

RESOLUTION ON OVERSIGHT

(PAP-Res 004/04)

We, representatives of the African people meeting under the banner of the Pan-African Parliament during the Second Session held in South Africa on the 17th of September to the 30th of September 2004:

1. **RECALL** the Protocol to the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community Relating to the Pan-African Parliament, with particular reference to Article 11 that relates to the Functions and Powers of the Pan-African Parliament, Sub-article 9 which gives this house the possibility to empower parliament “as it deems appropriate”;
2. **FURTHER RECALL** the objectives of the Pan-African Parliament, as set out in Article 3 of the Protocol, specifically the objectives to facilitate the effective implementation of the policies of the African Union, to promote the principles of human rights and democracy in Africa, to encourage good governance, transparency and accountability in Member States, to promote peace, security and stability, and to facilitate co-operation and development in Africa;
3. **RECOGNISE** that a new era has dawned on the continent, with African people determined to take their destiny in their own hands;
4. **CONFIRM** that this House forms a vital component of the African Union’s machinery to achieve the goals stated in the Constitutive Act of the African Union;
5. **WELCOME** the adoption of rules of the Pan-African Parliament which provide for the exercise of the oversight function to ensure progress on the objectives stated in the Protocol to the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community Relating to the Pan-African Parliament;

6. **RESOLVE** that the Pan-African Parliament's Committee on Rules, Privileges and Discipline hold further discussions with a view to put specific recommendations in place on how these functions should be realized by the House and its Committees.