DECISION ON CONTRIBUTIONS - DOC.EX.CL/175 (VII)-b

The Executive Council:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report;

2. **COMMENDS** the following Member States which are up to date with the payment of their assessed contributions: Algeria, Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Ethiopia, Libya, Namibia, Rwanda, SADR, Swaziland, Senegal and South Africa and **ENCOURAGES** other Member States to pay their assessed contributions in full and on time;

3. **COMMENDS** the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia for its voluntary contribution to the Solidarity Budget and **URGES** other Member States to follow suit;

4. **URGES** the Chairperson of the Commission to ensure transparency and judicious utilization of the funds availed to the Commission;

5. **REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Commission to secure alternative sources of financing the Commission's programmes;

6. **INVITES** the Pan-African Parliament to sensitize national parliaments regarding the need for Member States to support the work of the Commission;

7. **MAINTAINS** the sanctions on the following Member States: Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles and Somalia;

8. **DECIDES** to place under sanctions the following Member States in accordance with Resolution CM/Res.1279 (Lil) of July 1990: Eritrea and Niger, with effect from July 2005;

9. **ALSO DECIDES** to maintain the temporary exemption granted to Sierra Leone and **REQUESTS** this Member State to comply with its Rescheduling Plan;

10. **TAKES NOTE** of the statement from Eritrea and Niger that they are committed to pay off their contribution and that payment in their regard is being processed;
11. OTHER NOTE of the statement of Egypt and Zambia that payment of their contributions has been made but is yet to be credited in the account of the AU;

12. ADVICE Somalia to submit to the Commission its request to be exempted from sanctions due to their special circumstances, for consideration by the relevant AU Organs.