**DECISION ON THE CRITERIA FOR GRANTING OBSERVER  
STATUS AND A SYSTEM OF ACCREDITATION WITHIN THE AU  
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The Executive Council:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Meeting of the PRC and Legal experts on Legal Matters and the recommendations contained therein;
2. **WELCOMES** the accreditation of some non-African States to the Unio;
3. **DECIDES** to adopt the Criteria for Granting Observer Status and a System of Accreditation within the AU as contained in Document EX.CL/195 (VII) Annex V;
4. **AUTHORISES** the Chairperson of the AU Commission to implement the said Criteria..