**DECISION OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ON THE REPORT OF THE THIRD  
ORDINARY SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF  
EDUCATION OF THE AFRICAN UNION (CQMEDAF III)  
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The Executive Council:

**1. TAKES NOTE** of the report and Communique of the Third Ordinary Session of the Conference of Ministers of Education, held in Johannesburg, South Africa from 6th to 10th August 2007;

**2. ADOPTS** the conclusions and recommendations of the Ministers of Education as follows:

a. **CALLS ON** Member States, with support from development partners to expedite the implementation of the following, and to report progress at the COMEDAF IV session in 2009:

(i) Strategy for harmonisation of Higher Education in Africa;

(ii) African quality rating mechanism for Higher Education;

(iii) Strategy for technical and vocational education with special reference to countries in post-conflict situations;

(iv) Policy framework on access to post-primary education for refugees and internally displaced persons;

(v) Mechanism for reporting on implementation of the Plan of Action, and

(vi) Framework for establishing strategic partnerships to ensure greater harmonisation and co-ordination of education sector programmes in Africa.

b. **CALLS ON** the Commission to expedite the implementation of the

strategy for developing a mechanism for the establishment of an African Education, Science and Technology Fund.

c. **FURTHER CALLS** on the Commission to spearhead the development of a framework for national and continental book policies to strengthen the development, production and distribution of quality African education materials.