RESOLUTION ON THE LIFTING OF THE ECONOMIC AND TRADE EMBARGO IMPOSED ON THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

We, the Heads of State and Government of the African Union meeting in our Twenty-First Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 26 to 27 May 2013;

Recalling Resolution Assembly/AU/Res.1(XV) adopted by our Assembly at its 15th Ordinary Session held in Kampala, Uganda, on 27 July 2012, Resolution Assembly/AU/Res.(XVII) adopted at its 17th Ordinary Session held in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, on 1 July 2011, and Resolution Assembly (AU/Res.1(XIX) adopted at its 19th Ordinary Session held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in July 2012 and in particular, the calls made to the Government of the United States of America to lift the unjustifiable and long-standing economic and trade embargo imposed on the Republic of Cuba to enable it enjoy all the legitimate prospects for sustainable development;

Reaffirming our commitment to further strengthen Africa-Caribbean relations as expressed by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government in Kampala, Uganda in June 2010;

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Also Reaffirming our full support for the Resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations on the: "Necessity of ending the economic, financial and commercial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba";

REITERATE our call and, once again **INVITE** the Government of the United State of America to lift long-standing and unjustifiable economic and trade embargo imposed on the Cuban people.

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