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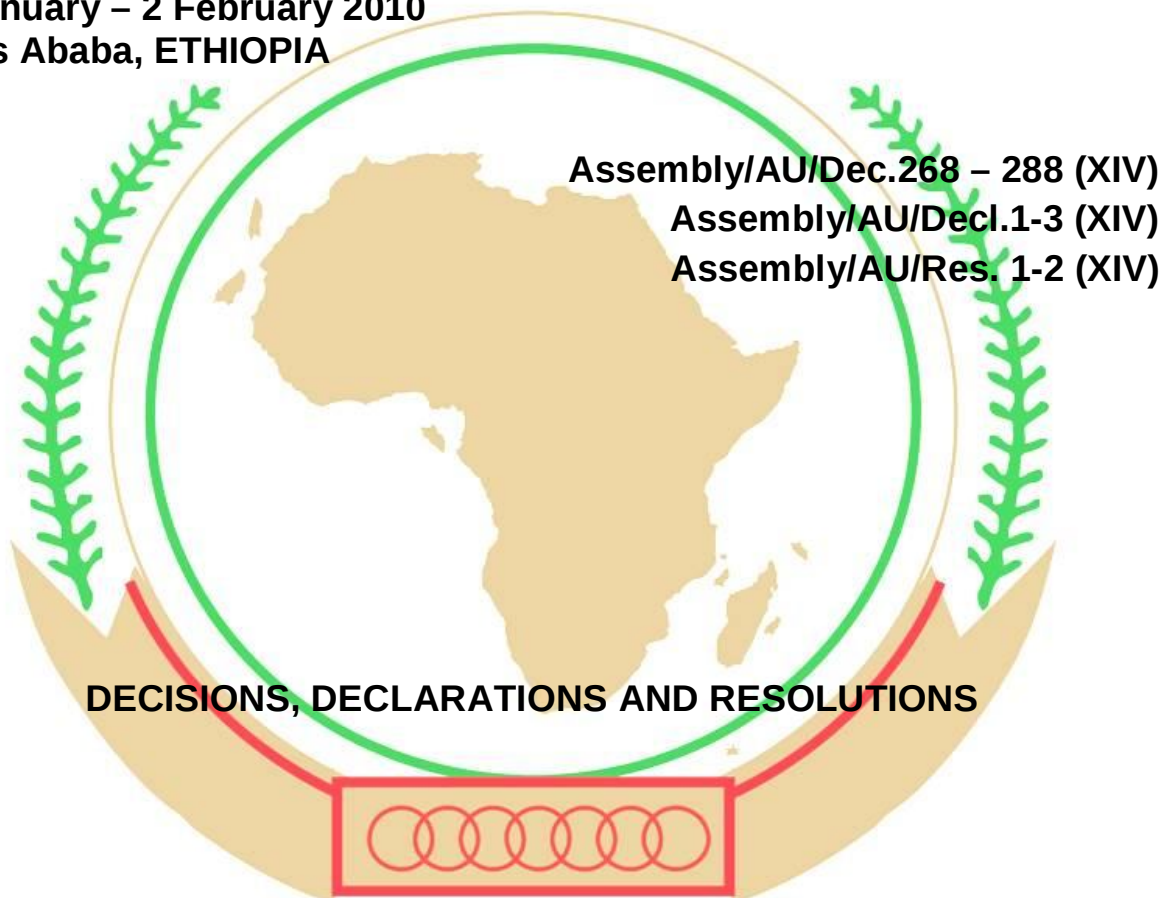
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DECISIONS, DECLARATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

DECLARATION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION ON THE SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF HAITI

WE, the Heads of State and Government of the African Union, meeting in the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of our Assembly in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 31 January 2010 and from 1-2 February 2010:

Deeply Touched by the tragedy that has struck the people of Haiti since the earthquake on 12 January 2010 with particularly devastating consequences;

Considering the manifold and great hardships that the people of Haiti have suffered over so many years;

Concerned by the seriousness of the humanitarian situation currently existing in the country;

Conscious of the strong ties and age-old bonds that unite Africa and Haiti as well as their common heritage;

1. **EXPRESSES** its solidarity with the Government and people of Haiti, offers its deepest sympathy to the populations who have been affected and its condolences to those families that have been afflicted;
2. **PAYS TRIBUTE** to the memory of Mr. HEDI ANNABI, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations and to the memory of all the Representatives of the international community who died during this horrifying tragedy;
3. **COMMENDS** all efforts made by the international community to provide the victims of the earthquake of 12 January 2010 with generous assistance and contribute to the reconstruction of Haiti;
4. **EXPRESSES** its gratitude to those African States which have been supporting these efforts by making financial and material contributions;
5. **URGES** all Member States to show active solidarity towards Haiti and take action to provide a collective response to the challenge brought about by the earthquake;

6. **ENCOURAGES** Member States to provide scholarships to Haitian students affected by the disaster;
7. **REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Commission to set up, as quickly as possible, in collaboration with the African Development Bank, an African Humanitarian Fund for Haiti to which all Member States are requested to make a contribution;
8. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Chairperson to undertake bold action to mobilize funds from all segments of the African society;
9. **CALLS ON** Africans of the Diaspora to contribute to this Fund;
10. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Commission to examine the modalities of establishing an African humanitarian mechanism to provide a rapid response, in a coordinated, harmonized and efficient way, to serious humanitarian situations which could occur in Africa and in other parts of the world;
11. **REQUESTS** the African Union to send a mission to Haiti as soon as possible, to offer the sympathy and express the solidarity of all the peoples of Africa to the Haitian people.

