DECISION ON THE OAU PEACE FUND (CM/2170 (LXXII))

Council:

1. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Secretary General on the OAU Peace Fund;

2. EXPRESSES APPRECIATION to all Member States and external donors for the financial support they continue to extend to the work of the OAU Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution;

3. PAYS TRIBUTE to Member States who have made voluntary contributions to the OAU Peace Fund, and appeals to those who have not done so to make financial contributions to the Fund;

4. EXPRESSES CONCERN that the operational activities of the OAU Mechanism are largely dependent on external sources of funding, and urges Member States to assume a greater role in the financing of the OAU Peace Fund;

5. ENCOURAGES the General Secretariat to further explore ways and means for mobilizing adequate resources for the Peace Fund from non-governmental and non-traditional sources, including the African business communities;