The Assembly:


2. **WELCOMES** efforts to strengthen the dialogue between the two sides including the College-to-College meeting of the African Union (AU) Commission and the European Commission, held in Brussels, Belgium, on 1 October 2008;

3. **RECALLS** the responsibilities entrusted to the African Troika extended to include the lead agencies in the conduct of the partnership with the EU.

4. **COMMENDS** the Joint Experts Groups for the considerable work done so far in the implementation;

5. **CALLS UPON** all parties to expedite efforts with a view to attaining tangible results within the timeframe of the First Action Plan (2008-2010);

6. **REQUESTS** both Africa and the European Union to ensure that the necessary funds are allocated in order to foster effective implementation of the Joint Strategy/First Action Plan;

7. **URGES** Member States, the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and other stakeholders to take active part in the implementation of the First Action Plan under the coordination of the AU Commission;

8. **REQUESTS** the Commission to ensure the effective involvement of the RECs and other stakeholders in the implementation and monitoring processes;

9. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to engage with the EU to organise a workshop on the modalities for accessing its funds;

10. **REQUESTS** the Commission to submit a special report to each Session of the Executive Council on the progress made in the implementation of the partnership with the European Union.