SPECIAL VOTE OF THANKS OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION TO H.E. DR. JEAN PING, OUTGOING CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION

The Assembly,

Noting with Satisfaction the contribution of H.E. Dr Jean Ping, outgoing Chairperson of the African Union Commission for the period 2008-2012 and the personal commitment and sacrifices he has made in the realization of the objectives of our Union:

- 1. **EXPRESSES** its sincere thanks to H.E. Dr. Jean Ping for his achievements, in particular in areas of peace and security as well as strengthening cooperation, integration and development, shared values as well as capacity building of the Commission;
- 2. ALSO EXPRESSES the gratitude of all AU Member States and the people of Africa to H.E. Dr. Jean Ping for the outstanding work he has accomplished during his mandate;
 - **DECIDES** to confer on H.E. Dr. Jean Ping on the occasion of its next Ordinary Session, an honorary award in recognition of the outstanding services he has rendered to Africa and **REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Commission to take all necessary measures to this effect.

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