

DECISION ON THE AFRICAN UNION PASSPORT AND LAISSEZ-PASSER
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The Executive Council,

- 1. TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Chairperson of the Commission on the implementation of the new African Union Diplomatic and Service Passports;
- 2. ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the difficulty faced by the Commission in issuing the five-(5) year validity African Union Diplomatic and Service Passports to Staff on short duration contracts (short-term Staff, project Staff and consultants);
- 3. APPROVES** the Commission's recommendation to have a second type of machine-readable travel document - African Union Diplomatic and Service Laissez Passer with the same security standards and quality for issuance to Staff members on short term duration contracts;
- 4. REQUESTS** the Commission to submit to Member States the criteria and guidelines relating to the eligibility for the AU Diplomatic and Service Passports as well as the Laissez-Passer;
- 5. ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to report on the implementation of this Decision to the next ordinary session of the Executive Council in June 2011.