The Executive Council:

1. **EXPRESSES ITS GRAVE CONCERN** over the deterioration of the political climate characterized by the deadlock in the implementation of the Linas-Marcoussis Accord and in government activity as well as by persistent acts of violence;

2. **CONDEMNS** the clashes which took place in the northern Region on 20 and 21 June 2004 and **DEPLORES** the loss of human lives;

3. **URGES** the Ivorian parties to demonstrate political will and work for the total implementation of the Linas-Marcoussis Accord;

4. **APPEALS** to the Ivorian parties to pursue the dialogue and to create conditions conducive to the effective functioning of the government. In this regard, Council **UNDERSCORES THE URGENCY** in the realization of the programme for the disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration, adoption of all the texts of law provided for in the Linas-Marcoussis Accord and the deployment of the Administration throughout the national territory;

5. **REAFFIRMS** the African Union’s commitment to the unity and territorial integrity of the Republic of Côte d’Ivoire;

6. **HAILS** the on-going efforts by the Heads of State of ECOWAS and the other African Heads of State to find a peaceful solution in Côte d’Ivoire and **WELCOMES** the support of the AU Chairperson in these efforts;

7. **URGES** ECOWAS to remain seized of the issue.