

**DECISION ON THE AFRICAN COMMON POSITION
AND THE 2010 MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS REPORT
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The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the recommendations of the Third Joint Annual Meeting of the African Union (AU) Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development held on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in Lilongwe, Malawi, from 25 to 30 March 2010;
2. **WELCOMES** the efforts by the Commission in collaboration with UNECA, the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the United Nations Development Programme to produce the 2010 Progress Report on MDGs;
3. **ENDORSES** the African Common Position on the MDGs as well as the 2010 Assessed Progress Report in Africa towards the achievement of the MDGs;
4. **CALLS ON** Member States to take the necessary steps to implement the recommendations contained in the proposed African Common Position;
5. **URGES** Member States to strengthen their statistical systems and institutions in order to produce reliable, quality and timely statistics for the monitoring of MDGs in Africa;
6. **ALSO URGES** Member States to explore innovative ways of mobilizing funds to support MDGs-related programmes and activities;
7. **CALLS ON** development partners to fulfil their official development assistance commitments including allocating 0.7% of their GDPs to assist Africa meet the MDGs by the target date;
8. **REQUESTS** the Commission in consultation with Member States to submit the African Common Position to the High Level Summit in September 2010 in New York, United States of America and **INVITES** the African Group at the United Nations (UN) Headquarters in New York to support and promote the Position during the High-Level Plenary Meeting and its preparatory process;

9. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with UNECA and AfDB, to commence reflections on the MDGs for the period beyond 2015;
10. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to report regularly on the progress made in implementing the MDGs in Africa.