

**DECLARATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW  
PARTNERSHIP FOR AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT (NEPAD)**

1. **WE**, the Heads of State and Government of Member States of the Organisation of African Unity, meeting at the 38th Session of our Assembly in Durban, South Africa on 8th July 2002:
2. **RECALLING** our decision regarding the then New African Initiative taken at the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity in Lusaka, Zambia from 9 to 11 July 2001 (AHG/Decl. 1 (XXXVII));
3. **NOTING WITH APPRECIATION** the report provided to us by the Chairperson of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee, H.E. President O. Obasanjo of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, describing the developments in the NEPAD process over the course of the past year;
4. **FURTHER NOTING** the document submitted to us by H.E. President Obasanjo entitled "Towards the Implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) - Summary of Progress Report and Initial Action Plan" (hereinafter referred to as "Progress Report and Initial Action Plan"), elaborating the first phase for the implementation of NEPAD;
5. **FURTHER NOTING** the Declaration on Democracy, Political, Economic and Corporate Governance submitted by H.E. President Obasanjo, which seeks to foster a strong statement of reaffirmation by African leaders of their commitment to the principles and core values of democracy and good political, economic and corporate governance;
6. **FURTHER NOTING** the document submitted by H.E. President Obasanjo on the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) which is an instrument that will be voluntarily acceded to by Member States of the African Union for the purpose of self-monitoring, and which aims to foster the adoption of policies, standards and practices that will lead to political stability, high economic growth, sustainable development and accelerated regional integration in the continent;
7. **EMPHASISING** the long term nature of the NEPAD programme and our determination to use all available resources to ensure its successful implementation;
8. **ENDORSE** the Progress Report and Initial Action Plan and **RECOMMENDS** that Member States wishing to do so, should submit written comments to the Chairman of HSIC;
9. **CALL** for the detailed documents relating to each priority area of the Progress Report and Initial Action Plan to be distributed to all Member States of the African Union;
10. **URGE** that the programmes in each priority area be urgently implemented and that each Member State provide assistance in the further development and implementation of these programmes and in

the continued popularization of NEPAD amongst all sectors of society on the African continent;

- 11. REAFFIRM** our commitment to the principles and core values contained in the Declaration on Democracy, Political, Economic and Corporate Governance;
- 12. ENCOURAGE** all Member States of the African Union to adopt the Declaration on Democracy, Political, Economic and Corporate Governance and accede to the African Peer Review Mechanism;
- 13. MANDATE** the Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee of NEPAD and its Steering Committee to continue the vital task of further elaborating the NEPAD Framework and ensuring the implementation of NEPAD Initial Action Plan until reviewed at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Assembly of the African Union in Maputo, Mozambique, in 2003;
- 14. DECIDE** to increase the number of the members of the Implementation Committee by one per region of the African Union, thus bringing the total number of members of the Committee to twenty;
- 15. CALL UPON** the international community to provide continued and enhanced support for our efforts to regenerate the continent.

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