

**DECISION ON TICAD III AFRICA-ASIA FOLLOW-UP
CONFERENCE, TOKYO, NOVEMBER 2004 - DOC.EX.CL/188(VII)**

The Executive Council:

- 1. TAKES NOTE** of the Report;
- 2. EXPRESSES** appreciation for the role of Japan in enhancing Afro-Asian cooperation through the Tokyo International Conference on Africa's Development" (TICAD) process;
- 3. WELCOMES** the Declaration of H.E. Mr. Junichiro Koizumi, Prime Minister of Japan to start the Internet website "TICAD-EXCHANGE" with 8 African countries as a first step and **CALLS on** Japan to include the rest of the African countries in the programme by the end of 2006;
- 4. WELCOMES** the invitation of the Japanese Government to host the Fourth TICAD Conference in 2008;
- 5. CALLS FOR** the effective implementation of the Common Political Framework to enhance Trade and Investment between Africa and Asia signed between NEPAD and TICAD in Tokyo in 2004;
- 6 CALLS ON** Member States, the AU Commission and the TICAD to establish appropriate mechanisms for the promotion of South-South triangular cooperation, particularly, technology transfer;
- 7. REQUESTS** the Commission to implement, in cooperation with relevant partners, the initiative of Japan's Prime Minister on the enhancement of Afro-Asian cooperation as announced during the Afro-Asian Trade and Investment Conference (AATIC) in Tokyo in 2004;
- 8. MANDATES** the Commission to coordinate and harmonise the different initiatives under the TICAD process, and identify the sources of funding and the local and regional African institutions to implement them.