

DECISION ON THE AFRICA-EUROPEAN UNION DIALOGUE
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The Assembly:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Joint Progress Report on the Implementation of the Africa-European Union (EU) Joint Strategy/First Action Plan adopted by the eleventh Africa-EU Ministerial Troika, held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 20 to 21 November 2008;
2. **WELCOMES** efforts to strengthen the dialogue between the two sides including the College-to-College meeting of the African Union (AU) Commission and the European Commission, held in Brussels, Belgium, on 1 October 2008;
3. **RECALLS** the responsibilities entrusted to the African Troika extended to include the lead agencies in the conduct of the partnership with the EU.
4. **COMMENDS** the Joint Experts Groups for the considerable work done so far in the implementation;
5. **CALLS UPON** all parties to expedite efforts with a view to attaining tangible results within the timeframe of the First Action Plan (2008-2010);
6. **REQUESTS** both Africa and the European Union to ensure that the necessary funds are allocated in order to foster effective implementation of the Joint Strategy/First Action Plan;
7. **URGES** Member States, the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and other stakeholders to take active part in the implementation of the First Action Plan under the coordination of the AU Commission;
8. **REQUESTS** the Commission to ensure the effective involvement of the RECs and other stakeholders in the implementation and monitoring processes;
9. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to engage with the EU to organise a workshop on the modalities for accessing its funds;
10. **REQUESTS** the Commission to submit a special report to each Session of the Executive Council on the progress made in the implementation of the partnership with the European Union.