

**DECLARATION ON THE CONFEDERATIONS CUP AND THE PREPARATIONS
TOWARDS THE 2010 FIFA WORLD CUP**

WE, the Heads of State and Government at the Meeting of our Thirteenth Ordinary Session in Sirte, Great Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, from 1 to 3 July 2009;

RECALLING the declaration we made at our January 2007 Summit, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to declare the ushering of the 2010 FIFA world Cup as an African Event;

APPRECIATING the briefing by South Africa on its excellent hosting of a safe and secure 2009 FIFA Confederations Cup whose participation included South Africa as the host, Italy as the 2006 World Cup Champions, Spain as the Euro 2008 Champions, USA as the 2007 COCACAF Gold Cup Champions, Brazil as the 2007 Copa America Champions, Iraq as the 2007 AFC Asian Cup Champions, Egypt as the 2008 African Cup of Nations Champions and New Zealand as the 2008 OFC Nation Cup Champions;

FURTHER APPRECIATING AND AFFIRMING South Africa's state of readiness to host a memorable 2010 FIFA World Cup, for the first time in the history of the African Continent, which is a legitimate recognition of Africa's contribution to the advancement of world sports;

PURSUANT to our commitment to ensuring the success of the 2010 World Cup tournament on our Continent;

RECOGNIZING the role of sport in the promotion of peace, solidarity, social cohesion and sustainable socio-economic development;

FURTHER RECOGNIZING the supportive role of sports in Africa's effort to achieve the Millennium Development Goals;

We therefore:

CONGRATULATE South Africa for its successful hosting of the Confederations Cup;

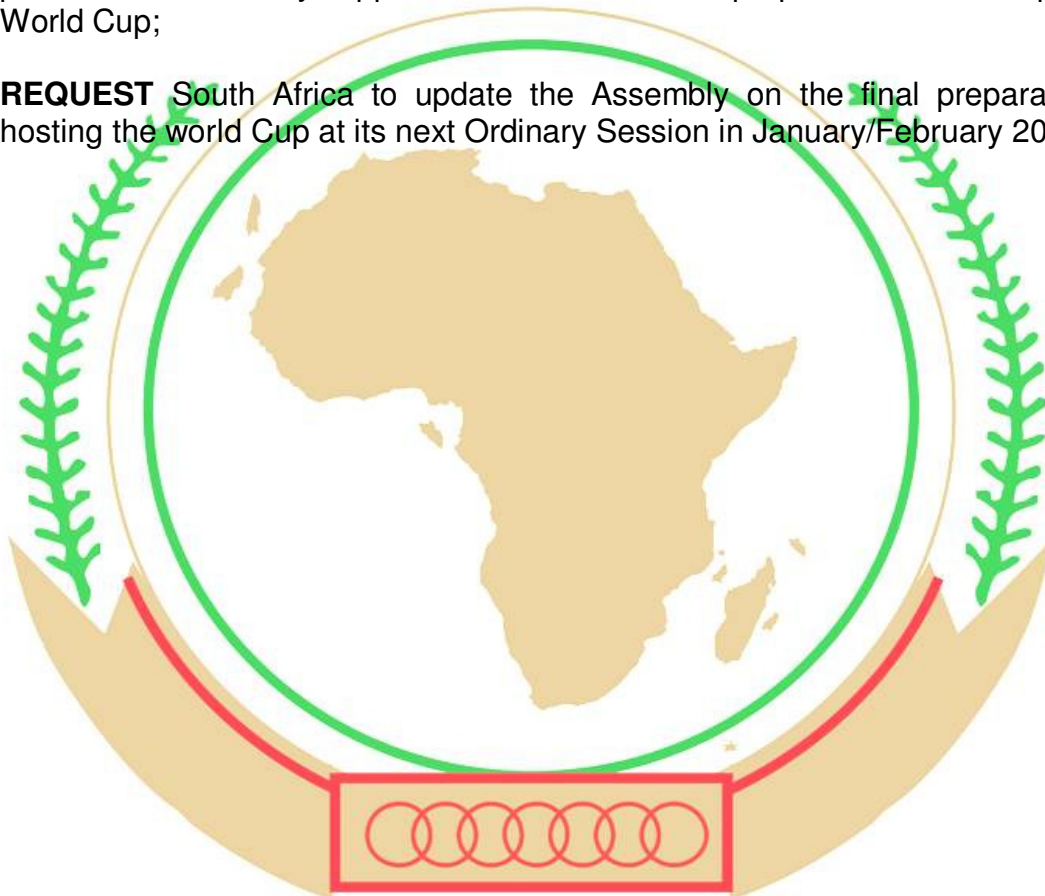
REQUEST the Commission to cooperate with South Africa's Local Organizing Committee of the World Cup to ensure the effective implementation and follow up of the Africa Legacy programme including the establishment of a web link and to report on the progress of the preparations to the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly in January/February 2010;

REAFFIRM our commitment to make 2010 World Cup a truly Africa World Cup, by committing our countries to the full and substantive involvement in the preparations leading to the 2010 World cup;

COMMIT ourselves to provide all round support to the Government and people of South Africa in their efforts to organize the 2010 World Cup tournament successfully and efficiently;

URGE FIFA, CAF and the rest of the FIFA Regional Associations, the International Sporting Community, the African Diaspora and friends of Africa to provide the necessary support to South Africa in its preparations for the epic 2010 World Cup;

REQUEST South Africa to update the Assembly on the final preparations of hosting the world Cup at its next Ordinary Session in January/February 2010.



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