

DECISION ON AFRO-ARAB COOPERATION CM/2158 (LXXII)

Council:

1. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Secretary-General on the Afro-Arab Cooperation;
2. NOTES WITH GRAVE CONCERN the non-convening of the meetings of the policy organs;
3. CALLS ON the African and Arab Member States to reactivate, revitalize and revive Afro-Arab Cooperation in the economic, social and cultural fields;
4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to pursue contacts with the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States with a view to convening the meetings of the Coordinating Committee and of the Standing Commission as early as possible;
5. URGES the General Secretariat to study and take concrete actions to implement the recommendations contained in Memorandum CM/Info (Egypt) presented by the Arab Republic of Egypt and endorsed by the Seventieth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers, and to present a report to the Seventy-third Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers;
6. FURTHER REQUESTS the Secretary-General to review, with the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, the possibility of drawing up a new programme of cooperation that takes account of the new orientations of the two entities and explore other areas of cooperation;
7. WELCOMES the offer by the Government of Algeria to host the 12th Session of the Standing Commission of Afro-Arab Cooperation;
8. THANKS the Lebanese Government for the excellent facilities provided for the organization of the Fifth Afro-Arab Trade Fair;
9. INVITES all Member States to participate fully and effectively in the Fifth Afro-Arab Trade Fair.