

**DECISION ON THE AFRICAN GROWTH AND
OPPORTUNITY ACT (AGOA)
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The Executive Council:

- 1. TAKES NOTE** of the Report;
- 2. WELCOMES** the adoption of AGOA III by the US Congress;
- 3. URGES** the US Congress to extend the Third Country Fabric provision to all AGOA eligible countries;
- 4. MANDATES** the Chairman of the African Union Trade Ministers Conference to communicate eligible Member States' concerns to the US Congress;
- 5. REQUESTS** the AU Commission to intensify its effort to ensure that eligible Member States draw maximum benefits from AGOA, both in terms of trade and investment mobilization. In this regard, the Commission should work closely with AGOA-designated Hubs and collaborate with the United States Trade Representative (USTR) and the RECs in order to develop a comprehensive regional work programme for the eligible countries; to that end, a capacity-building programme to enhance the ability of entrepreneurs to exploit business opportunities should be developed.