**DECISION ON THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF  
THE AFRICAN PRIVATE SECTOR FORUM  
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The Executive Council;

1. TAKES NOTE of the Report;
2. **WELCOMES** this initiative and **REAFFIRMS** the important role of the Private Sector in the development of Africa;
3. **UNDERSCORES** the necessity for the private sector to lead the process, while the Commission plays the role of facilitator in the organization of the Forum;
4. **INVITES** the Private Sector to finance the organization of the Forum with the facilitation of the Commission;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission with the assistance of ECA, ADB the African Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the Labour and Social Affairs Commission to organize the Forum.