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DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AFRICAN AGENCY FOR THE PROTECTION OF TERRITORIAL AND ECONOMIC WATERS OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES

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The Assembly,

1. **EXPRESSES** its appreciation for the proposal by the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya on the establishment of an African Agency to protect regional waters and the economies of African countries;

2. **UNDERSCORES** the need for Africa to have an effective instrument to help countries of the continent to protect its own regional waters and economies and to put an end to the illegal exploitation of the resources and organizing the process of its exploitation for the interest of its own inhabitants;

3. **DECIDES** to include the functions of the African Agency to protect regional waters and the economies of African countries into the functions of the African Union Authority.