**DECISION ON THE ALTERNATIVE SOURCES  
OF FUNDING THE AFRICAN UNION  
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The Executive Council:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report;
2. **DECIDES** that:

a group of 15 experts from Member States (3 per region) specialized in financial, fiscal customs and public finance matters should be established to consider the report submitted to the 3rd Ordinary Session of the Executive Council held in Maputo in July 2003;

the related expenses should be borne by the Commission;

the Commission should take the necessary steps for the experts to meet as soon as possible and submit their report before 31 May 2004;

the report of the experts should be submitted for consideration during the Fifth Ordinary Session due to take place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in July 2004.