

**DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AFRICAN
EDUCATION FUND DOC.EX.CL/314 (X)**

The Assembly :

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the recommendations of the Executive Council on the Report of the second extra-ordinary session of the Conference of Ministers of Education of the African Union (COMEDAF II) held in Maputo, Mozambique in September 2006;
2. **COMMENDS** the Conference of Ministers of Education of the African Union for the Plan of Action for the Second Decade of Education for Africa;
3. **AUTHORIZES** the establishment of an African Education Fund;
4. **CALLS UPON** Member States to make voluntary contributions to the Fund;
5. **APPEALS** to African and international agencies, as well as civil society and development partners to support the Plan of Action;
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in consultation with the various Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and development partners, to:
 - a. Facilitate the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Second Decade of Education for Africa;
 - b. Secure funding to strengthen the Education Department in the Commission and at the RECs through capacity building and strategic recruitment
 - c. Investigate the nature and modalities, and set in motion the process of establishing the African Education Fund;
 - d. Expedite the formalization of working relations between the Commission and expert agencies in support of the Plan of Action.