**DECISION ON AFRICAN COMMODITIES  
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The Executive Council:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the AU Ministerial Conference on Commodities;
2. **ENDORSES** the Arusha Declaration and Plan of Action on African Commodities;
3. **CALLS UPON** Member States to implement the commitments contained in the Declaration and Plan of Action;
4. **AUTHORIZES** the Commission to initiate activities, in collaboration with Member States, RECs, the Common Fund for Commodities (CFC), UNCTAD, FAO, and other relevant organizations to establish a follow-up mechanism to facilitate the implementation of the Arusha Plan of Action on African Commodities;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report regularly to the Executive Council on progress in the implementation of the Arusha Plan of Action;
6. **EXPRESSES** its gratitude to the UNDP, the Government of Japan and the CFC for their financial support and to UNCTAD and CFC for their technical support to the experts’ seminar and Ministerial Conference.