

DECLARATION ON ISRAEL

We, the Heads of State and Government of the African Union, meeting in our Nineteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, from 15 to 16 July 2012;

EXPRESSING GRAVE CONCERN at the recent expulsion of African nationals in Israel and condemn this unwarranted act;

REMINDING Israel of its obligations under the 1951 UN Convention on Refugees and the 1961 UN Convention on the Prevention of Statelessness;

EXPRESSING THE CONCERN that the continued expulsion of African nationals in this manner constitutes a systematic, flagrant and gross violation of the rights of these Africans;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. **CALL** upon the State of Israel to deploy normal status determination means, in conformity with internationally acceptable due process;
2. **INVITE** the State of Israel to live up to its obligations as stipulated under international law.



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