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### **The 8<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Session of the Executive Council of the African Union**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Session of the Executive Council of the African Union was held on Thursday, 19 January 2006 under the Chairmanship of the Foreign Minister of Nigeria and was attended by a number of Foreign Ministers of the AU Member States who came to the Sudanese capital, Khartoum to prepare for the deliberation of the 6<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union.

The Meeting was characterized by lengthy and constructive discussions centred on the search for ways and means of improving the work of the Union and operationalizing its various structures to ensure better management and utilization of its financial and human resources.

At the end of the session, the Executive Council adopted the draft budget for 2006.