

DECLARATION ON THE NEW COMMON INITIATIVE  
(MAP AND OMEGA) ]

1. WE, the Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting at the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government in Lusaka, Zambia from 9 to 11 July 2001, have undertaken an in-depth and critical review of the political, economic and social situation in our continent as presented in the report of the Secretary General to the 74<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Ministers:
2. ARE FULLY AWARE of the fundamental changes, which have occurred in the world since the beginning of the 1990s. These include the establishment, enlargement as well as strengthening of economic and trading groupings, the conclusions of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations, the creation of WTO, and the rapid progress in information and communication technology. Consequently, Africa needs to take urgent and effective steps to avoid marginalization and ensure that it becomes an active partner in the emerging world economic order. To this end, Africa must adopt a new vision for its revival and development, and translate this vision into an appropriate and coherent Programme of Action;
3. REAFFIRM that the Revival and Development of Africa are primarily the responsibility of our Governments and Peoples. Consequently, we are determined to establish the conducive political, economic and social environment and create the required structural economic transformation in our countries with the objective of achieving a human centered and sustainable development.

4. **RECALL** the endorsement of the 5<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Summit of the OAU, held in Sirte, Libya, from 1-2 March 2001, of the work done regarding the Revival and Development of Africa by Presidents Mbeki of South Africa, Obasanjo of Nigeria, Bouteflika of Algeria, Hosni Mubarak of Egypt and Wade of Senegal, respectively;
5. **COMMEND** the efforts of the five Presidents for producing a single coordinated and inclusive Plan for Africa's renewal based on the two initiatives, namely, the Millennium Partnership for the African Recovery Programme (MAP) and the OMEGA Plan, complement each other;
6. **REITERATE** our commitment and determination to uplift the living conditions of our people through the promotion of collective self reliance as stated in the Lagos Plan of Action, the Abuja Treaty and the Cairo Agenda for Action;
7. **FURTHER COMMIT** ourselves to the objectives of the Declaration which we adopted at the Fourth Extraordinary Session of our Assembly in Sirte, The Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya on 9.9.99 in which we decided to establish the African Union;
8. **RECOGNIZE** the need to reassert and revitalize the existing continental development strategies in order to achieve self sustained development of our continent;
9. **ADOPT** the Strategic Policy Framework of the New African Initiative as well as its Programme of Action and **REAFFIRM** our commitment to the provisions of the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community and the Constitutive Act of the African Union,

10. **DECIDE** to present the consolidated Plan for African Revival and Development to the UN General Assembly in its Session of September 2001 for endorsement and **CALL UPON**. We call upon the international community and particularly our development partners and the United Nations system to support this Plan and to assist Africa in its implementation;
11. **DECIDE** to convene in Dakar from 15 to 17 November 2001 a Summit of Heads of State and Government with the participation of international economic and financial institutions as well as the private sector on the theme: **Financing the New Common Initiative**;
12. **DECIDE** to set up a Follow-up Committee comprising five (5) Heads of State, promoters of the New Common Initiative and of ten (10) other Heads of State to ensure a continuous follow-up on this Initiative, particularly the establishment of management institutions for the New African Initiative;
13. **DECIDE** to enlarge the African delegation to the G8 with the inclusion of the President Abdoulaye Wade

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