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## **THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF AFRICAN FOOTBALL**

***(Item proposed by the Federal Dem. Rep. of Ethiopia)***

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- Football is the passion of African youth and Adults alike;
- The Confederation of African Football (CAF) was founded in Khartoum (Sudan) in 1957 by Egypt, Ethiopia, South Africa and the Sudan;
- CAF will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary in 2007;
- CAF has played a critical role in the continued development of African football for the last 50 years;
- The number of African national teams participating in the FIFA World Cup has increased since the establishment of CAF;
- The African Cup of Nations, under the leadership of CAF, has become one of the centers of attention in international football;
- Africa's objective to host the FIFA World Cup has been achieved when South Africa was elected to host the World Cup in 2010;
- Therefore, it would be a worthy endeavour to highlight the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CAF and reflect on Africa's progress in football by proclaiming the year 2007 as the International Year of African Football.

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