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On the occasion of the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Independence of Cameroon, the country that led the way in the independence of African countries in 1960, His Excellency, Mr. Paul Biya, President of the Republic of Cameroon, invited his African Peers and many eminent international personalities (List of Participants attached hereto) such as the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, His Excellency, Mr. Jean Ping, to a Conference held from 18 to 19 May 2010, on the theme: «**AFRICA 21: New Challenges for Africa**».

At the end of highly fruitful deliberations, the participants adopted a Declaration, in which they identified a number of challenges and problems that Africa must face in its quest for Peace and Development:

1. Adopt food agriculture as a priority for the development of the Continent, and envisage appropriate measures for the protection of the African food products market;
2. Fight against speculative excesses and derivative products unconnected with real transactions, particularly in the food sector, and make provision for compensation for damages;
3. Have full control over urbanization through:
 - control of health risks;
 - prevention of loss of African cultural values;
4. Identify the causes of fragility that generate insecurity in Africa and put in place an appropriate architecture for the reduction of these causes;
5. Protect African coasts by establishing a maritime safety and security system.

The participants underscored the need to establish a Monitoring Committee mandated to elaborate and propose specific implementation scenarios, including the nature and planning of concrete common initiatives that Africa could undertake at international or continental level, to address its new challenges.

The Cameroonian Head of State, who initiated the Yaoundé International Conference called «AFRICA 21», requests that the establishment of the Monitoring

Committee be entrusted to the African Union, through the Chairperson of the AU Commission, His Excellency Mr. Jean Ping.

This choice is due to the fact that since the African Union is already working on some of the themes developed in the Yaoundé Declaration, it will appropriate the conclusions, and could identify ongoing actions and bring them into synergy with its overall strategy.

In this respect, the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, who was the Rapporteur of the Yaoundé International Conference, will be mandated by the Assembly of the Union to establish a Monitoring Committee within a 30-day timeframe.

At the end of a 6-12 month period, the Committee will submit a report to the Assembly of the Union through the Chairperson of the Commission, on the basis of which the Assembly will take measures for the implementation of the solutions that will be proposed.

Conscious of the costs that the establishment of the Monitoring Committee could involve, the African Union Commission, in conformity with the relevant provisions of its Rules of Procedure and its Statutes, could assess the financial implications, so as to enable the Government of Cameroon to provide the initial contribution for its functioning.

Cameroon has already pledged to pay an initial contribution of US\$300,000 without prejudice to the final financial assessment of the AU Commission.

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