

**DECISION TO DECLARE 2006 AS THE YEAR OF AFRICAN LANGUAGES**  
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**The Executive Council:**

- 1. RECALLS** the adoption of the Language Plan of Action for Africa in 1986 and revised in 2005;
- 2. TAKES NOTE** of the Nairobi Declaration on Culture, Integration and African Renaissance adopted by the 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the AU Conference of Ministers of Culture held in December 2005 in Nairobi, Kenya;
- 3. RECOGNIZES** the role of African Languages in the socio-economic and cultural development as well as in the political integration of the Continent;
- 4. DECIDES** to recommend to the Assembly that **2006** be declared as the Year of African Languages;
- 5. ENCOURAGES** all Member States to establish language promotion structures at national level and to participate in activities planned for the Year;
- 6. REQUESTS** the Commission to coordinate such activities in collaboration with UNESCO and other relevant partners.