

## DECLARATION ON THE CENTENARY OF NELSON MANDELA

**WE** the Heads of State and Government of the African Union, meeting in our 31<sup>st</sup> meeting of the AU Assembly in Nouakchott, Mauritania from 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018,

**RECALLING** the Declaration Assembly/AU/Decl.2(XXX) adopted at the 30<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the AU Assembly in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, held from 28-29 January 2018, on the above mentioned subject:

1. **COMMEND** the Government of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania for hosting the 31<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government and for convening a side event on the margins of the Summit to celebrate the Centenary of Nelson Mandela;
2. **REAFFIRM** our full support for the holding of a Peace Summit under the theme *“Strengthening the role of the UN in the promotion and maintenance of international peace: Building on Mandela’s Legacy”* on the margins of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly on 17 September 2018;
3. **SUPPORT** the proposal to have a Declaration as an Outcome of the Peace Summit and **CALL ON** the Commission and the African Group in New York to work closely with the relevant stakeholders in the process of drafting and negotiating the Outcome;
4. **REQUEST** the Commission and the AU Permanent Mission to the UN to carry out necessary consultations with the UN and other relevant parties to ensure the success of the proposed Peace Summit;
5. **URGE** all AU Member States to support and observe the Nelson Mandela Centenary and recommit themselves to the ideals and values espoused by Nelson Mandela.



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