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AND RESOLUTION**



**DECLARATION ON THE LIFTING OF THE LONG-STANDING UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA'S UNILATERAL SANCTIONS IMPOSED ON THE SUDAN
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WE, the Heads of State and Government of the African Union, meeting at our Twenty Six Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia:

GUIDED by the Constitutive Act of the African Union adopted in 2000 at Lomé Summit (Togo) which provides that one of the objectives of the African Union shall be to achieve greater unity and solidarity between the African countries and the peoples of Africa ;

CONSIDERING the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the African Charter on Human and People's Rights and other relevant human rights instruments;

AFFIRMING the United Nations Human Rights Council Resolution No. A/HRC/27/L.2 on Human Rights and Unilateral Coercive Measures adopted on 18 September 2014 , which created special procedures to assess the impact of the unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights;

URGING the Commission to develop modalities for the follow up mechanism for the implementation of the decision of the Assembly to call on the United States of America (USA) to lift the long-standing unilateral sanctions on The Sudan;

BEARING IN MIND the negative impact of the unilateral coercive measures imposed on the Republic of Sudan by the United States of America since 1997, which has, inter alia, crippled the economy of the country, increased the inflation rates, restricted the imports and exports, hindered the country's strategy to achieve socio-economic development, interrupted the on-going plans to cope with Post 2015 Sustainable Development Goals and affected the country's obligation towards its commitments to the African Union Agenda 2063;

RECOGNIZING that the unilateral coercive measures resulted in freezing and confiscation of private and governmental transfers and assets respectively, deprived the people of the Sudan of the use of open sources in the internet, economically discouraged foreign direct investments, lowered the per capita income and increased the percentage of population poverty;

CONCERNED by the harmful effect of the bank transfer embargo, which has forced the people dealing with Sudan to carry money in cash outside the banking system making it difficult for the authorities to fight money laundering thus encouraging cross boarder crimes. This has affected all socioeconomic aspects, especially in the health sector resulting into the increase in maternal and infant mortality due to the restrictions created on importing medical serums and equipment normally;

STRESSING that unilateral coercive measures and legislation are discouraged under international law, international humanitarian law, the UN Charter, Constitutive Act of the African Union and the norms and principles governing peaceful resolutions among states;

EXPRESSING its deep concern at the designation of the Republic of The Sudan as a State sponsoring terrorism by the Department of State of the United States of America, since 1993, which has restrained Sudan from playing active role in combating terrorism, smuggling and trafficking in persons, transnational crimes and illegal immigration;

FURTHER RECOGNIZING The Sudan's tireless effort in peace-making through the multifaceted negotiations in Chad, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Kenya, Eritrea, Egypt, Libya, Qatar and many other countries, including, the signing and implementation of several agreements mainly the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) that led to the establishment of the sisterly Republic of South Sudan, as well as the initiation of on-going inclusive process of national dialogue to accommodate all the people of Sudan within national issues;

TAKING NOTE of The Sudan's initiative in the establishment of the Committee on Intelligence and Security Service in Africa (CISSA) in order to combat terrorism regionally and internationally;

REAFFIRMING that no state may use or encourage the use of any type of measures including but not limited to economic or political measures, to coerce another state in order to obtain from it the subordination of the exercise of its sovereign rights and to secure from it advantages of any kind;

UNDERLINING that under no circumstances should people be deprived of their basic means of survival;

ALARMED by the disproportionate and indiscriminate human cost of the United States of America's unilateral sanctions and their negative effects on civilian population, in particular women and children of The Sudan;

1. **DECLARE** our full support of the Republic of The Sudan until the comprehensive lifting of all unjust United States of America's unilateral sanctions;
2. **CALL UPON** the United States of America to lift all its unilateral coercive measures, restrictions and sanctions imposed on the Republic of the Sudan as soon as possible to allow it to continue the peace building process;
3. **REGRET** the extraterritorial nature of the measures which, inter alia, impacts the payment of the financial contribution of The Sudan to the African Union, in addition to threatening the sovereignty of the country;
4. **CALL UPON** all states of the world not to recognize these measures or apply them, and to take effective administrative or legislative measures, as appropriate, to counter the extraterritorial application or effects of unilateral coercive measures;

5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report on the mechanism for the implementation of the decision of the Assembly to call on the United States of America (USA) to lift the long-standing unilateral sanctions on The Sudan to the Ordinary Session of the Assembly through the Executive Council, scheduled for January 2017.

