

DECISION ON AFRICA-EUROPEAN UNION DIALOGUE - DOC. EX.CL/342 (XI)

The Executive Council:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on Africa-European Union (EU) Dialogue;
2. **WELCOMES** the consultations undertaken with various stakeholders leading to the finalization of the outline for the Joint Africa-EU Strategy;
3. **ADOPTS** the Outline for the Joint Africa-EU Strategy as a basis for the elaboration of a fully-fledged Joint Strategy and Action Plan to be adopted at the December, 2007 Lisbon Africa-Europe Summit;
4. **URGES** the Africa-EU Ministerial Troika and the Experts to expedite the elaboration of the Joint Strategy and Action Plan as part of Lisbon Summit documentation;
5. **WELCOMES** progress made in preparations for the Africa-EU Summit to be held in Portugal, in December 2007, and **NOTES** that all African countries and the African Union (AU) Organs would be invited without conditions;
6. **URGES** all African Countries and the AU Organs to fully participate in the Summit;
7. **ENDORSES** the convening of a joint ministerial meeting to prepare adequately for the Lisbon Summit and **WELCOMES** in this regard the offer by the Arab Republic of Egypt to host the meeting in November 2007;
8. **REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Commission to ensure that the Agenda of the Summit takes into account Africa's development needs including agriculture and food security;
9. **SUPPORTS** the forthcoming launching of the Africa-EU Partnership on Infrastructure and **REQUESTS** the Commission to take all necessary measures to ensure participation of African stakeholders at this important event.