

**RESOLUTION ON THE LIFTING OF THE ECONOMIC AND
TRADE EMBARGO IMPOSED ON THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA
BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

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

RECALLING the outcomes of the Global African Diaspora Summit, held on 25 May 2012 in Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa;

RECALLING Resolution **Assembly/AU/Res.1(XV)** adopted by our Assembly at its 15th Ordinary Session held in **Kampala, Uganda, on 27 July 2010**, and Resolution **Assembly/AU/Res.1(XVII)** adopted at its 17th Ordinary Session held in **Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, on 1 July 2011** and in particular, the calls made to the Government of The United States of America to lift the long-standing and unjustifiable economic and trade embargo imposed on the Republic of Cuba to enable it enjoy all the legitimate prospects for its sustained development;

REAFFIRMING our commitment to further strengthen Africa-Caribbean relations as expressed by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government at Kampala, Uganda in June 2010;

REAFFIRMING our full support to **the annual resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations** titled: "Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed by the United States of America against Cuba";

REITERATE our call and, once again, **INVITE** the Government of The United States of America to lift the long-standing and unjustifiable economic and trade embargo imposed on the people of the Republic of Cuba.



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