

**DECISION ON THE AFRICA-EUROPEAN UNION (EU) DIALOGUE**  
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**The Executive Council:**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Consolidated Report of Consultations on the Implementation of the first Action Plan of the Africa-European Union (EU) Joint Strategy;
2. **ENDORSES** the recommendations made by Member States and civil society on the way forward regarding the implementation of the Action Plan;
3. **UNDERScores** the critical coordinating role of the *chefs de file* and the need to comply with the format of the Troika meetings in accordance with the Joint Strategy and Plan of Action regarding the participation of members of the Troika at the Ministerial level and members of the enlarged Troika at Experts and Senior Officials level;
4. **CALLS UPON** Member States to express interest in the eight partnerships of the first Action Plan, allocate the necessary human, material and financial resources and propose projects for the implementation, based on criteria to be agreed upon with the Commission and within the framework of the eight partnerships, of the first Action Plan;
5. **URGES** Member States, the Regional Economic Communities and other relevant stakeholders to take active part in the implementation of the first Action Plan under the coordination of the Commission;
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission to ensure the effective involvement of the Regional Economic Communities in the implementation and monitoring of the processes;
7. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to negotiate implementation modalities with the European Union on the basis of the outcome of the consultations.