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CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF CULTURE
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**THEME: *SUSTAINABLE FINANCING OF THE CULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT SECTOR IN AFRICA***

**DRAFT ABUJA DECLARATION
29 OCTOBER 2010**

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WE, African Ministers of Culture, meeting on the occasion of the 3rd Session of the African Union Conference of Ministers of Culture, held in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, on 28 and 29 October 2010;

Recalling the paramount role of the Charter for African Cultural Renaissance for the promotion of culture, Panafricanism, African languages and positive values;

Further recalling the various decisions we took at our previous Sessions held in Nairobi, Kenya, in 2005, and in Algiers, Algeria, in 2008 including, in particular, the Language Plan of Action, and the Plan of Action for the Development of the Cultural Industries;

Noting with appreciation the pace with which many of these decisions and recommendations are being implemented; and **recognizing** the need for continued follow-up and facilitation of their implementation at national, regional and continental levels;

Appreciating the contribution of UNESCO, the European Union, cultural institutions and our development partners towards placing culture high on the development agenda of the Continent and for providing the necessary financial, technical and policy support;

Having considered the draft Strategy on the Financing of the Culture Development Sector in Africa;

Having also considered the Implementation Programme for the African Cultural Renaissance Campaign 2010 – 2012;

Noting the proposals by the Federal Republic of Nigeria for the recognition and endorsement of the Centre for Black African Arts and Civilizations (CBAAC) and the African Culture and International Understanding (IACIU) as pan African cultural institutions;

Noting further the report and recommendations of the workshop on the Great Africa Museum jointly organized by AU, International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM) and UNESCO in Algiers from 1 to 5 March 2010;

Mindful of the historic and precious opportunity for the promotion of African identity and positive image offered by the construction of the new AUC Centre of Conferences and offices in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; and **desirous** to advocate for a stronger place and visibility of African culture and identity in all public spaces such Embassies, Ministries and Head Offices;

WE HEREBY AGREE TO:

- 1) **Adopt** the draft Strategy on the Financing of the Culture Development sector in Africa;
- 2) **Further adopt** the Implementation Programme for the African Cultural Renaissance Campaign 2010 – 2012;
- 3) Commit to design and implement long term national plans for culture development based on the promotion of infrastructure, access to capacity buildings and funds, and human resources that would go beyond the limited period of political office holders;
- 4) **Request** the African Union Commission to develop criteria on the recognition of pan- African cultural institutions that could be used to address the requests from Member States;
- 5) **Further request** the African Union Commission to prepare a Decision and/or Declaration for the consideration of the next Heads of State and Government Summit 2011 on the theme of Shared Values, to urge all Member States and the Economic Regional Communities (RECs) to promote and allocate resources for the implementation of the Campaign for the African Cultural Renaissance 2010-2012 and the establishment of Culture development Desks or Special Programmes within all RECs;
- 6) **Ask** the African Union Commission to prepare a Decision and/or Declaration for the consideration of the next Heads of State and Government Summit 2011 on Shared Values, to invite all Member States and relevant institutions to create more cultural spaces and strengthen the place of African cultural identity within the architectural designing and decoration features of all our public spaces like such as Squares, Ministries, Embassies and Head Offices as part of the African Renaissance Effort;
- 7) **Support the** Government of Algeria in its effort to establish the Great Africa Museum in Algiers;
- 8) **Further support** the proposal made by the International Network of African Museums (AFRICOM) to establish a pan-African museum within the new conference centre of the African Union headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia;
- 9) Support Tanzania in the promotion of the Road to Independence Project;
- 10) **Accept** the proposal by the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to host the 4th Session of the Conference of AU Ministers of Culture (CAMC4) in 2012;
- 11) **Further accept** the proposal by Mozambique to host the 3rd Edition of the Pan African Cultural Congress (PACC3) in Maputo, Mozambique in 2012;
- 12) Support the proposal by Cameroon to host the 3rd Edition of the Pan-African Cultural Festival (PANAF3) in Yaoundé, Cameroon in 2012.

Done in Abuja, this 29th day of October 2010

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