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CHAIR'S SUMMARY

1. The NEPAD Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee met on 31 January 2009, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on the eve of the 12th African Union Assembly. As HSGIC Chair, I used the occasion to formally welcome the new Member States, who were participating in the HDGIC for the first time, following their election at the 11th African Union Assembly in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt in July 2008.

2. Substantive agenda issued discussed by the 20th NEPAD HSGIC Summit, were:

- Update on the Integration of NEPAD into the structures and processes of the African Union;
- Implementation of the Host Agreement for the NEPAD Secretariat signed by the Government of South Africa and the African Union Commission in October 2008;
- Appointing of new Chief Executive Officer of NEPAD Secretariat;
- Funding of the NEPAD Secretariat in the transition period;
- Africa's Engagement within the G8 Process; and the
- 2008 Report on the Mutual Review of Development Effectiveness (MRDE) by the UN-ECA and OECD;

3. The Summit noted the briefing on the major programmatic activities of the NEPAD Secretariat for the period: July 2008 – January 2009 in the Activity Report, presented by Ambassador Olukorede Willoughby, Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Secretariat.

4. The HSGIC welcomed the steady efforts of the NEPAD Secretariat in implementing the key objectives and sectoral priorities of the NEPAD Programme, with the support of Development Partners and African Stakeholders. In particular, the NEPAD Implementation Committee, highlighted the:

- Progress in the work of the AU/NEPAD Task Force on Africa's response to the rising food prices;
- Ongoing three-way collaboration between the African Union Commission, NEPAD Secretariat and the African Development Bank (ADB) in rolling out the

“Programme on Infrastructure Development in Africa” (PIDA) as the new cohesive initiative promoting Africa’s Regional Infrastructure;

- Sustaining strategic partnerships and mobilizing more resources from various bilateral and multilateral sources to support Africa’s development agenda in such fields as Women Empowerment, Fisheries, Private Sector Investments and Integrating NEPAD into National Development Plans as instrument for promoting national ownership and transformation.

5. On the Integration of NEPAD into the structures and processes of the African Union, the 20th NEPAD Summit was updated on the work of the UN /NEPAD Coordinating Unit by the AU Commissioner for Economic Affairs, Dr. Maxwell Mkwezalamba. The HSGIC Summit expressed concern about the long-drawn process since the 2003 Maputo AU Assembly Decision. However, the Summit welcomed the commencement of the Study on the structure and profile of the new NEPAD Authority and AU/ NEPAD Integration with the appointment of Consultant in December 2008.

6. The NEPAD Implementation Committee reiterated that the NEPAD vision and its program, from inception, have been an intrinsic part of the AU System and should remain so. It called on the AU Commission and NEPAD Secretariat to harmonize their work programs and smoothen working relations in the interim period leading to integration. In this regard, the NEPAD Summit decided that, the NEPAD Secretariat will, henceforth, use the AU emblem, concurrently with NEPAD logo in all documentation, so as to retain the brand identity of NEPAD, and existing reporting structures of the NEPAD Secretariat should be maintained, pending the final determination on the new NEPAD Authority.

7. The Implementation Committee re-affirmed the 13-point conclusions of the Algiers NEPAD Brainstorming Summit of March 2007, subsequently reinforced by the outcomes of the Dakar NEPAD review Summit of April 2008. The Summit underlined that both the Algiers and Dakar Outcomes constitute the basis and roadmap for AU/NEPAD Integration, with the necessary flexibilities as underscored in the 2003 Maputo Decision.

8. The HSGIC re-emphasized the need for the Consultancy-Study, to be guided by the Algiers and Dakar Outcomes. Furthermore, it was agreed that the Consultant’s Draft Report and Recommendations on the AU/NEPAD Integration should be circulated to all AU/NEPAD governance structures, particularly the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC), the Executive Council and the NEPAD Steering Committee, for consideration, before submission to the HSGIC, for final pronouncement. This will ensure board and adequate consultation.

9. The 20th NEPAD Summit also noted the urgency of an early conclusion of the integration process. The Summit, therefore, agreed that the whole process of Integrating NEPAD into the AU Structures and Processes should be completed prior to the next 13th AU Assembly in June/July 2009. It called upon all AU Member-States, who are yet to submit their comments on the structure and profile of the NEPAD Authority to the AU Commission, to do so as soon as possible.

10. The NEPAD Implementation Committee welcomed the signing, in October 2008, of the Host Agreement between the Government of South Africa and the AU

Commission for the NEPAD Secretariat. The Summit commended the South African Government and AU Commission for facilitating the conclusion of the Agreement, which grants legal status to the Secretariat as an international organization in South Africa. The HSGIC also urged the prompt and smooth implementation of the Agreement.

11. The AU Commission Chairperson, Dr. Jean Ping, during the Summit, announced the appointment of **Dr. Ibrahim Hassan Mayaki of the Republic of Niger** as the new Chief Executive Officer for NEPAD Secretariat. The HSGIC welcomed and endorsed the appointment, affirming that his recruitment conformed to the 10th AU Assembly Decision of January 2008. The NEPAD Summit entrusted the new CEO with the mandate to lead the transformation of the NEPAD Secretariat into the new NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Authority.

12. In funding the NEPAD Secretariat in the transition period, the NEPAD Heads of State and Government thanked AU Member-States who pledged and fulfilled their contributions to NEPAD Secretariat in the outgoing 2008/2009 financial year. The Summit urged the fulfilment of pledged by those countries which are yet to do so. An appeal was made to all Member-States to continue to donate generously towards the budget of the Secretariat. Accordingly, the NEPAD Summit also urged the NEPAD Secretariat to continue to evolve strategies for resource mobilization for effective program implementation, while ensuring efficient and judicious utilization of such resources.

13. the 20th NEPAD Summit reflected broadly on the dynamics of Africa's engagement within the G8 Process against the backdrop of the following:

- Ensuring adequate African representation at the global level including G8 and G20 Meetings;
- Delivery on Partnership commitments in support of Africa's development agenda;
- Implementation the Outcomes of the Tunis Meeting of African Finance Ministers of November 2008, vis-à-vis the impact of the current global financial crisis on Africa's reform agenda and its priorities, particularly the recent high economic growth rate in Africa.

14. The HSGIC agreed on the need for continued interaction and engagement with the G8 and OECD Countries. It underscored the strengthening of the partnership through the institutionalization of the Follow-up Mechanism between Africa's representation and Development Partners, which was agreed to at the 2008 Hokkaido Toyoda G8 Summit in Japan. The Mechanism would effectively promote mutual accountability in the new relationship being built between Africa and International Partners.

15. Mr. Abdou Janned, Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) tabled the 2008 Report on the Mutual Review of Development Effectiveness (MRDE) to the NEPAD Summit. He noted that the review exercise was undertaken jointly by UN-ECA and OECD in response to the directive of the HSGIC. The implementation Committee called upon AU Member States to study the 2008 MRDE Report and relay their views to the AU Commission and NEPAD Secretariat,

which will provide a Briefing Paper at the next Summit for the consideration of Member-States.

16. The 20th NEPAD Summit expressed gratitude to the Acting Chief Executive Officer, Ambassador Olukorede Willoughby and Dr. Hespina Rukato, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, who made up the Interim, for their services to NEPAD, prior to the appointment of the new CEO.

17. Finally, it was agreed that the next 21st Summit of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee will be held in Antananarivo, Madagascar, on the eve of the 13th African Union Summit in June/ July 2009.

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