

**DECISION ON THE MERGER OF THE AFRICAN COURT ON  
HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS AND THE COURT OF  
JUSTICE OF THE AFRICAN UNION**  
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**The Executive Council:**

- 1. TAKES NOTE** of the Report;
- 2. DECIDES** to refer the recommendations of the Commission and the PRC and the Draft legal instrument to a meeting of the PRC and Government Legal experts for finalisation and submission to the 7<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of Council in July 2005, without prejudice to the operationalization of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights as far as possible;
- 3. URGES** all Member States which have not yet done so to sign and ratify or accede to the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights and the Protocol on the Court of Justice of the African Union.