**DECISION ON MULTILATERAL COOPERATION**

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The Executive Council,

**1. TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Sub-Committee of the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) on its activities relating to Multilateral Cooperation and on Africa’s strategic partnerships;

**2. ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the progress made in the preparations for the various summits scheduled to be held this year 2009;

**3. FURTHER TAKES NOTE** of the completion of the joint Plan of Action of the Africa-India Forum Summit and **REQUESTS** the Commission and the PRC to finalise it with the Indian side with the view to implementing it;

**4. TAKES NOTE** of the comments by the PRC on the study on the Global Review of Africa’s Strategic Partnership with the other parts of the World submitted by the Commission;

**5. REQUESTS** the PRC to continue to work closely with the Commission with a view to concluding the Global Review and report to the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in January 2010;

**6. ENDORSES** the holding of the Second Africa-South America Summit in Caracas, Venezuela in September/October 2009 and **REQUESTS** the Commission to consult all concerned parties with a view to determining the actual dates and to inform Member States accordingly.

**7. TAKES NOTE** of the offer by the Republic of Korea to organize the Second KOREA-AFRICA Forum, at ministerial level in Seoul, from 24 to 25 November 2009 and **REQUESTS** the Commission and the PRC to take the necessary measures to ensure full participation of Member States in the preparation of this forum;

**8. CALLS ON** Member States to fully participate in both the preparation and the holding of the summits scheduled for 2009 in accordance with the Banjul format of participation;

**9. REQUESTS** the Commission to take all necessary measures to participate in the preparation and holding of future meetings of the partnership, particularly with China and Japan, as per previous decisions on this issue;

**10. FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to propose to the PRC, through its Sub- Committee on Structures, the structure of a Coordination and Management of Partnerships Unit to be located in the Office of the Chairperson, and to make appropriate recommendations to the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in January 2010.