

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT THE THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE
COMMISSION/CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN MINISTERS OF FINANCE, PLANNING AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, IN JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA, ON THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BRUSSELS PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE LEAST
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR THE DECADE 2001-2010**

The Conference of Ministers,

Recalling the Millennium Declaration and the Millennium Development Goals which are aimed among other things at the eradication of poverty,

Taking note of resolution 55/279 of July 2001 by which the General Assembly endorses the Brussels Declaration (A/CONF.191/12) and the Programme of Action for the Decade 2001-2010 (A/CONF.191/11),

Aware that 34 of the 49 Least Developed Countries are in the continent of Africa;

Recalling the Cotonou Declaration adopted at the Ministerial Conference of the Least Developed Countries held in Cotonou, Benin on 7 August 2002,

1. Reaffirms strong support to the full realization of the seven commitments made at the third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and to the Programme of Action it adopted for the Decade 2001/2010;
2. Welcomes the establishment of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, and Small Island Developing States (OHRLLS) by the United Nations General Assembly, and extends full support to the High Representative in his endeavour to ensure the full mobilization and coordination of all stake holders for the implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action;
3. Stresses the need for promoting synergy between the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and the Brussels Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries in order to accelerate sustained growth and development in the Least Developed Countries, bearing in mind the potential for South-South Cooperation;
4. Emphasizes the importance of optimal cooperation and coordination between the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (OHRLLS) and the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) to enhance the effective implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action;
5. Urges Least Developed Countries to make necessary arrangement, at country-level, with the support of the development partners, for the effective implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action in their countries;
6. Calls on the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa as well as the heads of all other African regional and subregional organizations to mainstream the implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action as called upon by General Assembly resolution 56/227 in their programmes of work as well as in their intergovernmental processes.

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Johannesburg, South Africa