

**DECLARATION ON THE ETHIOPIAN MILLENNIUM**

**We**, the Heads of State and Government of the Member States of the African Union, meeting during the Eighth Ordinary Session of our Assembly held in Addis Ababa, the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, from 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> January 2007;

**Taking note** of the briefing by the Ethiopian Government on the Ethiopian Millennium to be celebrated on 12 September 2007;

**Recognizing with appreciation** the call of the Ethiopian people to all fellow African brothers and sisters to embrace the Millennium as a truly African occasion and to join them in the celebrations;

**Noting with satisfaction** the commitment of the Ethiopian people to use this occasion as a unique opportunity to highlight their collective resolve to make a difference in their struggle against poverty, and to broaden the frontiers of democracy and good governance;

**Welcoming** the cooperation already initiated between the African Union Commission and the Ethiopian Millennium Festival National Council;

**Call upon** all Member States of the African Union, the Commission of the African Union and the Regional Economic Communities to extend their support towards the successful celebration of this unique African occasion – the Ethiopian Millennium.

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