**DECLARATION ON EQUATORIAL GUINEA
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**The Assembly:**

**1. EXPRESSES** its concern over the recurrence of the phenomenon of mercenarism and its consequences on the security and stability of African countries;

**2. CONDEMNS** the acts of mercenarism perpetrated against the Government of Equatorial Guinea on 7 March 2004;

**3. COMMENDS** South Africa, Angola and Zimbabwe for their cooperation with Equatorial Guinea which made it possible to foil this destabilization attempt;

**4. URGES** all countries of the Continent to take the necessary steps to combat the planning and preparation of acts of mercenarism on their territories. In this regard, the Assembly **CALLS** on Member States to promote greater exchange of information and adopt appropriate legislations against mercenarism;

**5. REAFFIRMS** the commitment of the African Union to combat the phenomenon of mercenarism, in compliance with the OAU Convention on the Elimination of Mercenarism in Africa;

**6. REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Commission to transmit this Decision to the United Nations Security Council, for the adoption by this organ of a resolution on mercenarism.