

DECISION ON THE AFRICAN UNION

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifth Extraordinary Session in Sirte, Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, from 1 to 2 March 2001:

- Recalling the Sirte Declaration of 9.9.99 adopted by the Fourth Extraordinary Session of the Assembly;
- Further recalling the adoption of the Constitutive Act of the African Union by the Thirty-Sixth Ordinary Session of the Assembly held in Lome, Togo, from 10 to 12 July 2000;
- Noting that all Member States have signed the Constitutive Act of the African Union;

DECIDES:

1. To proudly declare the establishment of the African Union by the unanimous will of Member States;
2. That the legal requirements for the Union will have been completed upon the deposit of the 36th instrument of ratification of the Constitutive Act of the African Union;
3. That the Constitutive Act of the African Union shall enter into force thirty (30) days after the deposit of the instruments of ratification by two-thirds of the Member States of the OAU, as provided for in Article 28 of the Constitutive Act;
4. That the 37th Ordinary Session of the Assembly should take the necessary decisions pertaining to the transformation of the OAU into the African Union, in accordance with Article 33 of the Constitutive Act, and the preparation of necessary draft protocols relating to the Organs and Institutions of the Union.

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