

**RECOMMENDATION ON THE ROLE OF THE
PAN-AFRICAN PARLIAMENT**

(PAP-Rec 005/04)

The Pan-African Parliament;

1. **RECALLING** the presentation on the Role of the Pan-African Parliament in Africa to the Committee of the Whole House by Professor Shadrack Gutto and the general debate on 28 September 2004;
2. **NOTING** the decision by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government at its last summit directing that the Court of Justice be integrated with the African Court of Human and Peoples' Rights and acknowledging that this may be the right way to go for reasons of efficient use of scarce resources and for harmonization of justice and Union;
3. **RECOGNIZING** the heavy responsibility entrusted to all members of the PAP and to the PAP as an institution of representing all the peoples of Africa (Article 2.2. of the Protocol read with all the other relevant instruments);
4. **IN FURTHERANCE** of principles of effective, responsible accountable democratic governance;
5. **RESOLVES** that it is of utmost importance that all organs, structures and institutions of the African Union, whether established under the Constitutive Act of the Union, various protocols or self-standing treaties and agreements, should strive to respect the doctrines of cooperative governance, separation of separation of powers and mutual oversight roles;
6. **FURTHER RESOLVES** that skills development and knowledge enhancement through continuing education and capacity building in partnership with African intellectuals and experts and civil society is of critical importance to strengthening the work of the PAP and to

contribute to the principle of involving African peoples in the affairs of the Union;

7. **URGES** that the process of integration should not compromise the immediate establishment of the African Court of Human and Peoples' Rights that has already entered into force.