**DECISION ON NEPAD**

The Executive Council:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report;
2. **RECALLS** the Maputo Decision on Integration of the NEPAD into the AU structures and processes;
3. **URGES** Member States to accelerate the adoption of AU/NEPAD programmes as frameworks and guidelines for regional and national development plans, and identify feasible programmes for each priority sector;
4. **ALSO URGES** Member States as a matter of urgency give RECs clear mandates as well as the required capacities for the implementation and monitoring of NEPAD programmes and projects, in view of the regional approach of NEPAD;
5. **WELCOMES** the G8 Africa Action Plan as a reflection of the emerging commitment of the industrialized countries and multilateral institutions to Africa, and **RECOMMENDS** to Member States and the RECs to consider the G8 Africa Action Plan and develop strategies to access additional resources committed through this Plan;
6. **APPEALS** to the international community at large to take concrete steps to increase resource flows to enable African countries to achieve the MDGs at the approach of the 5th anniversary of the MDGs;
7. **REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee, in consultation with the Chairperson of the AU Commission, should ensure smooth and flexible integration of NEPAD into the AU Commission bearing in mind the necessity to preserve its flexible operating procedure;
8. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Commission to brief the Executive Council regularly on the progress of the NEPAD programme implementation.