


# THE AU HEADS OF STATE DECISION ON ORGANIC AGRICULTURE

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- ❖ AU-EOAI is an initiative to implement the decision adopted in January 2011 ( EX. CI / Dec.621 (xvii) by the African Union Heads of States and Governments addressing challenges facing the farmers in agriculture.

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## DECISION ON ORGANIC FARMING Doc. EX.CL/631 (XVIII)

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Conference of Ministers of Agriculture held in Lilongwe, Malawi on 28 and 29 October 2010 on Organic Farming, and **ENDORSES** the Resolution contained therein;
2. **EXPRESSES** concern over the current practice of exploitation of the organic farmers in Africa;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission and its New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) to:
  - i) initiate and provide guidance for an African Union (AU)-led coalition of international partners on the establishment of an African organic farming platform based on available best practices; and
  - ii) provide guidance in support of the development of sustainable organic farming systems and improve seed quality;
4. **CALLS UPON** development partners to provide the necessary technical and financial support for the implementation of this Decision;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report regularly on the implementation of this Decision.