

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE AFRICAN CHIEFS
OF DEFENSE STAFF AND HEADS OF SAFETY AND SECURITY SERVICES AND
THE THIRD ORDINARY MEETING OF THE AFRICAN MINISTERS OF DEFENSE,
SAFETY AND SECURITY ON THE OPERATIONALIZATION
OF THE AFRICAN STANDBY FORCE***
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The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Sixth Meeting of the African Chiefs of Defense Staff and Heads of Safety and Security Services and the Third Ordinary Meeting of the African Ministers of Defense, Safety and Security on the operationalisation of the African Standby Force (ASF), held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 14 and 15 May 2009, respectively;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the Decision to defer to a later date the choice of the Continental Logistics Base;
3. **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained in the Declaration adopted by the Third Ordinary Meeting of the Ministers of Defense, Safety and Security regarding the operationalisation of ASF by 2010;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission, working closely with the relevant Regional Economic Committees (RECs)/Regional Mechanisms (RMs), as well as Member States, to vigorously pursue its efforts in order to meet the 2010 deadline for the full operationalisation of the various ASF components, as included in the Declaration;
5. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to ensure that Exercise AMANI AFRICA, aimed at testing the operationalisation of ASF is conducted within schedule;
6. **EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** to the international partners for having provided the essential financial support for the operationalisation of ASF;
7. **CALLS ON** Member States and the international partners to continue to provide the necessary support with respect to technical and financial resources for the effective establishment of ASF by 2010;
8. **REQUESTS** the Commission to follow up on the implementation of this Decision and to report to the Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in June/July 2010.

* **Reservation entered by Cameroon.**