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Brussels, 11 May, 2011.

The Permanent Mission of the African Union in Brussels presents its compliments to all the Embassies of the Member States of the African Union in Brussels and at the request of H. E. Mr. Hanno Burkhard RUMPF, Ambassador of Namibia and Chairman of the African Group of Ambassadors in Brussels, has the honour to communicate the following:

1) In conformity with a well established tradition related to the matter, the Permanent Mission of the African Union and the African Group of Ambassadors in Brussels organise, each year, various activities to celebrate the "Africa Day" on 25 May. Considering the particularly heavy schedule of meetings, it has been difficult to convene a Plenary Session of the Group to discuss the ways and means to respect this important tradition this year. Consequently, it has been deemed essential to refer to the Programme of Activities of previous years as follows :

- **A Conference- Debate** on the theme: "The African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance and the Africa-EU Political Dialogue" – On Tuesday 24 May or Wednesday 25 May 2011, from 09.30 a.m to 1.00 p. m. – presented by Ambassador Emile Ognimba, Director of Political Affairs Department, AU Commission and Mr. Klaus Rudischhauser, Director of ACP General Affairs, European Commission.
- **A Reception**, based essentially on National and/or Regional dishes of the AU Member States, coupled with African cultural items.

2) As witnessed by our partners and the whole Diplomatic Corps in Brussels, the success of the said Reception has always been unanimously credited to the diversity of the rich African culinary art, the spirit of the legendary hospitality and solidarity, expressed through this event, which generates conviviality. **Consequently, it has been agreed to appeal to each Embassy to own this achievement and act accordingly so as to preserve, indeed, enhance it.**

3) To this end, as in the previous years, it has been agreed to request each Embassy to kindly:

- **Pay up its statutory contribution** to the regular budget of the African Group of Ambassadors in Brussels, including, if necessary, the arrears (Cf. Note Verbale UA.BRU/FC/AMB.AFR/BUD/C.STAT/13.11 of 2 March 2011) – Account No. of the African Group: **BE25 3100 1429 7482.**

- **Make voluntary contribution**, financial and/or in kind (National dish for at least 25 persons, drinks, etc.). In this case, *the drinks etc. can be brought to the AU Permanent Mission as from 23 May 2011, from 9.30 a. m to 5.00 p. m and the National dishes be brought directly to the Palais des Colonies, Tervuren, on Wednesday 25 May 2011, by 6.00 p.m.*
 - **Duly involve the Spouses of Ambassadors** whose mobilisation is a determining factor for the success of the Reception.
- 4) The Permanent Mission and the Bureau of the African Group of Ambassadors in Brussels wish to seize this opportunity to sincerely thank each of the Embassies of the AU Member States in Brussels for all the necessary measures that they will take to reaffirm, through the celebration of « Africa Day » 2011, the unity and solidarity which African countries have always shown everywhere.

The Permanent Mission of the African Union in Brussels avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all the Embassies of the Member States of the African Union in Brussels the assurance of its highest consideration.

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IN BRUSSELS**



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