DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE SECOND CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF BORDER ISSUES Doc. EX.CL/585(XVII)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Second Conference of African Ministers in charge of Border Issues and of the preparatory meetings of Experts held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 25 March and from 22 to 23 March 2010, respectively;

2. **ENDORSES** the Declaration on the African Union Border Programme (AUBP) and the modalities for the pursuit and acceleration of its implementation as adopted by the Second Conference of African Ministers in charge of Border Issues;

3. **WELCOMES** the contribution of the international partners, in particular the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and GTZ which are providing financial and technical support towards the implementation of the AUBP, and **ENCOURAGES** them to continue to provide and step up their support;

4. **URGES** Member States to take appropriate measures to implement the Declaration, especially the components relating to delimitation/demarcation, cross-border cooperation and capacity building;

5. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with the Regional Economic Communities to fully play their respective roles in the implementation and monitoring of the AUBP;

6. **ENDORSES** the recommendation by the Second Conference of African Ministers in charge of Border Issues to institute an "African Day for Borders" so as to further highlight the importance of the AUBP and encourage additional efforts towards its implementation;

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7. **RECOMMENDS** to the Assembly that the "African Day for Borders" be celebrated every year on 7 June, in reference to the date of the First Conference of African Ministers in charge of Border Issues;

8. **REQUESTS** the Commission and Member States to take advantage of the activities programmed within the framework of "2010: The Year of Peace and Security in Africa" to underscore the importance of the AUBP and the contribution expected from its implementation towards enhancing the structural prevention of conflicts;

9. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to report regularly to the Executive Council on the implementation of this Decision.