

## DECLARATION ON ISRAEL

**We**, the Heads of State and Government of the African Union, meeting in our Nineteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, from 15 to 16 July 2012;

**EXPRESSING GRAVE CONCERN** at the recent expulsion of African nationals in Israel and condemn this unwarranted act;

**REMINDING** Israel of its obligations under the 1951 UN Convention on Refugees and the 1961 UN Convention on the Prevention of Statelessness;

**EXPRESSING THE CONCERN** that the continued expulsion of African nationals in this manner constitutes a systematic, flagrant and gross violation of the rights of these Africans;

### **HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **CALL** upon the State of Israel to deploy normal status determination means, in conformity with internationally acceptable due process;
2. **INVITE** the State of Israel to live up to its obligations as stipulated under international law.



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