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## **DECISION ON THE SITUATION IN MADAGASCAR**

**The Assembly:**

- 1. RECALLS** the Decision of the Central Organ meeting in its Ordinary Session at the level of Heads of State and Government, in Addis Ababa on 3 February 2003, recommending the recognition of Mr. Marc Ravalomanana as the legitimate President of Madagascar;
- 2. ENDORSES** this recommendation and **DECIDES** that Madagascar should resume its seat within the decision-making bodies of the African Union;
- 3. ENCOURAGES** the Government of Madagascar to continue in its policy of national reconciliation.

**DECISION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD  
JANUARY – AUGUST 2003 AND THE BUDGET FOR  
THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2003**

**The Assembly:**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the recommendations of the Executive Council;
2. **APPROVES** the budget for the period January – August 2003 fixed at US\$22,600,000.00;
3. **APPROVES** the budget for the period September – December 2003 fixed at US\$13,000,000.00.

**DECISION ON THE PROGRAMME -**  
**BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2004**  
**Doc.EX/CL/26 (III) Rev.1**

**The Assembly:**

- 1. TAKES NOTE** of the Report;
- 2. APPROVES** the Programme-Budget for the Financial Year 2004 (January to December 2004) fixed at US\$43,000,000.00;
- 3. AUTHORIZES** the Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson and the Commissioners, who have just been elected, to readjust the Programme-Budget for the Financial Year 2004 within the limits of 43 million US Dollars in order to include their priorities in terms of human resources and programmes;
- 4. AUTHORIZES** the Executive Council to approve, on behalf of the Assembly, the Programme-Budget thus readjusted, at its Fourth Ordinary Session to be held in February/March 2004.

**DECISION ON OF THE DRAFT REVISED 1968**  
**AFRICAN CONVENTION (ALGIERS CONVENTION) ON THE**  
**CONSERVATION OF NATURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**Doc. EX/CL/50 (III)**

**The Assembly:**

1. **COMMENDS** the Interim Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) for their endeavour to update the 1968 African Convention on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (Algiers Convention) to take into account recent developments in the African environment and natural resources scenes, while bringing the Convention to the level and standard of modern multilateral environmental agreements;
2. **FURTHER COMMENDS** the Governments of Algeria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon and Nigeria, Parties to the 1968 African Convention on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, (Algiers Convention) for their initiative to bring about the revision of the Convention;
3. **APPROVES** the revised 1968 African Convention on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources;
4. **CALLS UPON** all Member States to sign and ratify the revised Convention in order to bring it into force as early as possible;
5. **FURTHER CALLS UPON** the Chairperson of the Commission to take all necessary measures to ensure that the revised Convention is sufficiently popularized to facilitate its implementation;
6. **URGES** the United Nations Environment Programme, relevant agencies of the United Nations system, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources and other relevant international Non-Governmental Organizations to collaborate with the Commission and Member States of the African Union to ensure the effective implementation of the Convention.

**DECISION ON THE ACTION PLAN OF THE  
ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVE OF NEPAD**

**The Assembly:**

**CONCERNED** about the rapid degrading of the African environment as a result of adverse global changes;

**RECALLING** the environmental aspects of the Millennium Declaration adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in September 2000,

**RECALLING** the adoption of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) as a programme of the African Union (AU) by the African Heads of State and Government in Lusaka, Zambia, in July 2001,

**RECALLING** the relevant decision on the New Partnership for Africa's Development Programme (NEPAD) by the Group of the Eight major industrialized countries (G8) and other partners,

**RECALLING** the Plan of Implementation adopted by the World Summit on Sustainable Development, held in Johannesburg, from 26 August to 4 September 2002 and its chapter 8 on sustainable development for Africa,

**CONSIDERING** the United Nations Declaration on the New Partnership for Africa's Development adopted on 16 September 2002 by the General Assembly, at a high-level plenary meeting,

**CONSIDERING** the results of the Conference on the Role of the Private Sector in Financing the New Partnership for Africa's Development held in Dakar in April 2003,

**CONSIDERING** the decision of the Second Special Session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment held in Maputo from 9 to 10 June 2003 to forward the Action Plan of the Environment Initiative of NEPAD for consideration by the second ordinary session of the Assembly of the African Union and the third ordinary session of the African Union Executive Council to be held in Maputo, Mozambique from 4 to 12 July 2003,

- 1. NOTES** the outcome of the second special session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment held in Maputo, Mozambique from 9 to 10 June 2003 which adopted the Action Plan of the Environment Initiative of the New Partnership for Africa's Development;
- 2. APPRECIATES** the support extended by partners, particularly the United Nations Environment Programme and the Global Environment Facility in the development of the Action Plan of the Environment Initiative of the New Partnership for Africa's Development;
- 3. ENDORSES** the Action Plan of the Environment Initiative of the New Partnership for Africa's Development;
- 4. INVITES** the Commission of the African Union, the NEPAD Secretariat, the UNEP and other partners to pursue their co-operations in order to give effective support to all the country Member States and the RECs in the implementation of the NEPAD Environmental Action Plan;
- 5. ALSO INVITES** bilateral and multilateral partners to actively participate in the donors conference on the Action Plan of the Environment Initiative of the New Partnership for Africa's Development to be held in Algiers, in December 2003;
- 6. FURTHER INVITES** the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment and the Secretariat of the New Partnership for Africa's Development in collaboration with the Global Environment Facility, the development banks including the African Development Bank, the United Nations Environment Programme, to play a leading role in mobilizing additional financial resources for the implementation of the Action Plan of the Environment Initiative of the New Partnership for Africa's Development and its associated projects.

**DECISION ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE  
AFRICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS**  
**Doc. Assembly/AU/7 (II)**

**The Assembly:**

1. **ADOPTS** the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Activity Report of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and commends it for the excellent work accomplished during the past year;
2. **REQUESTS** all the organs concerned to take the necessary measures to provide, pursuant to Article 41 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, the requisite human, financial, and material resources for its smooth functioning and submit a report thereon to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Session;
3. **REQUESTS** the ACHPR, to continue, in concert with the Commission of the African Union, to enhance interaction and coordination with the different organs of the African Union in order to strengthen the African Mechanism for the Promotion and Protection of Human and Peoples' Rights and report to Council at its next session;
4. **AUTHORIZES** the publication of the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Activity Report of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights pursuant to Article 59 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights;
5. **MANDATES** the Executive Council to consider the Annual Activity Report of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and to submit a report to it.

**DECISION ON THE PROCLAMATION OF THE 2004 “INTERNATIONAL YEAR FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS IN THE SERVICE OF DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE”**

**The Assembly:**

1. **WELCOMES** the initiative of the Republic of Tunisia aimed at proclaiming 2004 the “International Year for Physical Education and Sports in the Service of Development and Peace”;
2. **UNDERScores** the fact that physical education and sports are two crucial factors in promoting peace and development and facilitating the fight against social inequalities and fostering dialogue and interaction;
3. **REAFFIRMS** the importance of physical education and sports as factors of physical and mental well-being and social promotion;
4. **DECIDES** to support the draft resolution entitled “International Year for Physical Education and Sports in the Service of Development and Peace: 2004”, which will be submitted for adoption both by the 32<sup>nd</sup> UNESCO General Assembly (29 September – 17 October 2003) and the 58<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly (September – November 2003);
5. **REQUESTS** all Member States to support this draft Resolution.

**DECISION ON THE AFRICAN  
DEFENCE AND SECURITY POLICY**  
**Doc.Assembly/AU/6 (II)**

**The Assembly:**

- 1. COMMENDS** the efforts deployed by the Outgoing Chairperson of the Union, President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa, to implement the Durban Decision on the establishment of the Common African Defence and Security Policy; and the document prepared towards that end, namely the Draft Framework for a Common African Defence and Security Policy;
- 2. TAKES NOTE** of the said Draft Framework, as reviewed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Session of the Executive Council held in Sun City, South Africa, from 21 to 24 May 2003;
- 3. TAKES NOTE FURTHER,** of the comments made by Heads of State and Government during the debate, which constituted contributions to the on-going discussion of the matter;
- 4. REQUESTS** the Commission to conduct further consultations with all stakeholders including Ministers responsible for Defense and Security and legal Experts with the view to finalizing the Common African Defence and Security Policy in time for consideration by the next Session of the Assembly; or at an Extraordinary Session of the Assembly to be convened by the Current Chairman if deemed necessary.

**DECISION ON THE ELABORATION OF A  
CODE OF CONDUCT ON TERRORISM**

**The Assembly:**

1. **WELCOMES** the proposal of H.E. Zine El Abidine BEN ALI, President of the Republic of Tunisia, calling for an International conference to draw up a code of conduct on counter terrorism;
2. **WELCOMES ALSO** the continuous efforts made by the African Union to combat terrorism and **REAFFIRMS** the commitment made by AU in this field, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Code of Conduct on Inter-African Relations adopted by the OAU Summit held in Tunis in June 1994, the 1999 Algiers Convention on the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism and the Dakar Declaration of October 2001;
3. **UNDERScores** the urgency of a concerted common action by the international community in pursuance of the fight against terrorism based on a global approach to peace to address the root causes of the new challenges to the security of States and individuals,
4. **CONSIDERS** that today it is imperative to establish a Code of Conduct geared towards combating terrorism and promoting humanitarian and moral values based on solidarity, tolerance and the rejection of any form of discrimination, injustice, extremism and hatred as well as fostering mutual respect for the sovereignty of States,
5. **RECOGNIZES** that the importance of such a Code should facilitate and promote negotiations on the drafting of a Global Convention on Terrorism, given the voluntary accession by all Member States which would make it possible to identify areas of convergence,
6. **RECALLS** paragraph 112 of the Final Declaration of the 13<sup>th</sup> Summit of Non-Aligned Countries held in Kuala Lumpur, backing Tunisia's proposal to draft under the auspices of the United Nations, a Counter Terrorism Code of Conduct,
7. **APPEALS** to all Member States of the United Nations and international organizations to support this initiative and possibly contribute to its concretization when it is tabled before the United Nations General Assembly.

**DECISION ON TERRORISM IN AFRICA**

**The Assembly:**

1. **EXPRESSES CONCERN** over the increasing threat posed by international terrorism, in particular the expanding terrorist networks and the impact of such activities on the security situation and the socio-economic development of the continent;
2. **WELCOMES** the entry into force, on 6 December 2002, of the Algiers 1999 Convention on the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism and **URGES** all Member States that have not yet done so to become parties to the Convention as a matter of priority;
3. **ENDORSES** the Plan of Action and the recommendations of the Inter-Governmental High Level Meeting on the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism in Africa, held in Algiers, from 11 - 14 September 2002;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to take the steps required for the implementation of the Plan of Action and, in this regard, **TAKES NOTE** of the initial steps taken, in conjunction with the Government of Algeria, on the establishment of the African Centre for the Study and Research on Terrorism;
5. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission, in consultation with Member States, to finalize the Draft Protocol to the Algiers Convention and submit same to the next Session of the Assembly.

**DECISION ON THE OPERATIONALIZATION OF THE PROTOCOL  
RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL**

**The Assembly:**

- 1. UNDERSCORES** the urgency of the entry into force of the Protocol relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union and the importance it attaches to the establishment of this key organ as a body responsible for conflict prevention, management and resolution;
- 2. COMMENDS** Member States that have already deposited their instruments of ratification of the Protocol, namely: South Africa, Algeria, Ethiopia, Equatorial Guinea, Mali, Mozambique, Libya, Lesotho, Mauritius, Sierra Leone, The Gambia, Ghana, The Sudan and Rwanda, and **WELCOMES** the announcement by some other Member States indicating that they have already ratified the Protocol and are preparing to deposit their instruments of ratification;
- 3. URGES** all the countries that have not yet done so, to speed up the process of signing and ratifying the Protocol;
- 4. COMMENDS** the Commission for its initiatives to facilitate the operationalization of the Protocol once it has entered into force, particularly with regard to the preparation of the Rules of Procedure of the Peace and Security Council and the document on the operational modalities of the Panel of the Wise, as well as the establishment of the African Standby Force and the Military Staff Committee.
- 5. TAKES NOTE** of the framework document for the establishment of the African Standby Force and the Military Staff Committee adopted by the Third Session of African Chiefs of Defense Staff held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 15 -16 May 2003;
- 6. REQUESTS** that the Commission convenes a meeting of continental experts to consider the Rules and Procedure of the Peace and Security Council and the Modalities of the Panel of the Wise in order to make recommendations to the Executive Council in March 2004;

- 7. INVITES** the Commission to continue initiatives already begun on these different issues and take the necessary steps to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding on the relations between the AU and the Regional Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution Mechanisms and the establishment of the Early Warning System provided for under the Protocol;
  
- 8.** Pursuant to Article 9 (2) of the Constitutive Act of the African Union and in the event where the Protocol relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council enters into force before its next session, **AUTHORIZES** the Executive Council to take the necessary measures for the operationalization of the said Protocol, including the election of members of the Peace and Security Council and the adoption of the rules of Procedure of the organ.

**DECISION ON THE PROTOCOL TO THE TREATY  
ESTABLISHING THE AFRICAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY  
RELATING TO THE PAN-AFRICAN PARLIAMENT**

**The Assembly:**

1. **NOTES WITH APPRECIATION** the conclusions of the meeting of African Parliaments held in Cape Town, South Africa from 30 June to 1 July 2003 and **ENCOURAGES** the Steering Committee set up in pursuance of the Decision taken by the Assembly in Durban, South Africa in July 2002, to pursue its endeavours aimed at speeding up the process of ratification of the Protocol by Member States;
2. **UNDERScores** the urgency of the entry into force of the Protocol to the Treaty establishing the African Economic Community relating to the Pan-African Parliament and the importance of setting up this organ which will ensure the effective and full participation of African peoples in the development and integration of the Continent;
3. **COMMENDS** Member States which have already deposited the instruments of ratification of the Protocol;
4. **URGES** all countries which have not already done so, to speed up the process of signing and ratifying the Protocol by 31 December 2003 if possible to enable the Protocol to enter into force, and the Parliament to meet before January 31<sup>st</sup> 2004;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to pursue the efforts already initiated to obtain very rapidly the requisite number of ratifications for the entry into force of the Protocol, thereby making this instrument operational;
6. **NOTING** that the Protocol will come into force 30 days after ratification;
7. **MANDATES** delegates of the Troika/the Chairperson of the Union to determine the beginning of the first term of office of the Pan-African Parliament in terms of Article 5 (2) of the Protocol as soon as the Protocol comes into force;



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE INTERIM CHAIRPERSON ON  
THE CONFERENCE ON ELECTIONS, DEMOCRACY AND GOOD  
GOVERNANCE**

**DOC. EX/CL/35 (III)**

**The Assembly:**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Conference;
2. **COMMENDS** the Government of South Africa for hosting the Conference;
3. **WELCOMES** the Communiqué of the Conference on Elections, Democracy and Governance held in Pretoria, South Africa, from 7 – 10 April 2003;
4. **UNDERScores** the importance and role of democracy and good governance in economic and social development and **REAFFIRMS** the commitments of the Union in this respect;
5. **DIRECTS** the Commission to transmit to Member States the Communiqué and the other conclusions of the Pretoria Conference for consideration and comments.
6. **ENCOURAGES** Member States to study and implement the provision of the Communiqué and Conclusion of the Conference.

**DECISION ON THE DRAFT PROTOCOL TO THE AFRICAN  
CHARTER ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS  
RELATING TO THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN**

**The Assembly:**

- 1. TAKES NOTE** of the recommendations of the Executive Council;
- 2. ADOPTS** the Draft Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights relating to the Rights of Women;
- 3. APPEALS** to all Member States to sign and ratify this important instrument in order to ensure its speedy entry into force.

**DECISION ON THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE  
ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION ON EMPLOYMENT  
AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION IN AFRICA**

**The Assembly:**

- 1. WELCOMES** the offer of President Blaise COMPAORE of Burkina Faso to host an Extraordinary Summit on Employment and Poverty Alleviation in Africa;
- 2. DECIDES** to convene this Extraordinary Summit in the year 2004 and **INVITES** all Member States to participate actively in the Summit;
- 3. REQUESTS** the AU Commission to make the necessary arrangements, in collaboration with the Regional Economic Communities (RECS), the ILO and other partners and stakeholders to convene the Extraordinary Summit on Employment and Poverty Alleviation in Africa

**DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT BY THE  
EUROPEAN UNION OF A PEACE SUPPORT OPERATION  
FACILITY FOR THE AFRICAN UNION**

**The Assembly:**

1. **RECALLS** its Durban Decision of July 2002 on the Protocol relating to the establishment of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU) and the on-going efforts for its early entry into force and operationalization, as well as the active involvement of the AU in the search for lasting solutions to the various conflicts facing the continent;
2. **ACKNOWLEDGES** that the proliferation of conflicts in Africa and associated violence constitute a major impediment in the attainment of sustainable development and growth, as well as the efforts towards poverty reduction. In particular, the Assembly **UNDERLINES** that the persistence of conflicts and the lack of resources to implement African initiatives prevent the continent from taking full advantage of development cooperation, particularly the assistance offered by its development partners;
3. **EXPRESSES ITS DETERMINATION** to address the scourge of conflicts in Africa in a collective, comprehensive and decisive manner, within the framework of the AU and its relevant Organs, and with the full support of the wider international community;
4. **WELCOMES** the dynamic and reinforcing partnership that is developing between the AU and the European Union (EU) in promoting peace, security and stability in Africa, as a crucial area of cooperation and dialogue, and **EXPRESSES** its profound gratitude to the EU for the assistance rendered so far to the AU, especially in support of its peace and security agenda;
5. **REQUESTS** the EU to examine the possibility of setting up a Peace Support Operation Facility (PSOF), to fund peace support and peace keeping operations conducted under the authority of the AU, thereby enhancing the capacity of the Union to fully play its role in the promotion of peace, security and stability in Africa. Such a Facility should be based on the principle of solidarity among African countries and should be financed from resources allocated to each of them under the existing cooperation agreements with the EU, initially supplemented by an equivalent

amount of unallocated European Development Fund (EDF) resources;

- 6. FURTHER REQUESTS** the AU Commission to liaise with the EU Commission to work out the modalities and functioning of such Facility which should be sustainable and replenished whenever necessary.

**DECISION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
DURBAN DECISION ON THE INTERIM PERIOD**

**The Assembly:**

- 1. TAKES NOTE** of the various Reports of the Interim Chairperson of the Commission on implementation of the Durban Decision on the Interim Period;
- 2. ALSO TAKES NOTE** of Decision No. Ext.EX/CL/Dec.5 (III) of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Session held in Sun City and Decision No.EX/CL/Dec.35 (III) on the Structure and Conditions of Service of the Staff of the Commission taken by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session in Maputo, Mozambique;
- 3. COMMENDS** the Interim Chairperson, the Interim Commissioners and the entire staff of the Commission for the excellent results achieved in implementation of this Decision;
- 4. APPROVES** the Structure and Conditions of Service of Staff and all the related Executive Council recommendations as contained in the above Decisions;
- 5. REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Commission, in concert with Member States, to take all appropriate measures to implement the said Decision.

**DECISION ON APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN  
COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS**  
**Dec.EX/CL/57 (III)**

**The Assembly:**

- 1. TAKES NOTE** of the election by the Executive Council of members of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights;
- 2. APPOINTS** the following persons as members of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights:
  - a. Ms. Sanji MONAGENG (Botswana)
  - b. Mr. Mohamed Abdellahi Ould BABANA (Mauritania)
  - c. Mr. Bahame Tom Mukirya NYANDUGA (Tanzania)
- 2. CONGRATULATES** the newly elected members of the Commission;
- 3. ENCOURAGES** the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights to spare no effort in pursuing its mandate in the promotion and protection of human rights in Africa.

**DECISION ON APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN  
COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE RIGHTS  
AND WELFARE OF THE CHILD  
DOC.EX/CL/58 (III)**

**The Assembly:**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the election by the Executive Council of members of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child;
2. **APPOINTS** the following persons as members of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child:
  - a. Prof Peter Onyekwere EBIGBO (Nigeria)
  - b. Dr Asseffa BEQUELE (Ethiopia)
  - c. Mr. Jean Baptiste ZOUNGRANA (Burkina Faso)
  - d. Ms. Nakpa POLO (Togo)
3. **CONGRATULATES** the newly elected members of the Committee;
4. **ENCOURAGES** the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child to spare no effort in pursuing its mandate in the promotion and protection of the rights and welfare of the African Child

**DECISION ON THE DRAFT PROTOCOL OF THE  
COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE AFRICAN UNION**  
**Dec.EX/CL/59 (III)**

**The Assembly:**

- 1. TAKES NOTE** of the recommendations of the Executive Council;
- 2. ADOPTS** the Draft Protocol of the Court of Justice of the African Union;
- 3. APPEALS** to all Member States to sign and ratify this important instrument in order to ensure its speedy entry into force.

**DECISION ON AMENDMENTS TO**  
**THE CONSTITUTIVE ACT**

**The Assembly:**

4. **ADOPTS** the Draft Protocol on the amendments to the Constitutive Act;
5. **APPEALS** to all Member States to sign and ratify this important instrument in order to ensure its speedy entry into force.

**DECISION ON THE DRAFT CONVENTION  
ON THE PREVENTION AND COMBATING OF CORRUPTION**

**The Assembly:**

- 1. TAKES NOTE** of the recommendations of the Executive Council;
- 2. ADOPTS** the Draft Convention on the Prevention and Combating of Corruption;
- 3. APPEALS** to all Member States to sign and ratify this important instrument in order to ensure its speedy entry into force.

**DECISION ON APPOINTMENT OF  
AU COMMISSIONERS**

**The Assembly:**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the election by the Executive Council of the AU Commissioners;
2. **APPOINTS** the following persons as members of the Commission of the African Union:

<b>Portfolios</b>	<b>Elected</b>	<b>Country</b>
Peace and Security	Said Djinnit (Mr.)	Algeria
Political Affairs	Julia Dolly Joiner (Mrs.)	The Gambia
Infrastructure and Energy	Bernard Zoba (Mr.)	Congo Brazzaville
Social Affairs	Gawanas Bience Philomina (Ms.)	Namibia
Human Resources, Science and Technology	Saida Agrebi (Mrs.)	Tunisia
Trade and Industry	Elisabeth Tankeu (Ms)	Cameroon
Rural Economy and Agriculture	Rosebud Kurwijila (Ms)	Tanzania
Economic Affairs	*	Southern Africa

\* The post of "Economic Affairs" is to be allocated to the "Southern Africa" Region.

3. **CONGRATULATES** the newly elected Commissioners of the African Union.

**SPECIAL COMMENDATION TO H.E. DR. JACQUES DIOUF DIRECTOR-  
GENERAL OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF  
THE UNITED NATIONS**

**The Assembly:**

**Conscious** of the immense contributions of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), under the dynamic and purposeful leadership of H.E. Dr. Jacques Diouf, to the development of agriculture and food production in Africa,

**Appreciative** of the invaluable support given by the FAO to the African Union's Programme, the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) in the formulation and elaboration of the Comprehensive African Agricultural Development Programme (CAADP) and its Action Plans,

**In recognition** of the unreserved commitment of Dr. Jacques Diouf to the full development of the agricultural potentials of Africa, and through that, to the eradication of hunger and poverty in the Continent:

**COMMENDS** H.E. Dr. Jacques Diouf, Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for his commitment to, and pioneering concrete actions towards the development and improvement of agriculture, enhancement of food security and eradication of poverty in Africa.

**DECISION ON THE CONVENING OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT ON  
AGRICULTURE, WATER RESOURCES  
AND ENERGY IN AFRICA**

**The Assembly:**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the First Session of the Conference of Africa Ministers of Agriculture held in Maputo, Mozambique, on 2 July 2003;
2. **CALLS UPON** Member States to submit to the Commission of the African Union proposals on the strategic themes for possible inclusion on the agenda of the Extraordinary Summit on Agriculture, Water Resources and Energy in Africa;
3. **MANDATES** African Union Commission to initiate a feasibility study with appropriate Terms of Reference on the themes of the Extraordinary Summit, using as guide the proposals put forward by the Leader of the Libyan Revolution Colonel Muamar Khaddafi and other States;
4. **ENCOURAGES** the Chairperson of the African Union, as part of his coordination role, to liaise appropriately with Member States to follow up on the outcomes of the discussion on the proposed Summit.

