DECLARATION ON THE SITUATION IN CÔTE D'IVOIRE

The Executive Council,

1. **STRONGLY CONDEMN** the attempted assassination perpetrated at Bouake on 29 June 2007 against Mr. Guillaume Soro, the Prime Minister of Côte d'Ivoire, and which resulted in several casualties,

2. **ALSO STRONGLY CONDEMN** any attempt aimed at jeopardizing the progress recorded in the peace process in Côte d'Ivoire;

3. **STRESSES** the need to identity the perpetrators of this criminal act as soon as possible and to bring them to justice;

4. **REITERATES** the full support of the African Union for the Ouagadougou Political Agreement signed on 4 March 2007 under the facilitation of President Blaise Compaore of Burkina Faso, Chairperson of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), and for the efforts being made by the Ivorian parties towards the implementation of the said Agreement;

5. **ENCOURAGES** the Ivorian parties to pursue and intensify their efforts within the context of the Ouagadougou Political Agreement and to continue lending the Facilitator the necessary support towards the successful conclusion of the peace and reconciliation process in Côte d'Ivoire.