hance their peacekeeping capabilities, with a view to enabling those countries to participate actively in peacekeeping operations within the framework of the Protocol relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council and the framework of the United Nations;

11. **Stresses** the urgent need for the United Nations and the African Union to develop close cooperation and concrete programmes aimed at addressing the problems posed by the proliferation of small arms and light weapons and anti-personnel mines, within the framework of the relevant declarations and resolutions adopted by the two organizations;

12. **Calls upon** the United Nations system and the international community to continue to support the New Partnership for Africa’s Development and its Peer Review Mechanism as African-owned and led initiatives and programmes of the African Union;

13. **Calls upon** the United Nations system, the African Union and the international community to intensify their cooperation in the global fight against terrorism through the implementation of the relevant international and regional treaties and protocols and, in particular, the African Plan of Action adopted in Algiers on 14 September 2002, as well as their support for the operation of the African Centre for Studies and Research on Terrorism, inaugurated in Algiers in October 2004;

14. **Calls upon** the United Nations system to intensify its efforts, in collaboration with the African Union, in combating illegal exploitation of natural resources, particularly in conflict areas, in accordance with relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations and the African Union;

15. **Encourages** the United Nations system to effectively support the efforts of the African Union in urging the international community to duly implement the Doha Development Agenda, including negotiations aimed at substantial improvements in market access to promote sustainable growth in Africa;

16. **Invites** the United Nations system to enhance its support to African countries in their efforts to implement the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation;

17. **Encourages** the United Nations to take special measures to address the challenges of poverty eradication through debt cancellation, enhanced official development assistance, increases in flows of foreign direct investments, as well as transfers of technology;

18. **Calls upon** the United Nations system to accelerate the implementation of the Plan of Action contained in the document entitled “A world fit for children”, adopted at the special session of the General Assembly on children, and to provide assistance, as appropriate, to the African Union and its member States in this regard;

19. **Calls upon** the United Nations system and the African Union to develop a coherent and effective strategy, including through joint programmes and activities, for the promotion and protection of human rights in Africa, within the framework of the implementation of regional and international treaties, resolutions and plans of action adopted by the two organizations;

20. **Urges** the United Nations system to increase its support for Africa in the implementation of the declaration of the extraordinary summit meeting of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and other related infectious diseases, and the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS, so as to arrest the spread of these diseases, inter alia, through sound capacity-building in human resources;

21. **Invites** the United Nations system and the international community to provide adequate support to the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights, aimed at finalizing the process leading to the establishment of the African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights;

22. **Urges** the United Nations system to speedily to implement resolution 58/199 of 22 December 2003 on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa, and effectively to support African countries in their effort to incorporate the problems of refugees into national and regional development plans;

23. **Urges** the Secretary-General to encourage the United Nations system to work towards ensuring the effective and equitable representation of African men and women at senior and policy levels at the respective headquarters of its organizations and in their regional fields of operation;

24. **Requests** the United Nations system to cooperate with the African Union and its member States in the implementation of appropriate policies for the promotion of the culture of democracy, good governance, respect for human rights and the rule of law, and the strengthening of democratic institutions which will enhance the popular participation of the peoples of the continent in these issues, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Constitutive Act of the African Union and the New Partnership for Africa’s Development;

25. **Calls upon** the United Nations system and invites the Bretton Woods institutions to support, within their respective mandates, and where necessary and possible, the establishment of the institutional structures of the African Union, including the Pan-African Parliament, the Court of Justice, the Economic, Social and Cultural Council and the Financial Institutions;

26. **Requests** the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution.