

**DECISION ON BUILDING A UNITED FRONT TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF  
JUSTICE AND THE PAYMENT OF REPARATIONS TO AFRICANS**  
*(Item proposed by the Republic of Ghana)*

**The Assembly,**

1. **RECALLS** the first Pan-African Conference on Reparations held in Abuja in April 1993, referred to as the “1993 Abuja Proclamation on Reparations”, which urged the international community to recognize the unique and unprecedented moral debt owed to the African peoples;
2. **FURTHER RECALLS** the 2001 Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, on the effects of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Intolerance, which provided a comprehensive and visionary blueprint that embodies the world’s commitment to tackle the scourge of racism in all its forms and manifestations;
3. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the Continental Consultations on the Restitution of Cultural Property and Heritage held in November 2021 and the AU’s efforts aimed at the return of stolen artefacts, including religious and cultural relics;
4. **COMMENDS** the Republic of Ghana for co-organizing the Conference on the theme, “Advancing Justice: Reparations and Racial Healing ”in August, 2022, and its outcome document the Accra Declaration;
5. **TAKES NOTE** that the Accra Declaration called on African nations, their citizenry and political leaders, to enforce the demands for full reparations from the responsible nations, institutions and governments, given the negative impact visited by slavery, colonialism, apartheid and genocide, on Africans and people of African descent;
6. **DIRECTS** the Commission, in consultation with Member States, ECOSOCC and other AU organs as well as the RECS, to establish an African Committee of Experts on Reparations for the purpose of developing a Common African Position on Reparations and incorporate therein, an African Reparatory Programme of Action; and collaborate with the Caribbean Community (CARICUM) to establish an African Caribbean Joint Mechanism on Reparative Justice based on the resolve of the Global African Diaspora Summit held in South Africa in 2012 ;
7. **ENDORSES** the proposal by the Republic of Ghana to co-organize with relevant stakeholders and host an International Conference in 2023 towards “Building a United Front to Advance the Cause of Justice and the Payment of Reparations to Africans”; **FURTHER URGES** the Commission to collaborate with the Government of Ghana in organizing the Conference in 2023;

8. **REQUESTS** the Commission to submit a progress report on the implementation of this decision to the 37th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government in February 2024.