

**DECISION ON THE PROPOSAL TO MAKE WATER AND SANITATION  
THE THEME OF THE JULY 2008 SUMMIT.- DOC. EX.CL/388(XII)**

**The Executive Council:**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Sixth Ordinary Session of the African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW) held in Brazzaville, Congo from 28 to 31 May 2007;
2. **NOTES WITH APPRECIATION** the efforts of the United Nations Secretary General to put Water and Sanitation amongst the priority development agenda of Africa;
3. **FURTHER NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the progress that has been made by the United Nations Secretary General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation to bring water and sanitation issues to the attention of the Assembly of the African Union;
4. **APPRECIATES** the offer of the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt to host the technical preparatory meeting towards the Summit on Water and Sanitation;
5. **RECOMMENDS** that "Water and Sanitation" be the theme of the July 2008 Summit of the African Union Heads of State and Government;
6. **CALLS UPON** the Chairperson of the United Nations Secretary General's Advisory Board to liaise with the Chairperson of the AU Commission and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt, to lead the preparation of the relevant documents and to convene a technical preparatory meeting for the Summit;
7. **FURTHER CALLS UPON** the Secretary General of the United Nations to continue to support the efforts of Member States to develop their respective water and sanitation sectors in order to enhance the achievement of sustainable development and to meet the Millennium Development Goals.