**DECISION ON THE STATUS OF SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION
OF OAU/AU TREATIES - DOC. EX.CL/37KXII)**

The Executive Council:

**1. TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the Status of Signature and Ratification of OAU/AU Treaties;

**2. COMMENDS** the Chairperson and the Commission as a whole for the ongoing efforts aimed at encouraging Member States to become States Parties to the OAU/AU Treaties;

**3. REITERATES ITS APPEAL** to Member States to prioritize and accelerate the signing and ratification/accession to OAU/AU Treaties;

**4. FURTHER REITERATES ITS APPEAL** to the Pan-African Parliament to assist with advocacy and sensitization of Member States to expedite the process of ratification/accession to OAU/AU Treaties;

**5. REQUESTS** the Commission to expedite resolving the inconsistencies in various linguistic texts, in particular in Arabic and Portuguese, and to set up a team of experts in this regard;

**6. FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to take the necessary steps to expedite the implementation of the previous decisions of the Executive Council on harmonization of ratification procedures and the review of OAU/AU treaties and to report thereon to the next ordinary session of the Executive Council scheduled for July 2008.