

**DECISION ON THE PROMOTION OF COOPERATION, DIALOGUE AND
RESPECT FOR DIVERSITY IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS
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The Assembly,

1. **RECALLS** the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights adopted in June 1981;
2. **REITERATES** the importance of respecting regional, cultural and religious value systems as well as particularities in considering human rights issues;
3. **STRESSES** the need to maintain joint ownership of the international human rights agenda and to consider human rights issues in an objective and non-confrontational manner;
4. **STRONGLY REJECTS** any attempt to undermine the international human rights system by seeking to impose concepts or notions pertaining to social matters, including private individual conduct, that fall outside the internationally agreed human rights legal framework, taking into account that such attempts constitute an expression of disregard for the universality of human rights;
5. **TAKES NOTE** of the upcoming review of the United Nations (UN) Human Rights Council and **DECIDES** to support the UN Human Rights Council as a global forum for dialogue on human rights issues based on the principles of mutual respect, cooperation, objectivity and non-selectivity;
6. **UNDERTAKES** to support the Human Rights Council's broad and balanced agenda, and to strengthen the mechanisms addressing issues of importance for Africa, including fighting racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, in all their forms.

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