

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE ON NEPAD
Assembly/AU/10 (X)**

The Assembly:

1. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** of the report by the Chairperson of NEPAD Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee, H.E. Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia;
2. **ENDORSES** the conclusions of the 18th NEPAD HSGIC Summit;
3. **TAKES NOTE** of the recent recall of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), NEPAD Secretariat, Professor Firmino Mucavele, by the Government of Mozambique and **CALLS UPON** the Chairperson of the AU Commission in consultation with the HSGIC Chairperson to appoint urgently a new Chief Executive Officer in conformity with the rules, policies and practice governing AU appointments and final short-listing by a Panel of representatives of the Chairs of AU, AUC, HSGIC and Algeria, Egypt, Nigeria, Senegal and South Africa;
4. **FURTHER TAKES NOTE** of the poor financial situation of the NEPAD Secretariat and **AGREES** that Member States of HSGIC should pay up their arrears and annual contributions up to the next financial year, beginning in April 2008;
5. **URGES** Member States of the African Union to make voluntary contributions to the NEPAD Secretariat;
6. **REQUESTS**, in the spirit of broad inclusiveness in the NEPAD process, for the rotation of the membership of the HSGIC to take place every two years, excepting the five initiating countries and for the five AU regions to consult and present their candidates for elections to the HSGIC at the 11th AU Assembly;
7. **REITERATES** the importance of convening the NEPAD Review Summit at the earliest opportune moment, and for the event to hold before the 11th AU Assembly;
8. **AGREES** to proceed with the integration of NEPAD into the AU structures and processes, immediately, and in an expeditious manner, along the lines of the 13-point conclusions of the Algiers Brainstorming Summit of March 2007.