

**RESOLUTION TO THANK THE ACP-EU JOINT PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY FOR THE RECOGNITION OF THE PAN\_AFRICAN PARLIAMENT IN ITS RESOLUTION 1 REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATIO OF THE COTONOU PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

**(PAP-Res. 003/005) The Pan-**

**African Parliament; RESOLVES TO:**

1. Thank the ACP-EU joint Parliamentary Assembly which met in Edinburgh, United Kingdom, November 21-24, 2005 for its recognition of the Pan-African Parliament in its Resolution 1 on the role of national parliaments in implementing the Cotonou Partnership Agreement;
2. Note with gratitude its further Resolutions to Support the regional initiative of the United Nations, with the European Parliament, the Italian Chamber of Deputies and the South African Parliament, to strengthen parliaments' capacity in information exchange and management, including information and communication technologies (ICTs);
3. Place on the Agenda of the Pan-African Parliament the Resolution calling on the ACP Parliamentary Assembly, the Pan-African Parliament and other regional and sub-regional parliaments in the ACP to promote and immediately institute exchanges of information and exemplary practice on cooperation strategies/initiatives with a view to strengthening the role of parliaments;
4. Support the proposal that regional meetings be set up within the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly to provide appropriate framework for developing exchange of information on the best practices with a view to strengthening the role of Parliaments;

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5. Support the call for national parliaments to organise public hearings on the development cooperation policy choices within the ACP-EU partnership and on the implementation of aid and thus act as a two-way channel between the institutions and non-state actors as a whole.