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**DECISIONS, DECLARATIONS
AND RESOLUTIONS**





DECLARATION ON THE ORGANIZATION OF CRANS MONTANA FORUM IN THE OCCUPIED CITY OF DAKHLA, WESTERN SAHARA²

We, the Heads of States and Governments of the African Union, having met at our Twenty Fourth Ordinary Session of the AU Assembly in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 30 to 31 January 2015;

Taking Note of the recommendation of the Executive Council to issue a declaration on the organization of Crans Montana Forum in the occupied city of Dakhla (Western Sahara) on 12-14 March 2015;

Recalling all decisions and resolutions adopted by the OAU/AU and UN on the Situation in Western Sahara;

Bearing in mind the efforts undertaken by the UN and AU to achieve a just and lasting solution of the question of Western Sahara in accordance with the UN Charter and Resolution 1514 adopted in 1960 related to the decolonisation;

Hereby:

1. **REAFFIRM** Decision **EX.CL/Dec.758(XXII)** endorsed by the Assembly of the Union which inter alia “Requests the Commission to take all the necessary measures for the organization of a referendum for self-determination of the people of Western Sahara in compliance with the relevant OAU/AU Decisions and UN Resolutions” and the Assembly Decision (**Assembly/AU/Dec.536(XXIII)**), adopted by the 23rd Ordinary Session of the Assembly held in Malabo on June 2014;
2. **EXPRESS** support to the efforts made by the Chairperson of the AUC and the AU Special Envoy, the former President of Mozambique, H.E Joaquim Chissano, in coordination and complementarity with the efforts made by the UNSG Personal Envoy on Western Sahara, H.E. Ambassador Christopher Ross;
3. **CONSIDER** that the organisation of any international conference in the current circumstances in Western Sahara is in contradiction with the efforts made by the International Community to resolve the conflict in Western Sahara, and can only create an atmosphere of confrontation in the territory;
4. **URGE** the Swiss International Organization “Crans Montana” and all other organizers to cancel the meeting planned in the occupied city of Dakhla (Western Sahara), as it is a grave violation of the International Law;

² Reservations by Burundi, the Comoros, Cote d'Ivoire, Gabon, Guinea and Senegal

5. **CALL UPON** the AU Member States, African Civil Society and all Organisations not to participate in this Forum, scheduled from 12th to the 14th March 2015 in the occupied city of Dakhla (Western Sahara);
6. **REQUEST** the Commission to take all necessary measures to ensure the follow up of this declaration.

