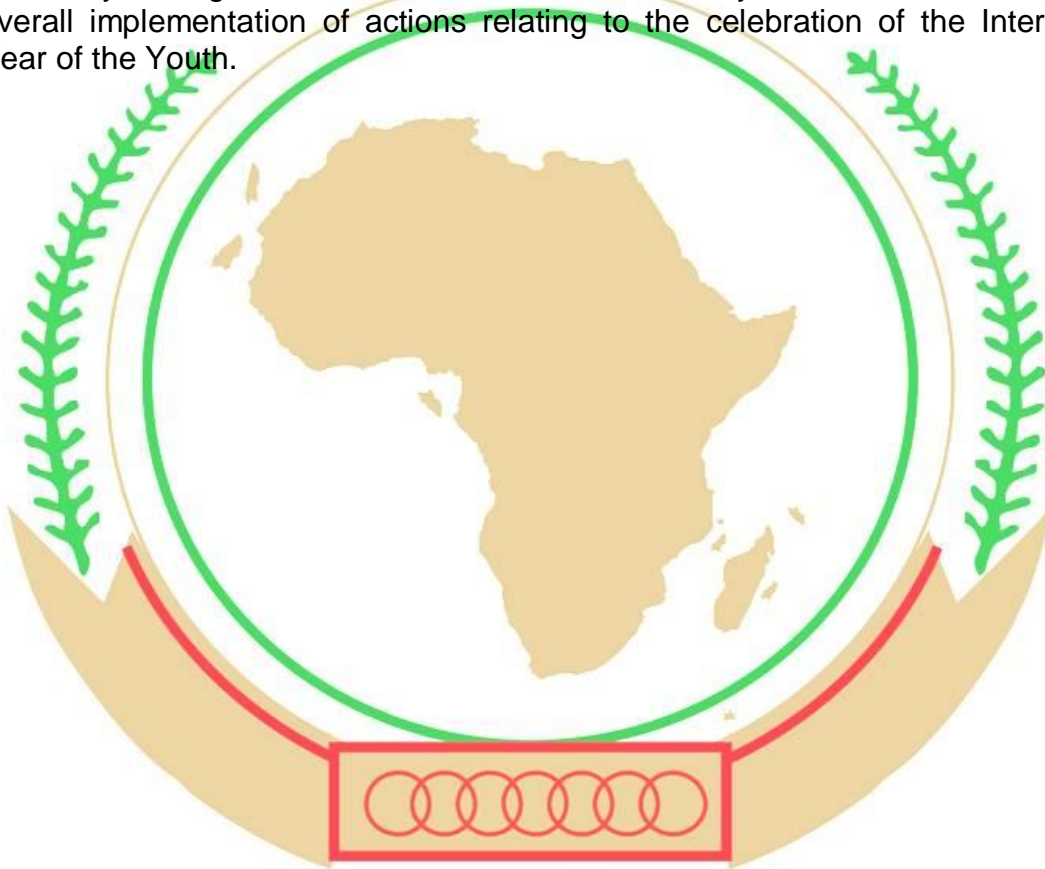


**DECISION ON THE PROCLAMATION
OF 2010 AS THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE YOUTH**

The Assembly,

1. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.250 (XIII) requesting all Member States and the African Group in New York to give their support to efforts geared towards the adoption of a draft resolution proclaiming 2010 “International Year of the Youth”;
2. **ALSO RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.250 (XIII) inviting all Member States of the United Nations Organisation and other international organizations to support this initiative to proclaim 2010 as International Year of the Youth, and to contribute to its adoption when it is tabled before the United Nations General Assembly;
3. **TAKES NOTE** of the effective adoption on 18 December 2009 by the 64th Session of the United Nations General Assembly of Resolution 64/131 entitled “*2010 International Year of the Youth: Dialogue and Mutual Understanding*” to proclaim the year and to organize a World Youth Conference as the highlight of the Year, and invites the President of the General Assembly to conduct open-ended consultations with Member States with a view to determining the modalities of the Conference and the expected outcomes;
4. **EXPRESSES** its full satisfaction and great pride following the unanimous adoption, on the initiative of His Excellency Zine El Abidine BEN ALI, President of the Republic of Tunisia, of the appeal to proclaim 2010 as the International Year of the Youth;
5. **COMMENDS** the Republic of Tunisia and its President, His Excellency Zine El Abidine BEN ALI, for the special interest given to the role of the youth, in general, and the African Youth, in particular, in the task of developing and consolidation mutual understanding;
6. **CALLS UPON** Member States to continue to support this initiative while actively participating in consultations that will be led by the President of the United Nations General Assembly on the modalities for organizing the World Youth Conference;
7. **URGES** Member States to organize and undertake national actions and participate in regional and international activities to mark the International Year of the Youth;

8. **ALSO URGES** Member States to work with the Commission to launch and implement the African Union Youth Volunteer Corps;
9. **REQUESTS** the Commission to get actively involved in the popularization of the theme of the International Year of the Youth, "*Dialogue and Mutual Understanding*", in the implementation of the appropriate activities and in the monitoring of actions undertaken by Member States and Regional Economic Communities;
10. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to report to the Ordinary Session of the Assembly through the Executive Council in January 2011 on the status of the overall implementation of actions relating to the celebration of the International Year of the Youth.



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