

**DECISION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF COOPERATION BETWEEN AFRICA
AND THE TOKYO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AFRICAN
DEVELOPMENT (TICAD) - DOC. EX.CL/373(XI)A**

The Assembly:

- 1. EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION** for Japan's sustained efforts to promote peace and prosperity in Africa, and for its initiative to organize TICAD IV in Yokohama, Japan from 28 to 30 May 2008;
- 2. TAKES NOTE** of the progress made in the two Regional Preparatory Meetings in Zambia and Tunisia in October and November 2007 respectively, for the preparation of TICAD IV;
- 3. CALLS UPON** Member States, the AU Commission and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to fully cooperate with the TICAD process in order to make strides 'Towards a Vibrant Africa: A Continent of Hope and Opportunity', which is the main theme of TICAD IV;
- 4. ALSO CALLS UPON** Member States to elaborate concrete programmes and projects relating to the main areas of TICAD IV cooperation , namely (i) boosting economic growth, (iii) achieving the MDGs (ensuring human security), (iv) peace consolidation and (v) democratization and addressing environmental issues and climate change;
- 5. REQUESTS** Member States to participate in the TICAD IV Ministerial Preparatory Conference in Gabon in March 2008 and **ALSO REQUESTS** the AU Commission, in collaboration with the RECs to provide necessary support to Member States in the above-mentioned Conference;
- 6. CALLS UPON** African Heads of State and Government to fully participate in TICAD IV in conformity with the Banjul Decision (July 2006).