU/8 (XI)</p>	<p>REQUESTS the Committee of Ten to address other Reform issues of the United Nations System, and to present a progress Report to the next ordinary session of the Assembly;</p> <p>DECIDES TO RENEW the directive to the African Permanent Representatives to the United Nations, as stated in the Assembly Decision (Assembly/AU/Dec.184 (X) of January 2008, relating to their participation in inter-governmental negotiations in New York;</p> <p>ENDORSES the decision of the</p>				

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	Committee of Ten to meet regularly and requests the African Union Commission to facilitate the meetings.				
RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY					
Assembly/AU/Res. 1 (XI) Resolution on Zimbabwe	<p>Hereby decide:</p> <p>TO ENCOURAGE President Robert Mugabe and the leader of the MDC Party Mr. Morgan Tsvangirai to honour their commitments to initiate dialogue with a view to promoting peace, stability, democracy and reconciliation of the Zimbabwean people;</p> <p>TO SUPPORT the call for the creation of a Government of National Unity;</p> <p>TO SUPPORT the SADC Facilitation, and RECOMMEND that SADC mediation efforts should be continued in order to assist the people and leadership of Zimbabwe to resolve the problems they are facing. In this regard SADC should establish a mechanism on the ground in order to seize the momentum for a negotiated solution;</p>				

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	TO APPEAL to States and parties concerned to refrain from any action that may negatively impact on the climate of dialogue;				

SOCIAL AFFAIRS

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DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL					
LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND MIGRATION					
Decision on the fifth Ordinary Session of Labour and Social Affairs Commission <u>DOC. EX.CL/382 (XII)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All proposals of candidatures for the ILO Higher offices and committees be submitted by the African Group Member of the Governing Body in Geneva through the AU Geneva office to the LSAC for consideration, CALLS ON MS to implement the Africa-EU Declaration on Migration and Development CALLS ON the Commission in collaboration with the ARI Governing Board to take all the necessary measures to review the mandate and structure of ARI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports will be submitted in September of each year. Some Member States reported that they were involved in the discussion, All candidatures were submitted as per decision and considered by the LSAC, Programmes are underway to visit Member States to assist them in the implementation <p>The Commission contracted a Consultant to carry out a study and make proposals on the restructuring and revitalization of ARI. The Consultant has submitted his Report which was forwarded to the ARI. ARI is yet to convene the Governing Board to consider the report of the Consultant and agree on the way forward.</p>			

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DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL					
EX.CL/Dec. 434 (XIII) Decision on the Sixth Ordinary Session of the Labour and Social Affairs Commission (LSAC) -Doc. EX.CL/433 (XIII)	<p>CALLS ON Member States to submit their reports on the implementation of the recommendations of LSAC to the AU Commission before the end of November 2008;</p> <p>ALSO CALLS ON Member States to implement the Policy Framework on Migration in Africa and the Africa-European Union (EU) Declaration on Migration and Development, and ensure that the rights and dignity of migrant workers are respected by receiving Countries;</p> <p>URGES Member States to participate in the Experts Workshop on the Informal Economy in Africa and to assist in the development of related Continental strategies and programmes;</p> <p>REQUESTS the AU Commission in collaboration with Member States and other partners to prepare a comprehensive analytical report, in 2009, on the implementation of the 2004 Ouagadougou Declaration and Plan of Action on Employment and Poverty Alleviation;</p>				

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	<p>FURTHER REQUESTS that reflection should continue on the rethinking of the working methods of LSAC and that this issue should be raised during the first session of the AU Ministers in charge of Social Development Conference to be held in October 2008;</p> <p>ENDORSES all the proposed candidatures by LSAC for the International Labour Organization Governing Body (ILO-GB) as listed in the Report including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The candidature of Algeria for the Government Vice-Chair for the 97th Session of the International Labour Commission (ILC) and; ii) The candidature of Mr. Juan Somavia, for a third term, as Director General of ILO; 	<p>The Report on the Rethinking of the LSAC was presented to the 1st Session of the AU Conference of Ministers in charge of Social Development held in Namibia from 27 – 31 October, 2008. While taking note of the recommendations contained in the Report, the Ministers recommended that the AU Conference of Ministers in charge of Social Development should be institutionalized and meet biennially and the AU Labour and Social Affairs Commission should focus on labour and employment issues.</p>			

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	ALSO ENDORSES the LSAC Resolution on Palestinian Workers and Declaration on the Food Crisis in Africa.				
EX.CL/Dec. 436 (XIII) Decision on the Special Session of the African Union Conference of Ministers of Health – Doc. EX.CL/435 (XIII)	<p>EMPHASISES that the attainment of the Health MDGs will require renewed commitment to health and development with particular focus on Primary Health Care; strengthening of health systems, significant increases in domestic and external investment, national ownership and improved effectiveness of international cooperation;</p> <p>ENDORSES the adoption of an <u>Africa Healthy Lifestyles Day</u>, proposed to be “<i>the Last Friday of February each Year</i>”;</p> <p>URGES Member States to actively pursue the implementation of the Africa Health Strategy, in line with their respective national and regional health plans and strategies;</p>	<p>The Commission submitted the Decision to Member States for action. Waiting for feed back from Member States.</p> <p>Since the Decision was made, several meetings by AU partners with participation of AUC have taken place to further add content to Health Lifestyles; namely increase awareness of the consequences of abuse of alcohol consumption, obesity, drug abuse (including dependency on prescription drugs), and intra-family violence and neglect.</p>	<p>This should also be implemented at the AUC where cases of hypertension, depression, high blood pressure may be on an increase.</p>	<p>Slow or no feedback from Member States. Most Member States do not have mechanism of monitoring, evaluation and reporting.</p> <p>Lack of awareness and relevant health information to the staff. Seating for long hours in meetings or offices without “walk out” breaks is a risk to health.</p>	<p>This could be an agenda item at the next Conference of AU Ministers of Health (April 2009).</p> <p>There should be a direct ICT linkage between AUC and all the relevant Ministries of Member States for easy reporting in both ways.</p> <p>Expand the gym in order to cater for most of the health needs of the staff. Doctors at AU Medical Services should be able to prescribe exercise in the gym for patients who need it as part of their recovery. Thus the gym should be upgraded and be part of the Medical Services Directorate</p>

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	<p>ALSO URGES Member States to submit updated information in order to accelerate the implementation of the Plan of Action of the AU Decade of African Traditional Medicine (2001-2010);</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to submit the report on the mid-term review on the occasion of Africa Traditional Medicine Day, 31st August 2008;</p> <p>FURTHER URGES Member States to implement the outcomes of the April 2008 AU Continental Workshop to Harmonise, Develop and Institutionalise the Maternal, Newborn and Child Mortality Reviews, and accelerate the implementation of MDG 4 and 5 in the framework of previous strategies to promote maternal,</p>	<p>The Mid-Term Review was presented at the Commemoration of African Traditional Medicine Day (31/08/08) which took place in Yaounde, Cameroun. The Ministers of Health then recommended that Member States should make a direct link between ATM and the implementation of the Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Plan for Africa. They also called for the conservation of flora and fauna for they are the main sources of material for ATM. Member States should establish a dialogue between conventional medical and ATM practitioners in order to advance the ATM.</p>	<p>Being implemented by Member States. Follow up report by AU and WHO to be presented in 2010. Some individuals and groups in several Members States such as South Africa, Kenya, Nigeria, Ethiopia, etc are already producing some medicinal products from ATM</p>	<p>Lack of national commitment to funding research into ATM (the success of India and China in traditional medicine was based on nation commitment to funding research and integrating ATM in Medical Schools' curricular)</p>	<p>structures Use the Chinese and India's models of integrating Traditional Medicine in the national health services.</p>

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	<p>newborn and child health;</p> <p>ENDORSES the nomination of Dr. Manto Tshabalala-Msimang, Minister of Health of South Africa, to act as AU Goodwill Ambassador and Champion for <i>“Africa’s Movement to Improve Maternal Health and Promote Child Survival and Development beyond 2015”</i> in collaboration with other Health Ministers”;</p> <p>URGES Member States to double efforts at national, regional and continental levels to implement the May 2006 Abuja Commitments Towards Universal Access to HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria Services, and submit national reports for the 5-Year Review due in 2010 in time;</p>	<p>The Abuja Declarations on Malaria (2000) and on HIV/AIDS, TB, Malaria and Other Related Infectious Diseases (2001) called upon Member States to remove tariffs and waive taxes on all materials for the treatment of the diseases. Few Member States have done so. At every forum since then, AUC, WHO and other partners keep reminding Member States about their commitments. It is worth noting that the Social Affairs Committee of the Pan African Parliament has taken up the issue and brought it before the whole Parliament.</p>	<p>TB is increasingly becoming multi-drug resistant especially among those infected with HIV.</p>	<p>Research for new more effective drugs is given low priority. Overall funding for research in the health sector is quite low in Member States. Most research is externally driven.</p>	<p>National Political will and commitment for funding for research for new more effective drugs against TB, HIV and Malaria is urgently needed.</p>

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	<p>CALLS UPON Member States to actively implement the recommendations of the Taskforce on Training and Education of the Global Health Workforce Alliance (GHWA) and ALSO CALLS UPON Ministers of Health of AU Member States to participate actively in the Sixth International Ministerial Conference on Avian and Pandemic Influenza due to be held in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt from 24 to 26 October 2008; and to take part in the deliberations of the Third Session of the Conference of the Parties to the Framework convention on Tobacco control (FCTC) to be held in Durban, South Africa, in November 2008;</p> <p>ALSO CALLS UPON Regional and International Development Partners to sustain efforts to support Member States in the implementation of the above commitments, including resource mobilization;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to continue to coordinate and harmonise follow up actions of the Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Plan, including the preparation of a concrete plan for implementation, in</p>	<p>The AU delegation has just arrived back from attending the conference. The AU delegation called upon the conference to use dialogue rather than confrontation and enforcement as a strategy to control consumption of tobacco.</p> <p>The UN General Secretary's Envoy for Malaria indicated (1-5/09/08) that most international partners and individual Foundations have become supporters of Africa in dealing with the three major diseases. He reassured the Ministers that funding was no longer a constraint. What was urgently needed was national Leaders' political Will and Commitment</p>	<p>Avian and Pandemic influenza are emerging diseases. Hence, lack of experience and infrastructure to deal with the diseases.</p> <p>Most Member States have signed and ratified the Protocol for WHO FCTC.</p>	<p>Lack of health emergency preparedness and response</p> <p>FCTC is a top-to-bottom approach for tobacco control. It is too legalistic and puts too much emphasis on enforcement.</p>	<p>Establish health emergency preparedness and response at RECs' level</p> <p>FCTC should also use the bottom-up approach by bringing the debate at community level and using dialogue rather than enforcement.</p>

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	<p>close collaboration with countries, Regional Economic Communities, the World Health Organization (WHO), Intellectual Property Organizations and other relevant partners;</p> <p>ALSO REQUESTS the Commission to follow up on the implementation of this Decision and report to the next Session of the AU Conference of Ministers of Health (April 2009).</p>				
<p>EX.CL/Dec.441 (XIII) Decision on the Report of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC) Doc.EX.CL/447 (XIII)</p>	<p>URGES Member States that have not yet ratified the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child to speed up this process;</p> <p>ALSO URGES Member States that have not yet submitted their reports to comply with the recommendations of the Committee for the submission of reports;</p> <p>REQUESTS Members of the Committee to make the necessary preparations to organize the second Children's Champion Award;</p> <p>CALLS UPON the Members of the</p>	<p>Reminders in form of note verbale were sent to Member States, which had not ratified the Charter. Advocacy meeting was held in November 2008 with some representatives from some embassies of the countries that have not yet ratified the Charter.</p> <p>5 Member States have submitted their reports</p> <p>This has been covered in the</p>	Not implemented	Inadequate financial resources	Development Partners to assist

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	<p>Committee, in the execution of their programme, to prioritise the implementation of the Call for Accelerated Action on the Implementation of the Plan of Action Towards «Africa Fit for Children»;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Committee to collaborate with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights as well as with the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child and other relevant institutions in carrying out its mandate;</p> <p>ALSO REQUESTS the Committee to spare no effort in pursuing its mandate of promotion of the rights of the child and implementation of the provisions in the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child;</p> <p>FINALLY REQUESTS the Commission to clarify and review the status of the Committee and provide it with an autonomous budget to enable it to fulfill its mission of coordinating and implementation of the Charter on the Continent.</p>	<p>2009-working plan for the Committee.</p> <p>The Committee members have participated in two meetings: (1) AU human Rights Institution Coordination meeting in October 2008 in Ouagadougou organised by the Commission (2) 44th Session of the Commission, November 2008 in Abuja</p> <p>Following the 12th Session of the Committee, each Committee member has been charged with a specific area of Children's rights Issues</p> <p>A proposal has been made to increase the 2009 Committee budget</p>			

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DECISIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY					
Assembly/AU/Dec.194 (XI) Decision on the Progress Report on the Implementation of the Commitments of the May 2006 Abuja Special Summit on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (ATM) Doc. Assembly/AU/4 (XI)	<p>WELCOMES the Malaria Initiative launched by the United Nations (UN) Secretary General and the appointment of a UN Special Envoy on Malaria; and REQUESTS the AU Commission to work closely with the Envoy in the implementation of the Malaria Elimination Campaign launched by the African Union;</p> <p>URGES Member States to implement their pledge to devote at least fifteen percent (15%) of their national budget to health in order to adequately address health and development, especially HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria;</p> <p>ALSO URGES Member States to strengthen health systems in the framework of the Africa Health Strategy (2007-2015) as the best approach to promote universal access to HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria services by 2010;</p> <p>FURTHER URGES Member States to strengthen their respective disease surveillance capacities for effective monitoring and evaluation and to prepare progress reports to the AU organs and other constituencies;</p>	<p>The UN General Secretary Envoy for Malaria gave an assurance to the Ministers that currently funds are no longer the constraint in the fight against malaria. Africa had support from Roll Back Malaria Partnerships, UNICEF, WHO, World Bank, the Global Fund, the Gates Foundation, the USA President's Malaria Initiative, the UN Foundation and the Envoy's Office against Malaria. He elaborated on the issue by identifying many sources of such funds. He indicated that the current constraint in the fight against malaria is the lack of political will and commitment from National Leaders.</p>	<p>Only a handful of States have fulfilled the commitment</p>	<p>National budgetary constraints</p>	<p>AU should plan for a meeting of Ministers of Planning, Finance and Health to sit together and deliberate on how Member States can fulfill the commitment.</p>

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	<p>CALLS UPON Regional and International partners to sustain efforts to support Member states in the implementation of the various commitments on HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria (ATM);</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to promote regional cooperation whilst coordinating and harmonizing follow-up on the response to HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria;</p> <p>ALSO REQUESTS the Commission in collaboration with development partners to monitor the implementation of this Decision and to prepare a review report in 2010 as requested by the Special Summit on ATM.</p>	<p>AU and its partners have held the 2nd interagency meeting in Abuja, Nigeria (24-26 September 2008) on coordination and harmonization of activities to address HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria.</p> <p>One of the expected outputs of the Abuja meeting is the sharing of calendars of annual activities about the implementation of the Decision.</p> <p>All partners will then make one report to the AU Summit.</p> <p>Commemoration of ATM Day on 31/08/08 in Yaounde Cameroon.</p>	<p>Being implemented</p>	<p>High cost of available essential drugs. Low level research.</p> <p>Trying to make one calendar of the varied activities of many partners is a difficult task that may take time as far as each Partner's budgetary cycle is concerned.</p>	<p>National political will and commitment to finance research for new effective and affordable drugs.</p> <p>AU should take the lead in coordinating Partners for such an endeavour.</p>
<p>Assembly/AU/Dec.1 95 (XI) Decision on the Report on the Promotion of Maternal, Infant and Child Health in Africa</p>	<p>REAFFIRMS the need to implement its the Decision adopted by the Banjul Summit in 2006 on a legislation that regulates and respects social life in Africa, and URGES Member States to make contributions in this regard;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional forum organized for Eastern Africa to assess the situation of maternal, infant and child health in Africa; 			

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Doc.Assembly/AU/6 (XI)	<p>URGES all Member States to take action to institutionalize enquiries into Maternal, Infant and Child deaths in Member States; to this effect periodic reports should be submitted to the AU Commission, Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and relevant partners for assessment and analysis of progress and sharing of best practices;</p> <p>ENDORSES the nomination by the Special Session of the AU Conference of African Ministers of Health, on 17 May 2008 of Dr M. Tshabalala-Msimang, Minister of Health of the Republic of South Africa as Goodwill Ambassador to champion the Promotion of Maternal, Infant and Child Health in Africa;</p> <p>CALLS UPON the United Nations (UN) Agencies and other International Partners to accelerate actions to improve maternal, infant and child health in order to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to speed up action for capacity building with the view to strengthening advocacy, resource mobilization, coordination and harmonization,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AUC took part at regional, continental and international advocacy and awareness raising fora on maternal and child health; • A Plan of Action elaborated for the activities of the AU Goodwill Ambassador for the promotion of maternal, infant and child health in Africa; • Efforts being made to engage development partners in support of the activities of the AUC and the Goodwill Ambassador to implement the Assembly Decision and MDGs 4 and 5; 			

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	<p>monitoring and evaluation of progress made in the promotion of maternal, infant and child health in Africa;</p> <p>ALSO REQUESTS the Commission to develop and disseminate a format to guide Member States with reporting, to enable it to update its statistical data;</p> <p>REITERATES its previous Decision, requesting the Commission in collaboration with relevant Partners, to intensify advocacy and coordination efforts towards the attainment of MDGs 4, 5, and 6 in Africa and to submit progress reports to the next ordinary session of the Assembly, in January 2009.</p>				
<p>Assembly/AU/Dec.2007 (XI) Decision on Strengthening the Cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union in Combating Trafficking in Human Beings</p>	<p>COMMENDS the efforts exerted by various African Union organs and United Nations dealing with the issue of trafficking in human beings, in particular the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking (UNGIFT), the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), the International Labour Organisation (ILO), the International Organization on Migration (IOM), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United</p>				

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	<p>Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA), and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and STRESSES the need for enhancing cooperation and coordination between the Commission and all other organs and stakeholders dealing with this important issue;</p> <p>DIRECTS the Permanent Representatives of the Member States of the African Union to the United Nations in New York to propose and start negotiations on a Global Action Plan for combating trafficking in human beings under the auspices of the President of the United Nations General Assembly, taking the 2006 Ouagadougou Action Plan and other regional Action Plans, in particular the ECOWAS Initial Action Plan Against Trafficking in Persons as a basis for the African position, and to coordinate with other interested Member States with similar action plans or similar positions towards achieving our objectives;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to provide all necessary support to the Permanent Representatives in New York throughout the negotiation g process and to intensify its interaction with all organs and stakeholders dealing with this issue</p>				

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	with a view to ensuring the early adoption of the proposed Global Action Plan, and to present a Progress Report, to the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly in January 2009.				

TRADE AND INDUSTRY

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EX.CL/Dec.427 (XIII) Decision on the Report of the Commission on the Twelfth Session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Doc. EX.CL/420 (XIII)	<p>WELCOMES the re-affirmation and strengthening of the mandate of UNCTAD as the focal point of the United Nations (UN) for the integrated treatment of trade and development and interrelated issues in the areas of finance, technology, investment and sustainable development and URGES that UNCTAD be endowed with adequate resources to effectively carry out its mandate;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to ensure effective implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding between the AU Commission and UNCTAD signed in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in April 2008 and to organize, as soon as possible, a meeting with the UNCTAD Secretariat with a view to developing and prioritizing a programme of activities that will enhance the capacity of African countries;</p> <p>URGES the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to address the development opportunities and challenges of globalization in accordance with the Accra</p>		Not implemented. A work programme was established as well as a budget for logistics but funds could not be disbursed from the budget line identified for the organization of the meeting.		

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	Declaration and the Accra Accord.				
EX.CL/Dec.428 (XIII) Decision on Progress Report on the Various Strategic Partnerships of the African Union with Japan (TICAD IV), China, South America, India, Turkey and Iran – Doc. EX.CL/421 (XIII)	<p>REQUESTS the Commission to take all necessary measures to facilitate the successful conduct of the Africa-Turkey Summit in Istanbul, Turkey, in August 2008, and the Second Africa-South America Summit scheduled for Venezuela, in November 2008;</p> <p>CALLS ON Member States to participate effectively in both Summits in line with the 2006 Banjul Decision;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to continue working closely with the relevant AU organs with a view to strengthening existing partnerships and developing a strategy for the AU to ensure that Africa engages in win-win partnerships that will benefit the Continent as a whole;</p> <p>DECIDES that the Commission and partners shall jointly organize all future meetings within the framework of the partnerships;</p> <p>CALLS ON Member States to take necessary steps to take advantage of the outcomes of both the Africa-India Forum Summit and TICAD IV, and</p> <p>REQUESTS the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC)</p>				

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	<p>and the Commission to elaborate with India an appropriate plan of action for the implementation of the Delhi Declaration and Framework of Cooperation as agreed in the Delhi Declaration;</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission to take urgent steps to conclude the global review of all existing partnerships, including the criteria for such partnerships, rationalization of and participation of Member States at summits, as mandated by the July 2006 Banjul Decision, and make appropriate recommendations thereon to the Executive Council in January 2009.</p>				
<p>EX.CL/Dec.429 (XIII) Decision on the Report on the on-going Doha Round Negotiations in the World Trade Organization Doc. EX.CL/423 (XIII)</p>	<p>ENDORSES the Declaration on the WTO Doha Development Agenda (DDA) Negotiations, adopted by the Joint Conference of AU Ministers of Trade and Finance in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in April 2008;</p> <p>REAFFIRMS its commitment to the attainment of a fair, balanced and rules-based multilateral trading system with specific commitments for special and differential treatment for developing countries;</p> <p>CALLS FOR an early conclusion of the current Doha Round of</p>	<p>This is an ongoing Process. Following the failure of the July 2008 WTO mini-ministerial meeting, only work programmes for the rest of the year have been drawn while activities have taken place mainly at informal consultation level. Africa is still looking forward to a timely conclusion of the negotiations, while maintaining its positions that the ongoing</p>			

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	<p>Negotiations, without compromising the development dimension that should be at the centre of the outcome;</p> <p>URGES the WTO Members, especially the major players in the negotiations, to show more political commitment and greater flexibility in negotiating positions that will ensure successful conclusion of the Doha Round;</p> <p>COMMENDS African Negotiators for their articulation and defence of Africa's common interests in the negotiations and REQUESTS them to remain vigilant and united in the final phase of the Doha Round.</p>	<p>processes must take account of adequate flexibilities for developing countries, in particular African countries, with respect to principles of less than full reciprocity in reduction commitments, meaningful market access commitments, predictable, effective and additional sources of aid for trade and other developmental concerns.</p>			
DECISIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY					
<p>Assembly/AU/Dec. 197 (XI) Decision on the Report on Negotiations of Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) Doc. EX.CL/422 (XII)</p>	<p>REQUESTS Member States that have had to initial individual Interim EPAs to avoid disruption of their trade with the European Union (EU) after the 31st of December 2007 deadline, to pursue and finalize within their Regional Economic Communities (RECs)/Regional Groupings the negotiation and conclusion of full and comprehensive EPAs;</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the Member</p>	<p>Fully Implemented</p> <p>A model template of a full EPA has been elaborated and it is being submitted to the negotiating groups for validation and implementation.</p>			

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	<p>States concerned to ensure that the contentious issues in the Interim EPAs that have been identified by the AU Ministers of Trade and Finance are adequately addressed in the negotiations of full and comprehensive EPAs;</p> <p>URGES the European Commission not to put pressure on African Governments to ratify the Interim Agreements without taking into account the concerns raised on the contentious issues;</p> <p>INVITES the European Commission to honour the commitment made by the Council in Brussels on 27 May 2008 to make EPAs an instrument for the promotion of development ,support to regional integration, and gradual integration of African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) group of States in the world economy, and</p> <p>URGES the European Commission to fully reflect this commitment in the negotiation and conclusion of full and comprehensive EPAs;</p> <p>REQUESTS the AU Commission , in collaboration with the United Nations Commission for Africa (UNECA) and the RECs, to accelerate the elaboration of a full EPA template to be used as a guideline by all African</p>				

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	<p>countries / groups negotiating full EPAs;</p> <p>URGES the European Union to consider providing an alternative trading arrangement, that is World Trade Organisation (WTO) – compatible but not less favourable than the Lome/Cotonou trading regime, to African countries/groups that have not initialled Interim EPAs and may not be in a position to conclude full EPAs;</p> <p>CALLS ON the AU Commission and the European Union Commission to facilitate an early convening of the high-level Africa–Europe consultations on EPAs, as agreed in Lisbon during the Second Europe – Africa Summit, held in Portugal, in December 2007;</p> <p>REQUESTS African negotiating countries and groups to remain united in their engagement with the European Union Commission on EPAs;</p> <p>REQUESTS the AU Commission to strengthen its coordination and harmonization of the positions of the countries and groups in the negotiations of full EPAs;</p>				

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	URGES Member States and the RECs to take full advantage of the European Union Aid for Trade resources.				

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Decisions: No & Title	<u>Status of implementation</u>		
	Implemented (Fully/Partly) (action taken under results achieved)	Not implemented	Constraints
EX.CL/180 (VII) Decision on the institutionalisation of the Conference of African Ministers of Economy and Finance	This Conference has been organized twice and the second Conference held in Yaoundé, Cameroon recommended AUC and ECA to organize jointly this Conference. The joint Conference took place in March 2008. So, as from 2008, the two Institutions organized this Conference.		None.
Doc.EX.CL/217 (VIII) Decision on the Interim Report on the Establishment of Financial Institutions	The Steering Committee on African Investment Bank is already established in Tripoli with the support of the Libyan Authorities. This Committee is chaired by the Governor of the Libyan Central Bank. It has already elaborated the Protocol and the Status of this Bank. These two documents have been examined by the Extraordinary Conference of African Ministers of Economy and Finance, preceded by the African Legal Experts meeting which took place in Addis Ababa on 14 th January 2009. These documents should be submitted to the next Summit for consideration and adoption. The Steering Committee of African Monetary Fund and of African Central Bank will be put in place when the Host countries respectively Cameroon and Nigeria will start to implement the MoU signed by these countries and the Commission. The Commission has already recruited the Experts for these two Steering Committees. The wish of the Commission is to make these two Steering Committees operational in February 2009.		Administrative bureaucracy in Nigeria and Cameroon related to the implementation of the MoU freely agreed and signed.
Doc.EX.CL/127 (V) Decision on Follow-up on Africa-Europe Summit	Since the Lisbon Summit, a lot have been done but a lot remains to be done. The two parties have already put in place the Joint Expert Groups. These Experts Groups have already organized their joint first meeting. The last ministerial Troika meeting held in Addis Ababa has approved the progress made report on the implementation of the first Plan of Action and has given mandate to the two Commissions to monitor the works of the Joint Expert		Lack of financial resources to implement the programmes or activities identified by the two parties.

	Groups.		
Doc.EX.CL/255 (IX) Decision on the Alternative Sources of Financing the AU	As the requested by the Member States, the Commission has undertaken additional study on the scenarios to finance the African Union's programmes and activities. This additional study has been looked by the Extraordinary Conference of African Ministers of Economy and Finance held in Addis Ababa in 14 th January 2009. The recommendations made by the Ministers will be submitted to the Decision Organ of the AU during the next Summit.		Lack of consensus of Member States regarding the scenarios proposed by the Commission but the Commission will lack to draw the attention of Member States on the fact that whatever the scenarios which will be recommended, there will be advantage or disadvantage some countries. Therefore, the Commission would like to launch an appeal to Member States to take a courageous decisions on this issue. Here, the model of the European Union can serve as a model.
EX.CL/Dec. 227 (VII) Decision on the protocol on relations between the AU and the RECs	This Protocol has been signed in January 2008. The modalities of the implementation have been proposed by the Commission to the 6 th Coordination meeting held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt in July 2008. The Commission is planning to have a working visit to the RECs to throughouly discuss these modalities and come up with clear agenda of the implementation of the Protocol.		None
Decision No Ex/CL/Dec. 166 (VI) Decision on the review of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A joint AU/UNECA MDGs Report was published in July 2008. • The AU Commission coordinated the preparation of the African Common Position serving as the Continent's contribution to the acceleration of the attainment of MDGs by 2015, to be considered at a High-level Summit in September 2008, in New York. The outcome of the September 2008 UN Summit took on board most of the needs and demands of Africa on ways of improving the implementation of policies that would lead to African countries meeting the MDGs by 2015. • A Note verbal was also submitted to Member States to 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of accurate and timely statistical data to monitor the implementation of the MDGs in countries

	request them to provide the AUC with information on the status of the implementation of MDGs and other relevant documents on MDGs of their respective countries for the elaboration of the 2009 progress report on MDGs.		
EX.CL/Dec.330 (X) Decision on the elaboration of the African Charter on Statistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursuant to the Council's decision, the Commission drafted the Charter, which was validated at the meeting of Directors of National, Regional and continental Statistics Offices as well as partners in Rwanda in June 2007. • The First Joint Meeting of the AU Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance and the ECA Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from March to April 2008, adopted the draft Charter and recommended its reviewing by Legal experts and submission to the Assembly of the Union through the Executive Council for adoption in January 2009. • The Conference of African Ministers of Justice/Attorney Generals adopted the draft Charter and recommended its adoption by the Assembly. 		
Assembly/AU/Dec.79 (V) Decision Sirte, Libya, in July 2005 Follow-Up on the G 8 Commitments			
Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.109 (VI) Feasibility study on the establishment of a Pan-African Stock Exchange	The Commission had undertaken a feasibility study on this issue. The study has been already submitted to the independent experts for validation. The recommendations have been submitted to the Extraordinary Conference of African Ministers of Economy and Finance which took place on 14 th January 2009 for consideration and adoption. The report of the Ministers will be submitted to the Decision Organs during the next Summit.		Lack of financing resources to implement the recommendations related to the feasibility study.
Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.113(VII) Rev.1 Institutionalization of the Conference of African Ministers of Integration	The Commission has conducted a study on rationalisation of the RECs consisting of considering the possibilities of shortening the duration of the setting up of the African Economic Community as well as defining components of a Minimum Integration Programme to accelerate the integration process on the Continent. The Commission is also in a process to quantify the scenarios of rationalisation of the RECs as proposed to the Member States.		Delay in identifying consultant to carry out the study on quantification of the scenarios.

<p>EX.CL/Dec.242 (VIII) Decision on the G8 Follow-up</p>	<p>Assessment shows that the partnership between the G8 and Africa has continued to grow, but that progress in implementing the Action Plan has been mixed. In some areas, the G8 have shown a real commitment to progress, such as supporting African efforts to address conflict, through significant commitments to increase ODA to Africa and through many initiatives of the past few years, such as on debt (HIPC), education (Fast Track Initiative), and AIDS (Global Fund and PEPFAR). However, there is need to make more progress in translating these commitments more quickly into action, in improving the quality of G8 assistance, strengthening coherence of non-aid policies that affect Africa and working for a successful Doha Development Round through the WTO.</p>		
<p>Doc. Ex.CI/302 (X) Decision on Private Sector Development</p>	<p>Key stakeholders have been contacted for comments on the Private Sector Action Plan. Very few Responses have been received. Private Sector Strategy is being developed and will be discussed with all the key stakeholders.</p>		<p>Key stakeholders have been contacted for comments on the Action Plan. Responses being awaited</p>
<p>Doc.EX.CL/127 (V) Decision on Follow-up on Africa-Europe Summit</p>	<p>The following actions were taken since Lisbon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional consultative meeting on the implementation of the Joint Strategy and First Action were held in Maseru and Ouagadougou covering all the five AU regions • Civil Society consultations were also held in Bamako on the implementation process • Member States have sent proposals for implementation and also have identified Experts to assist in the implementation process • Informal African Expert Groups have been formed and have met with their counterparts on the European side 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TORs for Joint Expert Working Groups were developed and discussed by both parties • African Expert Groups are prioritizing the projects submitted by both Member States and AUC through and an agreed selection criteria. • Next round of Joint Expert Groups meetings are scheduled to take place in February/March 2009. 		
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DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL					
EX.CL/Dec.424 (XIII) Decision on Private Sector Development Doc. EX.CL/413 (XIII)	<p>ENCOURAGES the public and private sectors to pursue good corporate governance, socially responsible business practices, transparency, and the respect of laws, rules and regulations;</p> <p>FURTHER ENCOURAGES the public and private sectors to work closely together in utilizing their respective core competencies to attain synergy and achieve results collectively;</p> <p>CALLS UPON Member States to create an enabling environment for effective private sector development;</p> <p>URGES all stakeholders to fully participate in the implementation of the recommendations;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission, in</p>				

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	<p>collaboration with the UN Global Compact and other relevant stakeholders to put in place an effective mechanism to follow up on the implementation of the agreed recommendations;</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission in consultation with the Permanent Missions to the AU in Addis Ababa, to identify participants for the Private Sector Forum.</p>				
<p>EX.CL/Dec. 425 (XIII) Decision on the Africa-European Union (EU) Dialogue Doc. EX.CL/416 (XIII)</p>	<p>CALLS UPON Member States to express interest in the eight partnerships of the first Action Plan, allocate the necessary human, material and financial resources and propose projects for the implementation, based on criteria to be agreed upon with the Commission and within the framework of the eight partnerships, of the first Action Plan;</p> <p>URGES Member States, the Regional Economic Communities and other relevant stakeholders to take active part in the implementation of the first Action Plan under the coordination of the Commission;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to ensure the effective involvement of the Regional Economic Communities in the implementation and monitoring</p>				

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	<p>of the processes;</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission to negotiate implementation modalities with the European Union on the basis of the outcome of the consultations.</p>				
<p>EX.CL/Dec. 426 (XIII) Decision on the Report on Assessing Progress Towards the Attainment of the Millennium Development Goals and the Status of the MDG Africa Initiative Doc. EX.CL/417 (XIII)</p>	<p>WELCOMES and ENDORSES the recommendations contained in the Report including those of the MDGs Africa Steering Groups, and CALLS UPON Member States and Partners to support their implementation;</p> <p>CALLS UPON Member States and Development Partners to devote sufficient resources for the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Second Decade of Education for Africa (2006-2015) in line with Assembly Decision (Assembly/AU/Dec.92 (VI) on the Second Decade of Education for Africa (2006-2015);</p> <p>ECOURAGES Member States to align development strategies to MDGs and support those who heed this call;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission in collaboration with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and the African</p>				

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	Development Bank (AfDB) to organize an African High Level Preparatory Meeting for the forthcoming UN High Level Event on Africa's Development Needs as well as a High Level Event on the Millenium Development Goals in September 2008, to come up with an African common position on accelerating progress to attain the MDGs in Africa.				
EX.CL/Dec.431 (XIII) Decision on the Report of the First Joint Annual Meetings of the African Union Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa's Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development - Doc. EX.CL/428 (XIII)	<p>CALLS ON Member States and their representatives at the United Nations Headquarters to actively participate in preparatory meetings and workshops on the implementation and review of the Monterrey Consensus;</p> <p>WELCOMES the establishment of the African Climate Policy Center at UNECA with the objective of providing policy guidance to Member States;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission in collaboration with UNECA and other relevant partners to establish an African Cluster on Science and Technology to foster the implementation of Africa's Science and Technology Consolidated Plan of Action;</p>				

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	<p>FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission in collaboration with members of the African statistical systems and in line with the established procedure, to finalize and submit the African Charter on Statistics at the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council scheduled for January 2009;</p> <p>REITERATES ITS APPEAL AND CALLS ON Member States to meet their own commitments to increase budget allocation to Millennium Development Goals (MDG)-sensitive sectors, in particular meeting the ten percent (10%) allocation to agriculture as agreed under the AU-New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) and the fifteen percent (15%) of budget allocation to health as agreed in the Abuja Declaration on HIV/AIDs, Tuberculosis (TB) and other related infectious diseases;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission in collaboration with UNECA to create an observatory for regional integration in Africa, as a platform for sharing knowledge and best practices in regional integration;</p>				

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	REQUESTS the Commission to pursue and further strengthen its collaboration with UNECA.				
EX.CL/Dec. 437 (XIII) Decision on the Report and Declaration of the Third Conference of Ministers in charge of Integration Doc.EX.CL/436 (XIII)	<p>URGES the Member States that have not done so, to establish structures dealing with integration issues;</p> <p>ENCOURAGES Members States to consider allowing a gradual transfer of part of their sovereignty to the regional and continental institutions along the principle of subsidiarity for the realization of integration programmes;</p> <p>CALLS ON Member States to exempt all government officials and all African citizens who are holders of diplomatic passports from visas;</p> <p>ALSO CALLS ON Member States of the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) that have not yet done so, to fast-track the implementation of the legal instruments adopted on free movement on the one hand, and on the other, those that have already implemented their free movement programme, to take all necessary measures in order to remove any impediment to the success of this programme;</p>				

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	<p>FURTHER CALLS ON Member States of the RECs to accelerate the establishment, where they do not exist, of free trade areas (FTA);</p> <p>CALLS ON Member States to allocate more resources for regional infrastructure development, and REQUESTS the Commission to conduct the necessary studies to this effect;</p> <p>CALLS ON Member States, the Commission as well as the development partners to take all necessary measures to initiate adequate programmes likely to provide lasting solutions to difficulties facing countries that have experienced war to reduce the development disparity among states;</p> <p>RECOMMENDS that the Assembly devotes exclusively, when necessary, one of its sessions to issues pertaining to integration and development;</p> <p>CALLS for the holding of periodic meetings between the Chairpersons of the RECs and of the Chairperson of the Union, in consultation with the Commission in order to strengthen coordination and follow-up;</p>				

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	REQUESTS the Commission to present on a regular basis a report to the Assembly, at its July sessions, on the status of integration in Africa.				
DECISIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY					
Assembly/AU/Dec. 205 (XI) Decision on the Report of Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee on NEPAD Doc. Assembly/AU/3 (XI)	<p>URGES the African Union Commission to complete the process of the appointment of the Chief Executive Officer for the NEPAD Secretariat by the next African Union Summit in January 2009 along the lines of the January 2008 AU Assembly decision and CALLS ON Member States to encourage their citizens to submit applications for the post;</p> <p>COMMENDS the hosting of the NEPAD Review Summit by President Abdoulaye Wade in Dakar, Senegal on 15 April 2008 as well as the initiatives presented by Senegal on the revitalization of the NEPAD programme and URGES all Member States to contribute viewpoints on the structure and profile of the new NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Authority;</p> <p>WELCOMES the ongoing work of the AU/NEPAD Coordinating Unit on the integration of NEPAD into the</p>				

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	<p>structures and processes of the African Union, particularly the inauguration of the Unit and DIRECTS that the Unit should remain guided by the 2003 Maputo AU Assembly Declaration, the conclusions of the Algiers NEPAD Brainstorming Summit of March 2007 and the Addis Ababa January 2008 AU Assembly's decision, which continue to form the basis for the integration of NEPAD into AU structures and processes;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to take the necessary measures to speed up the conclusion of the Host Agreement for the NEPAD Secretariat with the Government of South Africa and WELCOMES the assurance by President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa that all efforts would be made to conclude the Host Agreement before the end of July 2008;</p> <p>AGREES AND URGES the completion of the process of the integration of NEPAD into the structures and processes of the African Union by the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly in January 2009;</p> <p>ACCEPTS the recommendation of</p>				

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	<p>HSGIC to take three key messages of importance for Africa to the G7 Summit scheduled for Hokkaido, Japan, from 7 – 9 July 2008, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Africa Action Plan remains the basis for Africa's engagement with the G8; • Reactivation of the G8/NEPAD follow-up mechanism as agreed upon at the G8 Heiligendamm Summit of 2007 to ensure prompt and effective fulfillment of all G8 commitments and pledges to Africa; • Facilitate better access to concessional loans by African countries for the purpose of economic growth within the context of prudent macro-economic management as part of the process of reviewing the issues of Financing for Development. This is all the more important in view of the burden of the hike in prices of oil and inflation in food prices faced by oil importing countries; <p>EMPHASIZES that the Japanese "Cool Earth" Initiative should not compromise or undermine Africa's positions and strategies on Climate Change being canvassed at the</p>				

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	<p>international level through the United Nations Framework for Climate Change (UNFCCC's) Kyoto and post-Kyoto processes;</p> <p>UNDERScores the need for early preparations by Africa for the 2009 G8 Summit in Italy and the 2010 G8 Summit in Canada, and the appropriate engagements at various levels by Africa with the leadership of the two countries for the necessary sensitization towards African priorities, interests and concerns;</p> <p>APPROVES the new membership of the NEPAD HSGIC for the next two (2) years as follows:</p> <p>Central Africa Cameroon, Congo, DRC, Gabon</p> <p>East Africa Ethiopia, Madagascar*, Sudan*, Rwanda</p> <p>North Africa Egypt, Algeria, Libya, Tunisia</p> <p>Southern Africa South Africa, Namibia*, Malawi*, Lesotho*</p> <p>West Africa Nigeria, Senegal, Mali, Benin*</p>				

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	<p>*New members</p> <p>DECIDES that the country chairing the African Union during its term of office, shall automatically be a member of HSGIC, if not already a member and FURTHER DECIDES that the Republic of Tanzania shall be a member of HSGIC</p>				

PEACE AND SECURITY

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DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL					
EX.CL/Dec. 430 (XIII) Decision on the Report of the Commission on the Operationalization of the African Standby Force Doc. EX.CL/427 (XIII)	<p>ENDORSES the recommendations contained in the Declaration adopted by the Second Ordinary Session of Ministers of Defence and Security regarding the operationalization of the ASF by 2010;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission, working closely with the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and Regional Mechanisms (RMs), as well as Member States, to implement the recommendations expeditiously with the view to operationalizing the ASF by 2010;</p> <p>CALLS ON Member States and the partners to provide the necessary support with respect to technical and financial resources for the effective establishment of the ASF by 2010.</p>				
EX.CL/Dec.452 (XIII) Decision on the Current Political Situation in Zimbabwe	<p>CALLS ON all parties to exercise restraint, refrain from any acts of violence and prevail on their supporters to put an immediate end to the use of violence and intimidation;</p>				

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	<p>URGES the parties to commit themselves to a peaceful solution to the current situation through dialogue;</p> <p>STRESSES that all parties work together towards finding a lasting solution.</p>				
DECISIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY					
<p>Assembly/AU/Dec. 193 (XI) Decision on the Report of the Peace and Security Council on its activities and the State of Peace and Security In Africa Doc. Assembly/AU/2 (XI)</p>	<p>REQUESTS the Commission and AU Member States to continue to support efforts aimed at consolidating the progress made to date in the Comoros, including the rationalization of current institutional arrangements and the improvement of governance, as well as the socio-economic recovery of the Archipelago and the war on poverty;</p> <p>EXPRESSES SATISFACTION at the Agreements reached to resolve the electoral crisis in Kenya and the establishment the coalition Government, in particular the National Accord and Reconciliation Act and the Agreement on the Principles of Partnership of the</p>				

¹ Reservation entered by the State of Eritrea

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	<p>coalition Government. The Assembly COMMENDS the work done by President John Kufour of Ghana, the Panel of Eminent African Personalities led by Kofi Annan, and including Mr. Benjamin Mkapa, former President of Tanzania and Mrs. Graça Machel, as well as the critical role played by the Chairperson of the AU, President Jakaya Kikwete of Tanzania and President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda in his capacity as Chairperson of the East African Community, in assisting the parties to reach a peaceful solution to the crisis. The Assembly AKNOWLEDGES the goodwill shown so far in implementing these Agreements and CALLS ON all parties to fully implement all aspects of the Agreements;</p> <p>WELCOMES the progress made in the promotion of an all-inclusive political process in Somalia, in particular the conclusion, on 9 June 2008, in Djibouti, of an Agreement between the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) of Somalia and the Alliance for the Re-Liberation of Somalia (ARS), under the auspices of the United Nations, with the support of the AU, other regional organizations and international</p>				

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	<p>partners. The Assembly STRONGLY URGES all Somali stakeholders to join this process and commit themselves to the peaceful and negotiated settlement of the conflict in Somalia. The Assembly CONDEMNS all attempts aimed at undermining the ongoing peace and reconciliation process in Somalia;</p> <p>CALLS UPON the international community to lend increased support to the efforts aimed at bringing to a definite end the violence that has plagued Somalia for about two decades, including the early deployment of a United Nations peacekeeping operation that would take over from the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) and support the long-term stabilization and reconstruction of Somalia in view of ;</p> <p>REITERATES ITS APPRECIATION for the work done by the AMISOM and APPEALS to the Member States and AU partners to provide increased support to the Mission to enable it successfully carry out its mandate;</p> <p>EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN over the situation prevailing at the border between Djibouti and Eritrea, and the tension in the relations between the</p>				

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	<p>two countries.¹ The Assembly STRONGLY CONDEMNS Eritrea's military action against Djibouti in Ras Doumeira and Doumeira Island and DEMANDS that Eritrea withdraws immediately and unconditionally from the Djiboutian territories it occupies and STRONGLY CONDEMNS the use of force, REITERATES the obligation to respect the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of Member States, and CALLS FOR the return to the situation prevailing at the common border between the two countries before the current tension, including the immediate withdrawal of all the forces positioned there since 4 February 2008;</p> <p>The Assembly WELCOMES the initiatives taken by the PSC and the Commission to facilitate the resolution of this crisis, including the dispatching by the Commission of a mission to Djibouti, from 5 to 9 June 2008, and EXPRESSES ITS SINCERE APPRECIATION to the Djiboutian authorities for cooperating with the mission and their constant willingness to enter into dialogue in order to find a peaceful solution to the crisis;</p> <p>EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN at the refusal of the Eritrean authorities</p>				

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	<p>to receive the mission from the Commission and URGENTLY APPEALS to them to extend their full cooperation to the efforts deployed by the AU towards a peaceful solution to the crisis. The Assembly WELCOMES the support provided by the United Nations Security Council to the AU efforts, as expressed in its Presidential Statement of 12 June 2008;</p> <p>WELCOMES AND EXPRESSES SUPPORT to the decision of the 12th IGAD Summit held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 14 June 2008 on the Eritrea and Djibouti conflict. The Assembly NOTES the decision taken by the IGAD Summit by recognizing the implications of Eritrea's absence from IGAD for regional peace, security and development, and the consequent designation of a Ministerial Committee to engage Eritrea on the possibility of reconsidering her decision to suspend IGAD membership;</p> <p>WELCOMES the agreement reached by the parties to the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), on 8 June 2008, on a "Roadmap for the return of IDPs and Implementation of the Abeyi Protocol", which will pave the way towards the resolution of the</p>				

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	<p>Abeyi impasse, and URGES the parties to intensify their efforts with a view to addressing all the outstanding issues in the implementation of the CPA. The Assembly NOTES the steps taken by the Commission in support of the implementation of the CPA, and REQUESTS that immediate steps be taken for the full operationalization of the Liaison Office in Khartoum with an Office in Juba. The Assembly ENCOURAGES the AU Ministerial Committee for Post-Conflict Reconstruction in the Sudan to pursue and intensify its efforts;</p> <p>EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN at the continued lack of progress in the political process in Darfur, and URGES the parties to extend full cooperation to the joint AU-UN Mediation so that substantive negotiations can begin in earnest. The Assembly ALSO EXPRESSES CONCERN at the continued violence in Darfur and its impact on the civilian population. The Assembly STRESSES the need for continued efforts towards the full deployment of UNAMID;</p> <p>EXPRESSES CONCERN at the continued tensions between Chad and the Sudan and CALLS for</p>				

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	<p>renewed efforts to implement the Dakar agreement and previous agreements between the two countries;</p> <p>NOTES WITH SATISFACTION the efforts deployed by the Central African Government in the promotion of the Inclusive Political Dialogue. The Assembly COMMENDS the conclusion of the preparatory work for the said Dialogue and URGES all the parties concerned to participate in it in a constructive manner. The Assembly WELCOMES the signing in Libreville on 21 June 2008, of the Comprehensive Ceasefire and Peace Agreement between the Government and the People's Army for the Restoration of Democracy (APRD) and the Union for Rally of Democratic Forces (UFDR). The Assembly URGES the Democratic Front for the People of Central Africa (FDPC) to sign the said Agreement, and TAKES NOTE of the decision of the ECCAS Summit to transfer the management of the FOMUC from CEMAC to ECCAS, and EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION to all the development partners for their constant support and their commitment alongside the Central African authorities and ENCOURAGES them to continue</p>				

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	<p>and strengthen their support to the consolidation of peace and stability in the CAR;</p> <p>WELCOMES the efforts deployed towards the implementation of the Joint Communiqué signed in Nairobi, on 9 November 2007 by the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwandan Governments, as well as the work achieved by the Joint Monitoring Group established by the Tripartite+ Summit held in Addis Ababa on 5 December 2007. Furthermore, the Assembly URGES the Congolese parties to comply with the Goma Statements of Commitment, to strictly implement them with a view to accelerating the re-establishment of State authority in the Kivus, and promote the socio-economic development of the two provinces;</p> <p>EXPRESSES SATISFACTION at the conclusion, in Bujumbura on 26 May 2008, by the Government of Burundi and the Palipehutu/FNL, of a Joint Declaration on the Cessations of Hostilities, which re-launches the implementation of the Comprehensive Ceasefire Agreement of 7 September 2006. The Assembly APPEALS to Member States and AU partners to provide all</p>				

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	<p>the necessary support to the ongoing efforts, thus contributing to the consolidation of peace in Burundi;</p> <p>EXPRESSES SATISFACTION at the progress being made in the post-conflict reconstruction and peace building efforts in Liberia, and ENCOURAGES the larger international community to continue to support the efforts of the Liberian Government;</p> <p>NOTES WITH SATISFACTION the progress made in the peace process in Côte d'Ivoire and WELCOMES, in particular, the measures taken, on a consensual basis, to hold the presidential elections on 30 November 2008. The Assembly PAYS TRIBUTE to President Blaise Compaoré of Burkina Faso, the current Chairperson of ECOWAS, and Facilitator of the Inter-Ivorian Direct Dialogue. The Assembly URGES all the Ivorian parties to maintain and consolidate the dynamics of peace prevailing in the country since the signing of the Ouagadougou Political Agreement on 4 March 2007. The Assembly CALLS ON the international community to continue to accompany and support the peace process in Côte d'Ivoire;</p>				

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	<p>WELCOMES the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations of 7 April 2008 on the relationship between the UN and regional organizations, in particular the African Union, in the maintenance of international peace and security. The Assembly COMMENDS the Republic of South Africa for the sustained efforts that it has made in following up on the Assembly's decision of January 2007 for the funding of AU-led peace support operations through UN assessed contributions. The Assembly ALSO EXPRESSES appreciation to the other African Members of the Security Council for their support and efforts;</p> <p>ALSO WELCOMES the Secretary-General's proposal, endorsed by the Security Council in its resolution 1809(2008) of 16 April 2008, to set up an African Union-United Nations panel consisting of distinguished persons to consider in-depth the modalities of how to support, including financing, peacekeeping operations undertaken by regional organizations, in particular as related to start-up funding, equipment and logistics, and make concrete recommendations. The Assembly REQUESTS the Commission to</p>				

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	continue to follow up the implementation of this resolution.				
RESOLUTIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY					
Assembly/AU/Res. 1 (XI) Resolution on Zimbabwe	<p>Hereby decide:</p> <p>TO ENCOURAGE President Robert Mugabe and the leader of the MDC Party Mr. Morgan Tsvangirai to honour their commitments to initiate dialogue with a view to promoting peace, stability, democracy and reconciliation of the Zimbabwean people;</p> <p>TO SUPPORT the call for the creation of a Government of National Unity;</p> <p>TO SUPPORT the SADC Facilitation, and RECOMMEND that SADC mediation efforts should be continued in order to assist the people and leadership of Zimbabwe to resolve the problems they are facing. In this regard SADC should establish a mechanism on the ground in order to seize the momentum for a negotiated solution;</p> <p>TO APPEAL to States and parties concerned to refrain from any action that may negatively impact on the climate of dialogue;</p>				

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INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENERGY

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EX.CL/Dec.393(XII) AU Min. Conference on Road Transport	To implement the Declaration and Plan of Action on Road Transport as endorsed by the AU Policy Organs, in collaboration with Member States, RECs, UNECA, ADB, EU, World Bank and other partners and submit periodic reports to Executive Council on the status of its implementation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elaboration of a continental roads Master Plan as well as harmonisation of road transport policies, standards and facilitation measures is currently being undertaken within the framework of the joint AUC/ADB/NEPAD/ECA single Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) Pre-feasibility studies on missing road/railway links in major transport corridors has been initiated on the Dakar-Djibouti and Djibouti-Libreville corridors and will be completed in December 2009 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Policy Officer and 2 short/medium-term (2-5 years) in-house experts are needed; Availability of adequate funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Policy Officer has been recruited and one medium expert is working on the sub-sector Also, a the Department of Infrastructure and Energy expects to get Technical Assistance from ADB and the EC to cover all modes of transport, among other sectors Financial resource needs are expected to be resolved through the various partnerships particularly with the EC and G8.

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DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL					
EX.CL/Dec.432 (XIII) Decision on the Conference of African Ministers in charge of Energy on the Official Launching of the African Energy Commission (AFREC) Doc. EX.CL/430 (XIII)	<p>URGES Member States, that have not yet done so, to speed up the signing and ratification of the Convention of the African Energy Commission;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission, in collaboration with the African Development Bank and other relevant partners to mobilize the necessary resources and political support for the activities of AFREC;</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission to submit periodic reports on the implementation of this Decision to the Executive Council.</p>	<p>Contacts made to have more Member States to sign the Convention. Five more members ratified in 2008 and the total is now 24 versus 19 in December 2007</p> <p>AUC requested and got financial resources for AFREC from the ADB through the Institutional Support to the Department of Infrastructure & Energy and from the European Commission to finance part of AFREC's technical programmes from 2009</p>		<p>■ Ratification requires a long process</p> <p>AFREC structure and staff not yet in place</p>	<p>The minimum ratifications has been achieved and AFREC has been officially launched on 17 February 2008</p> <p>Recruitment process of the AFREC director to be completed in February 2009;</p> <p>AFREC structure already prepared and is under discussion at AUC</p>
EX.CL/Dec. 433 (XIII) Decision of the First Session of the Conference of African Ministers of	URGES Member States to ensure effective application of the Continental Guidelines in their negotiations of air service agreements with the EC and/or EU Member States as well as consult the	The adopted Guidelines for Negotiation of Air Service Agreements between AU Member States and EC/EU States have been dispatched to Member States and other		<p>■ Staff shortage</p> <p>■ Timely availability of financial</p>	<p>■ Recruitment of more staff: 4 Senior Policy</p> <p>■ Technical</p>

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Transport (CAMT)– Doc. EX.CL/432 (XIII)	<p>AU Commission whenever necessary in order to protect Africa's collective interests in the aviation industry;</p> <p>REQUESTS the AU Commission to disseminate the Guidelines on Negotiation of Air Service Agreements to all Member States and other key stakeholders including the European Commission as well as facilitate their application;</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the AU Commission, in collaboration with the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), specialised institutions, Member States and other stakeholders to take all necessary measures to speed up the implementation of the Plans of Action with a view to developing a strong, integrated and viable transport sector in the Continent;</p> <p>APPEALS to the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the African Development Bank (AfDB), the European Union, the World Bank and other relevant development partners to support the implementation of the Plans of Action of the African Union on transport development;</p> <p>REQUESTS the AU Commission to</p>	<p>stakeholders;</p> <p>The Commission has ongoing dialogue with the European Commission on the Guidelines and other areas of common interest in aviation matters; A joint Africa-EU Aviation Conference will be held in April 2009 in Namibia;</p> <p>A dissemination and evaluation workshop on the implementation of the Guidelines has been planned in the second half of 2009</p> <p>Implementation of the various Transport Plans of Action whose timeframe is 2008-2012 is ongoing with deadlines indicated:</p> <p><u>AIR TRANSPORT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Operationalisation of the Executing Agency of the Yamoussoukro Decision on the liberalization of air transport markets (YD) (<i>Deadline Nov. 2009</i>); ■ Elaboration of Competition Rules and Dispute Settlement Mechanism for the YD (<i>Deadline Oct.</i> 		<p>resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Inadequate and unreliable document translation services 	<p>Assistance expected from ADB and the EC to cover all modes of transport, among other sectors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Availability of funds to improve through the various partnerships particularly with the EC and G8.

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	submit periodic reports on the implementation of this Decision to the Executive Council.	<p>2010)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Evaluation on the implementation of the Yamoussoukro Decision (<i>Deadline Nov. 2009</i>) ▪ Dissemination of the Guidelines for Negotiation of Air Services Agreements between AU Member States and EC/EU Member States (<i>Deadline Nov. 2009</i>) ▪ Elaboration of the African Common Civil Aviation Policy (AFCAP) (<i>Deadline Apr. 2012</i>) <p><u>MARITIME TRANSPORT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Elaboration and adoption of the African Maritime Transport Charter (<i>Deadline Apr. 2009</i>) ▪ Study on a maritime continental coordination structure (<i>Duration: Mar – Oct. 2009</i>) ▪ Elaboration of framework for creation of coastguard networks (<i>Duration: Feb 2009 – Apr. 2010</i>) <p><u>RAILWAY TRANSPORT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Study on African Railway Development Fund 			

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		<p>(Duration Feb. – Dec. 2009)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Evaluation of privatisation of African railways (Duration: Feb-Nov. 2009) ▪ Elaboration of common standards for African railways (Duration: Mar. 2009 – Oct. 2011) <p>ROAD TRANSPORT: See EX.CL/Dec.393(XII)</p>			
<p>EX.CL/Dec. 435 (XIII) Decision on the Second Session of the Conference of African Ministers in charge of Communication and Information Technologies (ICT) Doc. EX.CL/434 (XIII)</p>	<p>URGES Member States to ensure effective use of the Reference Framework for the Harmonization of Telecommunications/ICT Policies and Regulations and, the implementation of the Strategic Orientation and Action Plan for the Development of Postal Services in Africa;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to disseminate the Reference Framework for the Harmonization of Telecommunications/ICT Policies and Regulations, and the Strategic Orientation and Action Plan for the Development of Postal Services in Africa to all Member States and other key stakeholders as well as facilitate their application;</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An action Plan for the implementation of the decision EXCL/.434(XIII) of the African Ministers of CIT was established and sent to the Ministerial Bureau for consideration ▪ A meeting of the Bureau was planned to consider and adopt the action Plan ▪ Some activities are already undertaken under the AUC 2008 Budget and the contribution of ITU to develop guidelines on policy among others things 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The esteemed budget for the implementation of all actions identified in the Framework for Harmonization of Policy is 7.6 millions for Telecom/ICT and Post. The main constraint is to mobilize on time the budget with the support of partners. ▪ ITU and EU already embarked in the implementation of some actions ▪ The gap of 	<p>Following the adoption of the Action Plan for the implementation of the decision EXCL/.434(XIII) by the Meeting of the Bureau of the CIT Ministers a request for support will be sent to partners for their involvement</p>

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	<p>Commission, in collaboration with the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), specialised institutions, Member States and other stakeholders to take the necessary measures to speed up the implementation of the Reference Framework for Telecommunication and ICT, the Strategies and Action Plans for the development of a Postal Sector in Africa, and the ARAPKE with a view to developing a strong, integrated and viable Communications sector in the Continent;</p> <p>APPEALS to the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the African Development Bank (AfDB), the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the World Bank, the European Union (EU), and relevant development partners to support the implementation of the Reference Framework for Telecommunication and ICT Policies and Regulations in Africa, the Strategies and Action Plans for the Development of the Postal sector in Africa and the African Regional Action plan on Knowledge Economy and its flagship projects;</p> <p>REQUESTS the Commission to</p>			resources will be mobilized through other partners	

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	<p>submit an official proposal to the African Development Bank seeking support to establish a Communication and Information Technologies Fund before 2010 to foster the implementation of ARAPKE;</p> <p>FURTHER REQUESTS the Commission to submit periodic reports on the implementation of this Decision to the Executive Council.</p>				

HUMAN RESOURCES, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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Assembly AU/Dec.138 (VIII) The Decision on the establishment of Pan-African Intellectual Property Organization (PAIPO)	<p>The Chairperson of the Commission in collaboration with RECs, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and in coordination with the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) and African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) to submit it the texts relevant to establishment of a single Pan-African Organization of Intellectual Property (PAIPO)</p> <p>The African Union Commission to submit a report on the establishment of this institution at the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly in July 2007</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brainstorming meeting was held with the key stakeholders ARIPO and OAPI, with several representatives from countries who were non members of either. Meeting held from 7th-8th June, 2008 - Brainstorming meeting was held with consultants to discuss the terms of reference to enable them prepare various sessions of Draft Constitutive Articles of PAIPO 8th-9th September, 2008 - Consultants/Experts meeting was held to discuss the produced Draft Constitutive Articles document (12th-14th November, 2008) 		<p>Delay in getting enough funding to hold meetings and process payment for consultants in the production of the Draft Constitutive Articles</p>	<p>Working closer with OAPI, ARIPO and Member States.</p> <p>Sourcing enough funds to execute meetings and programs, and running a functional office.</p>

RURAL ECONOMY AND AGRICULTURE

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DECLARATIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY					
Assembly/AU/Decl .1 (XI) Sharm El Sheikh Commitments for Accelerating the Achievement of Water and Sanitation Goals in Africa	<p>WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO:</p> <p>(a) Increase our efforts to implement our past declarations related to water and sanitation.</p> <p>(b) Raise the profile of sanitation by addressing the gaps in the context of the 2008 eThekwin Ministerial Declaration on sanitation in Africa adopted by AMCOW.</p> <p>(c) Address issues pertaining to agricultural water use for food security as provided for in the Ministerial Declaration and outcomes of the first African Water Week.</p> <p>And particularly;</p> <p>(d) Develop and/or update national water management policies, regulatory frameworks, and programmes, and prepare national strategies and action plans for achieving the MDG targets for water and sanitation over the next seven (7) years;</p> <p>(e) Create conducive environment</p>				

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	<p>to enhance the effective engagement of local authorities and the private sector;</p> <p>(f) Ensure the equitable and sustainable use, as well as promote integrated management and development, of national and shared water resources in Africa;</p> <p>(g) Build institutional and human resources capacity at all levels including the decentralized local government level for programme implementation, enhance information and knowledge management as well as strengthen monitoring and evaluation.</p> <p>(h) Put in place adaptation measures to improve the resilience of our countries to the increasing threat of climate change and variability to our water resources and our capacity to meet the water and sanitation targets;</p> <p>(i) Significantly increase domestic financial resources allocated for implementing national and regional water and sanitation development activities and Call upon Ministers of water and finance to develop appropriate investment plans;</p>				

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	<p>(j) Develop local financial instruments and markets for investments in the water and sanitation sectors;</p> <p>(k) Mobilize increased donor and other financing for the water and sanitation initiatives including national projects and Rural Water and Sanitation Initiatives, the African Water Facility; Water for African Cities programme and the NEPAD Infrastructure Project Preparation Facility, as committed in the G8 Initiatives on water and sanitation;</p> <p>(l) Promote effective engagement of African civil society and public participation in water and sanitation activities and programmes;</p> <p>(m) Promote programming that addresses the role and interests of youth and women, given that the burden of poor water and sanitation falls disproportionately on women and children;</p> <p>(n) Strengthen AMCOW as a key regional mechanism, and other regional stakeholders, as relevant, for promoting cooperation on water and sanitation;</p> <p>(o) Strengthen AMCOW's initiative on sustainable management of</p>				

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	<p>water resources, to implement its roadmap for the African Groundwater Commission;</p> <p>(p) Strengthen partnership at all levels in our countries and between Regional Economic Communities as well as with the international development agencies and promote public-private partnerships with the view to fast tracking actions towards meeting the MDG on water and sanitation in our continent;</p> <p>(q) Request AMCOW to annually report on progress made in the implementation of our commitment on water and sanitation with support from regional partners, and to submit these reports for our consideration;</p> <p>(r) Call on African Ministers in charge of water and finance in collaboration with the African Development Bank and development partners, to hold a meeting of Ministers of Water and Finance to develop appropriate financing policies;</p> <p>(s) Request the Regional Economic Communities and the Rivers and Lake Basin Organizations to initiate regional dialogues on</p>				

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	<p>climate change and its impacts on the water sector with the aim of designing appropriate adaptation measures;</p> <p>Call upon the G8 to reaffirm at its next Summit in Japan its commitment to fully implement the G8 initiatives on water in Africa, notably the 2003 Evian Plan on Water, to step up their engagement in the sanitation sector and to enter into a strengthened partnership with the AU Member States, through AMCOW, for achieving the Water and Sanitation MDGs.</p>				
<p>Assembly/AU/Decl .2 (XI) Declaration on Responding to the Challenges of High Food Prices and Agriculture Development</p>	<p>DECLARE our firm commitment to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Reduce by half the number of undernourished people in Africa by 2015 and eradicating hunger and malnutrition in the Continent. 2- Take all necessary measures to increase agricultural production and ensure food security in Africa, in particular through the implementation of Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme of NEPAD and the Maputo Declaration of July 2003. 3- Support the following thematic priority-options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increase food production and productivity for key 				

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	<p>commodities by improving access to agricultural inputs for diversified cropping and livestock production systems including targeted SMART subsidies (fertiliser, improved seeds, better access to technologies and innovations);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improve production of fertilizers from existing plants and explore the possibility of establishing new ones based on the availability of raw materials in the region; ▪ Support national and regional food initiatives to stabilize prices, and serve as emergency stock ; ▪ Strengthen food security and agricultural information and early warning systems that are sustainable with key stakeholder participation; ▪ Introduce and support agricultural insurance systems and micro credit; ▪ Increase production by improved sustainable soil fertility management including conservation agriculture technologies; ▪ Enhance food processing, credit systems, and use of improved storage, and minimize post harvest losses; 				

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Promote indigenous crops and technologies for production and processing of nutrient-rich crops; ▪ Improve logistics capacity to move emergency supplies and agricultural inputs. <p>4- Address the challenges posed by the high food prices through the following measures:</p> <p>(a) Immediate/ short terms responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Immediate assistance to the vulnerable segments of populations through targeted food assistance and safety net measures including cash and/or food transfers to combat hunger and malnutrition; ▪ Intensify agricultural production and productivity through the use of targeted input subsidies, particularly fertilizer and improved seed, and enhance access to water and small scale irrigation; ▪ Improve post harvest management to minimize crop storage losses and enhance processing; 				

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	<p>(b) Medium to long-term responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Invest in appropriate social safety nets and interventions that include both protective actions to mitigate short-term risks and preventative actions to preclude long-term negative consequences; ▪ Scale up investments for sustained agricultural growth including expanded public spending for rural infrastructure (roads, markets, irrigation and water harvesting techniques, etc.), services (micro-finance, market information systems, insurance programmes, etc.), agricultural research and technology development and transfer (increased productivity, post-harvest management, extension, etc.); ▪ Enhance sustainable land management practices including soil and water management and conservation; ▪ Enhance institutional and human capacities for agricultural development; ▪ Review bio-fuel policies to 				

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	<p>make more grains and oilseeds currently used for fuel available for food and feed.</p> <p>WE CALL FOR:</p> <p>1- A Global partnership that deals with the causes and repercussions of the current crisis, tackles the issue of food security within the more comprehensive humanitarian scope and its association with the inalienable human right to food and life, so as to support the efforts on the national, regional, and international levels to curtail the rise in food prices.</p> <p>2- The successful early conclusion of the Doha Round to provide for rules-based, fair and free international trade particularly in food and agriculture commodities is an indispensable part of a long term solution. The substantial lowering of barriers to trade in agriculture products coupled with reductions in overall trade-distorting subsidies, particularly in developed countries will have an impact on food production and investment in agriculture in many developing countries, particularly in Africa.</p> <p>3- The immediate launching of an</p>				

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	<p>International High level dialogue between food exporters and importers from developed and developing countries aimed at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Concluding an international strategy for the short, medium and long-term handling of the current crisis. b. Examining the speculation risks pertinent to agricultural commodity prices. c. Reinforcing the efforts to promote the development of the agriculture sector in fields of land reclamation, boosting productivity, and encourages the infrastructure needed for transporting and stockpiling crops. d. Energizing scientific research in the field of fertilizers and new seed varieties, one that scrutinizes the effects of genetically modified seeds on sanitary and phyto-sanitary, human, as well as animal health. e. Confronting climate change challenges seriously and effectively in its relationship with prevailing consumption and production patterns, and their grave repercussions on drought and land desertification, and their 				

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	<p>direct consequences on the world's food security.</p> <p>4- The setting of an international code of conduct that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Reconsiders the current expansion in the production of biofuel as an alternative source of traditional energy. b. Sets the standards for the responsible utilization of grain based biofuel. c. Reassesses the actual social and environmental costs of biofuel, and restricts its production to agricultural waste and specific designated non food crops. d. Reconsiders the current subsidy offered to ethanol and bio-diesel producers, and subjects it to rules of world trade. This subsidization is creating hazardous distortion to the present international system of agricultural production and trade. <p>WE FURTHER CALL UPON:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Multilateral and bilateral development partners, in particular those participating in the next G8 Summit in Hokaido to provide financial 				

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	<p>and technical support to assist African countries to increase substantially their food and agricultural production and productivity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The RECs to take proactive measures on their assistance to countries on the short term, as well as, medium-long term response by identification of the technical assistance required at the regional level. ▪ African Union Commission and NEPAD Secretariat to establish a taskforce supported by FAO, WFP, IFAD, World Bank, and RECs that can coordinate active and timely follow-up to actions in this declaration including; facilitation the coordination of development partners support for country level programming activities in connection with both immediate and longer term responses to the food price crisis and supporting the dialogue with development partners at national level on responses to the crisis. ▪ The African Union Commission, NEPAD Secretariat in collaboration 				

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	<p>with the FAO, WFP, IFAD, AfDB and the World Bank to develop a short term action plan to raise production substantially in the next two planning seasons.</p> <p>We commit ourselves to mobilize all means to alleviate the suffering caused by the situation of rising food prices and to strengthen agricultural development raising production and productivity as a solution to the challenges facing Africa.</p>				

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Introduction

A Panel of Seven Experts was assembled from seven countries to participate in a selection of five possible flag ideas for the AU. They met at the AU Commission Headquarters from 3 to 5 June 2008.

Memberships

The Experts represented various areas of leadership in graphic design, art, communications and advertising across Africa. Their task was to select five designs using agreed criteria to be presented to the AU.

Participants included:

North Africa

Mr. Taher Al Amin Al Maghrebi, Libya

Central Africa

Mr. Bingono Bingono François, Cameroon

East Africa

Mr. Eshetu Tiruneh Feleke, Ethiopia
Ms. Josephine Wanyana Mukasa, Uganda
Mr. Solomon LUVIA, Kenya

Southern Africa

Ms. Thakane Leretholi, Lesotho
Mr. Gary Thompson, Zimbabwe

Executive Summary: Panel of Experts

As mandated, we are proud to present the final five best selections from 105 plus one special submissions that have been reviewed, debated, analyzed and ranked. It is obvious that these main symbols are developing into a final choice, which includes:

- Africa as a central feature on the flag, gold representing wealth
- The stars representing each of the 53 countries possibly circling the continent
- A circular shape representing equality, union and harmony amongst the nations
- The green representing restoration, fertility and progress.

The Panel recommends clear and uncluttered design that would easily communicate. The five pieces of artwork selected meet these quality guidelines and criteria.

Terms of Reference

The Panel was given two clear guidelines to be followed, namely that the color green and 53 stars representing nations. No other guideline or interference in any part was placed on the Panel. The Panel had complete freedom to evaluate and recommend the entries.

Election of Chairperson and Rapporteur

The Panel selected a Chairperson, Ms. Josephine Wanayana Mukasa, from Uganda, and a Rapporteur, Mr. Gary Thompson, from Zimbabwe as recommended by Prof. CAL Johnson, Advisor to the Chairperson of the AUC, Culture and Communication who opened the Panel

Methodology

1. Processes and Procedure

The Panel agreed to use qualitative and quantitative analysis. This means a scoring criteria was developed to enhance appropriate values and points for grading of the 105 + 1 entries.

2. First Round Scoring Criteria

- Creativity and Originality – 30 points
- First Impression – 20 points
- Simplicity – 20 points
- Symbols and meaning – 10 points
- Layout and composition – 10 points
- Ease of reproduction – 10 points
- Total – 100 points

Report and Findings

After agreeing on the correct process and procedures, which outline a fair and transparent review of all submitted entries, the Panel proceeded as follows:

First Round

Screening of submitted proposals that met the AU criteria were displayed and analyzed according to the scoring criteria.

The screening reduced the 105 + 1 entries to 12 short listed pieces, plus one special entry.

This special entry was from the Great Leader of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. Careful attention was given to this submission, due to the role the great Leader had played in the competition.

The Panel agreed not to give the special entry a mark. Then, a totally open and extensive critic of all the works was thoroughly done as presented in table 1.

Table I – Round I

Position	Points Position	Round I Entry No.
1	315	7
2	329	5
3	342	4
4	310	8
5	214	11
6	319	9
7	343	3
8	204	12
9	319	6
10	405	2
12	473	1
13	259	10

Note: *These short listed entries were then*

Round II

The Panel further analyzed the designs quantitatively first through a refined scoring process.

The reviewed criteria is given below:

- Creativity – 40 points (includes originality and design)
- Simplicity – 30 points (includes ease of reproduction, clarity)

- Layout – 30 points (includes symbols and meaning)

Each member reviewed the work with a final tally of marks as indicated in table II.

Table II - Round II

Round II Entry No.	Points Total	Position
1	342	8
2	356	7
3	405	2
4	259	6
5	295	12
6	369	4
7	362	5
8	307	11
9	330	9
10	373	3
12	440	1
13	318	10

Note: Entry No. 11 was a duplicate piece of artwork and hence was already graded.

TABLE III – Round I and II Overview

Round I Entry No.	Points Position	Round II Entry No.	Points Position	Combined Totals	Entry No.	Final Ranking
12	473	12	440	913	12	1
10	405	3	405	810	3	2
7	343	10	373	716	10	3
3	342	6	369	711	6	4
2	329	7	362	691	7	5
9	319	4	259	678	4	6
1	315	2	356	671	2	7
4	310	1	342	652	1	8
6	319	9	330	649	9	9
13	259	13	318	577	13	10
5	214	8	307	521	8	11
8	204				5	12

Note: For reference purposes, comparisons between Round I and II are shown. The above table of results lists in order the Panel's final selection of best works.

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE FIVE SELECTED FINALISTS

The Panel has selected 5 entries plus one special entry submitted by the Great Libyan Leader.

1. First Place – Artwork No. 12, M. Abdelaziz KRID, Tunisian

The composition is good with a balanced size of circle and African map. The design is easily recognizable and represents equality for the nations and union of nations through the circular shape around Africa. The stars circle Africa like the sun with Africa in gold representing wealth and promise. The green represents productivity, African islands must be included. Some details in the design should be improved for example the shading, gradations, color,

2. Second Place – Artwork No. 3, M. NAMEKONG Georges- Remi, Cameroon

The intensity of a bold gold Africa was liked. The symbols representing the message of Unity was captured through the 53 stars surrounding Africa in a harmonious circle of equality. The proportions needed adjustment and color tones needed review. The work is simple but effective.

3. Third Place – Artwork No. 10, Yadesa Zewge Bojia, Ethiopia

The proportion needed attention but the rays surrounding Africa, culminating in the circular star emblem was quite creative. The words AU to be removed leaving only a clear image without subtitles.

4. Fourth Place – Artwork No. 6, Asnake Kifle, Ethiopia

A creative entry and a different approach where the star was made the central feature. The colors were bright. Smaller stars within the largest star that encircled Africa was liked, but the proportions needed attention.

5. Fifth Place – Artwork No. 7 - ypg, South Africa

A simple concept with the boarder of the flag using stars. The Panel liked the contrast of two colors. Again, islands and flat color needed to be used.

The Way Forward

It is obvious that these art entries represent a massive opportunity and land mark launch for AU communications globally. It is also clear, that for the Heads of State to appreciate and make a final decision, the artwork must be refined and amended as per

the Panel's above recommendations. This will require a professional to both finalize the designs and specifications as well as to print art samples on various materials. The image of a new AU can be very powerful and emotive. The Panel could be invited back to finalize the process and see that technical aspects are taken care of. For example, colors and symbols must be well rectified in the final presentations.

The Panel wishes to thank the AU Commission for this high honor and looks forward to meeting again.

Josephine W. Mukasa
Chairperson of the Panel

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