

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE EXTRAORDINARY CONFERENCE OF
MINISTERS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - DOC. EX.CL/315 (X)**

The Assembly:

- 1. TAKES NOTE** of the recommendations of the Executive Council on the report of the Extraordinary Conference of Ministers of Science and Technology;
- 2. WELCOMES AND SUPPORTS** the Declaration of 2007 as the launching year of building constituencies and champions for science, technology and innovation in Africa;
- 3. STRONGLY URGES** Member States to promote Africa's Research and Development (R&D) and develop innovation strategies for wealth creation and economic development by allocating at least 1% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of national economies by 2010 as agreed by Khartoum Decision (EX.CL/Dec.254 (VIII));
- 4. ALSO SUPPORTS** the establishment of a Pan-African Intellectual Property Organization (PAIPO);
- 5. ENDORSES** the need for South-South and North-South cooperation in science, technology and innovation and to enhance its role in international partnerships.