

**RESOLUTION ON THE SPECIAL TIES BETWEEN AFRICA
AND CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES**

We the Heads of State and Government of the African Union meeting at our Fifteenth Ordinary Session in Kampala, Uganda, from 25 to 27 July 2010:

1. **EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION** for the participation of some Caribbean Leaders in the Official Opening Ceremony of its Fifteenth Ordinary Session held in Kampala, Uganda on 25 July 2010;
2. **WELCOME** the strong message of solidarity conveyed to the Assembly on behalf of the Caribbean Leaders by the Right Honourable Dr. Ralph E. Goncalves, Prime Minister of St. Vincent and Grenadines;
3. **DECIDE** to further strengthen Africa-Caribbean relations and to hold, as soon as possible, the first African Diaspora Summit in the Republic of South Africa and **REQUEST** the Commission, in consultation with the Republic of South Africa to continue to work closely on this initiative in order to develop an appropriate roadmap and timeline for this exercise;
4. **FURTHER REQUEST** the Commission to work together with all Member States to ensure the successful preparation and conduct of the Diaspora Summit and the advancement of the Diaspora initiative in general;
5. **CALL ON** the Government of the United States of America to remove the long-standing and unjustifiable economic and trade embargo imposed on the Republic of Cuba to enable it to enjoy all the legitimate prospects for its sustained development, which is long overdue.

Adopted by the Fifteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union on 27 July 2010 in Kampala, Uganda

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