

**DECLARATION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE  
UNION ON THE COUP D'ÉTAT IN HONDURAS**

We the Heads of State and Government of the Assembly of the Union meeting at our Thirteenth Ordinary Session, held in Sirte, Great Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, from 1 to 3 July 2009 were briefed on the situation in Honduras.

**STRESSING** that Africa, which continues to suffer from the scourge of unconstitutional changes of government and maintains a strong partnership, based on shared values, with Latin America and the Caribbean, has a keen interest in the early resolution of the crisis, as well as on the respect of legality and democratic principles.

**NOTING** that the coup d'état that took place in that country on 28 June 2009 was a clear violation of the provisions of the Inter-American Democratic Charter, **STRESSES** the need to ensure the restoration of constitutional order and the respect for legality and democratic norms.

**WELCOMES** the unanimous rejection by the region of this unconstitutional change of government and **EXPRESSES** its full support to the efforts being undertaken by the Organization of American States (OAS).

**CONDEMNS** the coup d'état that took place and that led to the overthrow of the democratically-elected President Jose Manuel Zelaya.

**CALLS ON** all the political and social actors of Honduras to embark on a constructive dialogue to peacefully resolve the problems facing their country, with the view to strengthening democracy and the rule of law in the country.

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