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HOLDING OF THE ORDINARY SESSION OF THE
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(Item Proposed By the Republic of Uganda)

**HOLDING OF THE ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AFRICAN
UNION SUMMIT OF JULY 2010 OR JULY 2013 IN KAMPALA, UGANDA
(Item proposed by the Republic of Uganda)**

The Embassy of the Republic of Uganda presents its compliments to the Commission of the African Union and has the honour to inform the latter that the Government of Uganda has decided to submit its offer to host the Ordinary Session of the African Union Summit of July 2010, and if not, then the Ordinary Session of the African Union Summit of July 2013 in Kampala.

The Embassy of the Republic of Uganda therefore, expects its offer to be considered by the next Session of the African Union Summit, scheduled for June/July 2008, in Egypt.

The Embassy of the Republic of Uganda avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Commission of the African Union the assurances of its highest consideration.

Addis Ababa, 03 May 2008

**Commission of the African Union
Addis Ababa**

EXPLANATORY NOTE FOR UGANDA'S OFFER TO HOST THE AU SUMMIT

The OAU, the father to the AU has bequeathed an onerous responsibility to our new continental Organization. This task includes the attainment of prosperity for the African People within a united and secure continent.

Uganda was a founding Member of the OAU and remains an unwavering advocate of the African Union. Whereas our continent is free of colonialism and Apartheid, Africa remains deeply afflicted by poverty, local and regional conflicts. Africa may be poor today, but endowed with potentially rich natural and human resources will rise to assume its rightful and deserved place within the comity of nations tomorrow.

We cannot rise to this challenge without the active involvement and participation of the African people in AU affairs. Uganda remains convinced that the African Union must spare no efforts to achieve a united, secure and prosperous continent through the establishment of a Union Government. This African Union Government must not only be democratic by action but also be people-centred and people-driven.

This means that the people of Africa must know all about the AU, its objectives, activities and what it can deliver. They must also be actively involved in what it does across the continent and abroad. The AU must be popularised. The AU must be brought nearer to the people of Africa. Indeed, one of the most effective ways of attaining this is the continued adoption and practice of rotation of AU Summits and meetings throughout African Countries and Capitals.

Uganda last hosted the Summit of our continental Organization in 1975. It is high time Uganda extended yet another invitation to our re-born Organization and its Members to come and enjoy the warmth of the Pearl of Africa.

We look forward to receiving you in July 2010.

May 22, 2008

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Holding of the ordinary session of the AU summit in July 2010 in Kampala, Uganda (Item Proposed by the Republic of Uganda)

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