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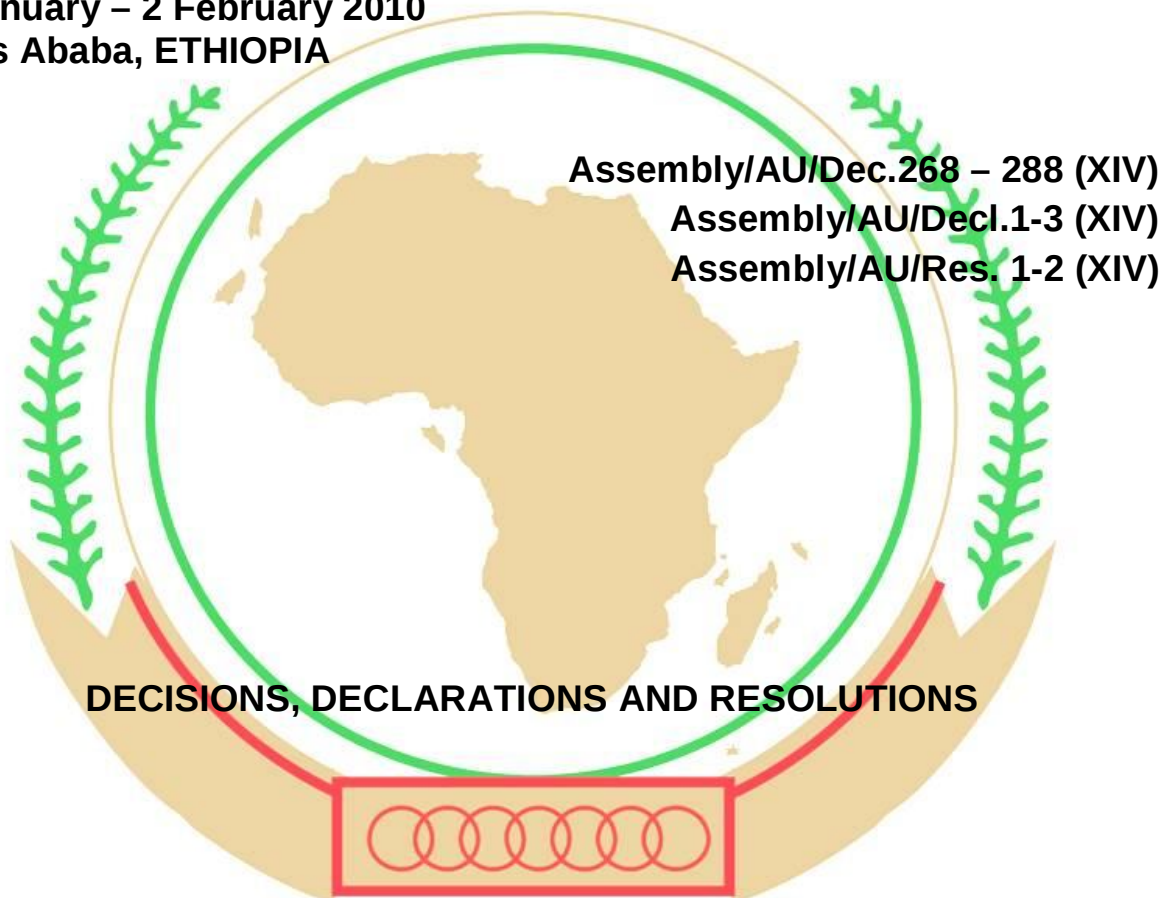
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DECISIONS, DECLARATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE ON THE NEW PARTERSHIP FOR AFRICA'S
DEVELOPMENT (NEPAD)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** of the Report by the Chairperson of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee (HSGIC), H.E. Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia;
2. **NOTES AND WELCOMES** progress made in the implementation of the NEPAD Programme, particularly on the African Union (AU)/NEPAD Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) through the signing of CAADP Compacts and the finalization of the NEPAD Capacity Development Strategic Framework (CDSF) as a common reference and integrated tool to address capacity challenges in Africa;
3. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.241(XII) of the Twelfth Ordinary Session of the AU Assembly on the need for a coherent, systematized and institutionalized partnership engagement with the G8 and **NOTES** the outcomes of the L'Aquila G8/Africa Outreach of July 2009 including the launch of the US\$20 billion L'Aquila Food Security Initiative (AFSI), the Pittsburgh G20 Summit of September 2009 and the conclusions of the 13th Africa Partnership Forum (APF);
4. **OBSERVES** that the evolving global context with respect to the G8 and G20, and the latter serving as the premier forum for international economic cooperation has necessitated an in-depth review of Africa's partnership strategy within this new global governance architecture. In this regard, **NOTES** that the G8 has established an accountability mechanism with Africa and therefore **AGREES** that Africa should undertake an independent assessment of G8/Africa partnership as a contribution to the next G8/Africa Outreach;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission and the NEPAD Secretariat, in collaboration with the Africa Development Forum to undertake this assessment and submit its findings by the June 2010 G8 Summit;
6. **URGES** the adoption of a new strategic approach focusing on partnership dialogue on Africa's development policy issues and **CALLS FOR** the institutionalization of Africa's engagement within the G20, and the effecting of the desired paradigm shift from management of poverty in the Continent to economic transformation for Africa to emerge as a new growth pole to address existing imbalances and play a significant role in the integrated world economy.