

**DECISION ON THE CRITERIA FOR GRANTING OBSERVER  
STATUS AND A SYSTEM OF ACCREDITATION TO THE AU**

**Doc. EX.CL/161 (VI)**

**The Executive Council:**

- 1. TAKES NOTE** of the Report;
- 2. DECIDES** to refer the Draft Criteria for Granting Observer Status and the System of Accreditation to the AU as contained in Document EX.CL/161 (VI) to a meeting of the PRC and Legal experts for finalization and submission to the 7<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Executive Council scheduled in July 2005.
- 3. FURTHER DECIDES** that non-African States and inter-governmental organizations could be granted accreditation to the Union with the right to attend only public sessions and to receive only documents of general distribution;
- 4. REQUESTS** the Commission to develop and strictly enforce a system of classification of documents.