

DECISION ON THE AFRICAN DIASPORA SUMMIT

The Executive Council:

1. **RECALLS** the Decision on the First African Union Ministerial Diaspora Conference held in Midrand, South Africa from 16 to 18 November 2007;
2. **COMMENDS** the efforts of the Commission and the Republic of South Africa in implementing this Decision, and the progress made so far in organizing the African Diaspora Summit scheduled to be held in Johannesburg, South Africa from 7 to 11 October 2008;
3. **URGES** the Republic of South Africa and the Commission to continue to collaborate closely in this regard;
4. **WELCOMES** the organization of a Technical Workshop to be held in South Africa from 28 to 30 July 2008, in accordance with the recommendation of the Ministerial Conference, and within the framework of efforts to promote consensus-building in the finalization of the Declaration, Programme of Action and its implementation plan to be adopted at the Diaspora Summit;
5. **REQUESTS** Member States, leaders of the Caribbean Community and the African Diaspora to continue to support and participate actively in the process leading up to the Summit, and the implementation of the Programme of Action to be adopted thereafter;
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission to ensure that the process of organizing Regional Consultative Conferences (RCCs) continues as part of the Implementation Plan, to include the African Diaspora in the Gulf, the Middle East, Oceania and other parts of the world where they have not been held;
7. **CALLS ON** Member States to provide adequate and necessary resources for the implementation of the Programme of Action arising out of this Summit and the wider Diaspora initiative.