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The Assembly of the African Union meeting in its 12<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, wishes to congratulate H.E. Mr. Barack Obama over his resounding victory and assumption of the High Office of President of the United States of America.

The Assembly wishes to underscore the great importance the African Union and its Member States attach to the strengthening and consolidation of relations with the United States of America, a great country which plays a leading role in world affairs.

The Assembly of the African Union is confident that under the dynamic and wise leadership of President Obama and with his reaffirmed commitment to the promotion of dialogue on all strategic issues of interest to the future of humanity and his sensitivity to the global challenges confronting the world, a new hope for change in the world would be created. Furthermore, this change will also create a conducive opportunity in boosting peace, security and sustainable development in the world and particularly in Africa for the benefit of all humanity.

While looking forward and committed to strengthening the excellent relations which exist between Africa and the United States of America, the Assembly welcomes the administration of President Obama which opens a new chapter for America, Africa and indeed the entire world.

**Addis Ababa, 2 February 2009**