

DECISION ON MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS
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The Assembly:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the meeting of Ministers of Trade held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt from 8 to 9 June, 2005;
2. **EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** for the efforts deployed by African negotiators in the various bodies of the WTO and by Member States and RECs in the different national and regional fora put up for EPA negotiations;
3. **CALLS ON** developed countries to meet the requirements of developing countries in setting up a credible end date for the elimination of all forms of support to agricultural products;
4. **URGES** all bilateral and multilateral donors to honour their commitment on the development-related aspects of the cotton initiative;
5. **ENDORSES** the Cairo Declaration and Road Map on the Doha Work Programme as well as the AU's Ministerial Declaration on EPA negotiations;
6. **INVITES** Member States, RECs and the Commission to stand by those Declarations in order to speak with one voice and safeguard Africa's interests in WTO and EPA negotiations.