

DECISION ON ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN
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The Executive Council:

- 1. TAKES NOTE** of the Report;
- 2. URGES** Member States to formulate and implement a national policy for the economic empowerment of women which offers them real business opportunities on the national, regional and international markets;
- 3. DECIDES** that this policy be included among the criteria for under the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM);
- 4. CALLS ON** Member States to establish specific and relevant programmes for the development of women's entrepreneurs which will facilitate the access of women to land, micro-credits, loans, technological innovations and research results in terms of business opportunities;
- 5. RECOMMENDS** that the AU Commission invite officially women entrepreneurs to participate in the Third Ordinary Session of the AU Conference of African Ministers of Trade in 2005.