**DECISION ON ORGANIC FARMING**

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The Executive Council,

**1. TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Conference of Ministers of Agriculture held in Lilongwe, Malawi on 28 and 29 October 2010 on Organic Farming, and **ENDORSES** the Resolution contained therein;

**2. EXPRESSES** concern over the current practice of exploitation of the organic farmers in Africa;

**3. REQUESTS** the Commission and its New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD) Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) to:

i) initiate and provide guidance for an African Union (AU)-led coalition of international partners on the establishment of an African organic farming platform based on available best practices; and

ii) provide guidance in support of the development of sustainable organic farming systems and improve seed quality;

**4. CALLS UPON** development partners to provide the necessary technical and financial support for the implementation of this Decision;

**5. REQUESTS** the Commission to report regularly on the implementation of this Decision.