

DECISION ON THE AFRICA-EUROPE DIALOGUE
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The Executive Council:

- 1. TAKES NOTE** of the report of the Fifth Ministerial Meeting of the Africa-Europe (EU) Troikas held in Bamako, Mali on 2 December 2005, which reviewed the issues as contained in the Cairo Declaration and Plan of Action;
- 2. ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the EU Strategy for Africa which complements the African Union Strategic Plan;
- 3. COMMENDS** the Africa-EU Ministerial Troikas for the efforts being made on a number of issues of interest to both sides;
- 4. UNDERLINES** the need to maintain issues of priority to Africa within the context of the Africa-EU dialogue;
- 5. DECIDES** that the Africa-EU Ministerial Troikas should continue to strengthen the Africa-EU Dialogue and seek ways that could lead to the revitalization of the Follow-up Mechanism provided for in the Cairo Declaration with a view to holding the Africa-EU Summit in the near future;
- 6. INVITES** the experts from both sides (Africa/Europe) to develop a joint implementation matrix and study the EU Strategy with a view to translating it into an action plan.