

DECISION ON THE MEETING OF EXPERTS ON THE
REVIEW OF OAU/AU TREATIES
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The Executive Council:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report;
2. **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained in the report of the experts during their meeting held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 18 to 20 May 2004, in respect of each of the treaties and to consider the proposed new areas for conclusion of new treaties;
3. **DECIDES** that the 1969 OAU Convention governing the specific aspects of Refugee problems in Africa should be retained in its present form;
4. **FURTHER DECIDES** that:
 - i) The specific needs of internally displaced persons (IDPs) such as protection and assistance should be addressed through a separate legal instrument;
 - ii) The safety and security of refugees and host countries as well as all other areas not covered by the OAU 1969 Convention should be addressed through soft law; through the adoption of annual decisions of the Assembly.
5. **FURTHER TAKES NOTE** of the proposal on the establishment of an African Commission on International Law and **REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Commission to elaborate detailed proposals on the mandate, structure and financial implications of the proposal;
6. **MANDATES** the Chairperson of the Commission to undertake preliminary studies to determine the best way to implement the above decisions and **AUTHORISES** him to convene meetings of experts to examine those recommendations and to elaborate the necessary legal instruments;
7. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Commission to include in the ongoing study on Specialised Technical Committees (STCs), the proposal of an STC on Legal Affairs.