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The Pan-African Parliament,

- (a) **RECALLING** the presentation on the New Partnership on Africa's Development (NEPAD) and the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) to the Committee of the Whole House by Professor Wiseman Nkuhlu of the NEPAD Secretariat and the general debate on 23 September 2004;
- (b) **NOTING** that the NEPAD represents the plan of action of the AU for the socio-economic reconstruction and development of Africa thereby giving effect to the Vision, Mission and Strategic Plan of the AU;
- (c) **FURTHER NOTING** that the African Peer Review Mechanism is an instrument of the AU that promotes good governance, democracy, accountability and transparency;
- (d) **ACKNOWLEDGING** the rationale for the voluntary accession by Member States to the APRM;
- (e) **CONGRATULATING** the twenty-three Member States that have acceded to the APRM;
- (f) **HIGHLIGHTING** the role of the Pan-African Parliament in facilitating the implementation of the NEPAD through engagement with National and Regional parliaments, civil society and other Organs of the AU as well as exercising oversight of the implementation of policies and programmes of the AU;

Recommends:

1. That National Parliaments of all Member States that have not signed the APRM urge their governments to accede to the APRM as a demonstration of their commitment to democracy and good governance in Africa;
2. That the NEPAD Secretariat submits regular progress reports on the implementation of the NEPAD to the Pan-African Parliament for consideration by the parliamentary Committees and debate in the House;
3. That all peer review reports be tabled in the Pan-African Parliament for debate, observations and recommendations.