

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE EIGHTH CONFERENCE OF  
MINISTERS OF ANIMAL RESOURCES  
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**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Eighth Ministerial Conference on Animal Resources held in Entebbe, Uganda, from 13 to 14 May 2010, and **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained therein;
2. **WELCOMES** efforts by the Commission to support Member States in promoting Animal health, production and trade;
3. **URGES** Member States to:
  - i) enhance investment in animal resources development consistent with the 2003 Maputo Commitment on the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP);
  - ii) strengthen/establish national coordination mechanisms to harmonise Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) related issues;
  - iii) improve the quality and timeliness of animal disease reporting mechanisms.
4. **ALSO URGES** the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to:
  - i) establish well-structured livestock governance systems to achieve effective coordination of Transboundary Animal Diseases and zoonosis;
  - ii) Extend Programme of Action for the Implementation of the Africa Regional Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction (2006-2015).
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with the RECs and partners, to:
  - i) convene a Livestock Summit with a view to engaging AU Heads of State and Government on enhancing the animal resources development potential;
  - ii) strengthen and sustain participation of Member States in Standards Setting;
  - iii) promote inter and intra-regional trade in animal resources.

6. **CALLS UPON** the relevant development partners to provide the required technical and financial support to Member States, the Commission and RECs to ensure the effective implementation of this Decision;
7. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report regularly on the implementation of this Decision.

