

**DECISION ON PREPARATION OF AFRICA'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE 2006 UN
GENERAL ASSEMBLY (UNGASS) ON AIDS**
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The Executive Council:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the Preparation of Africa's contribution to the 2006 UN General Assembly (UNGASS) on AIDS;
2. **RECALLS** that the outcome of the (April 2001 Abuja) African Summit on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis (TB) and Other Related Infectious Diseases (GRID) was Africa's contribution to the June 2001 UN General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) on AIDS;
3. **ALSO RECALLS** the Continental Forum on Human Rights and People Infected and Affected by HIV/AIDS, held in Addis Ababa in November 2005;
4. **WELCOMES** the creation of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM) and **ACKNOWLEDGES** that Africa has benefited significantly from the GFATM in promoting access to prevention, treatment, care and support for people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS;
5. **ALSO WELCOMES** the global and African call for Universal Access to prevention, treatment and care for people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS;
6. **FURTHER WELCOMES** the convening of UNGASS on AIDS in 2006 for the Mid-Term Review of the 2001 Declaration of Commitment;
7. **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** the elaboration of an African Common Position as the Continent's contribution to the Report on the Review of the Implementation of the Declaration of Commitments of the 2001 UNGASS;
8. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in pursuit of the above objectives, to coordinate the process of developing the African Common Position in collaboration with Member States and International Organizations actively involved in the fight against HIV/AIDS;
9. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to submit the African Common Position for adoption by AU Ministers of Health during the World Health Assembly in May 2006 and subsequently to UNGASS on AIDS in June 2006;
10. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to submit a Report on the African

Common Position to the 9th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council.