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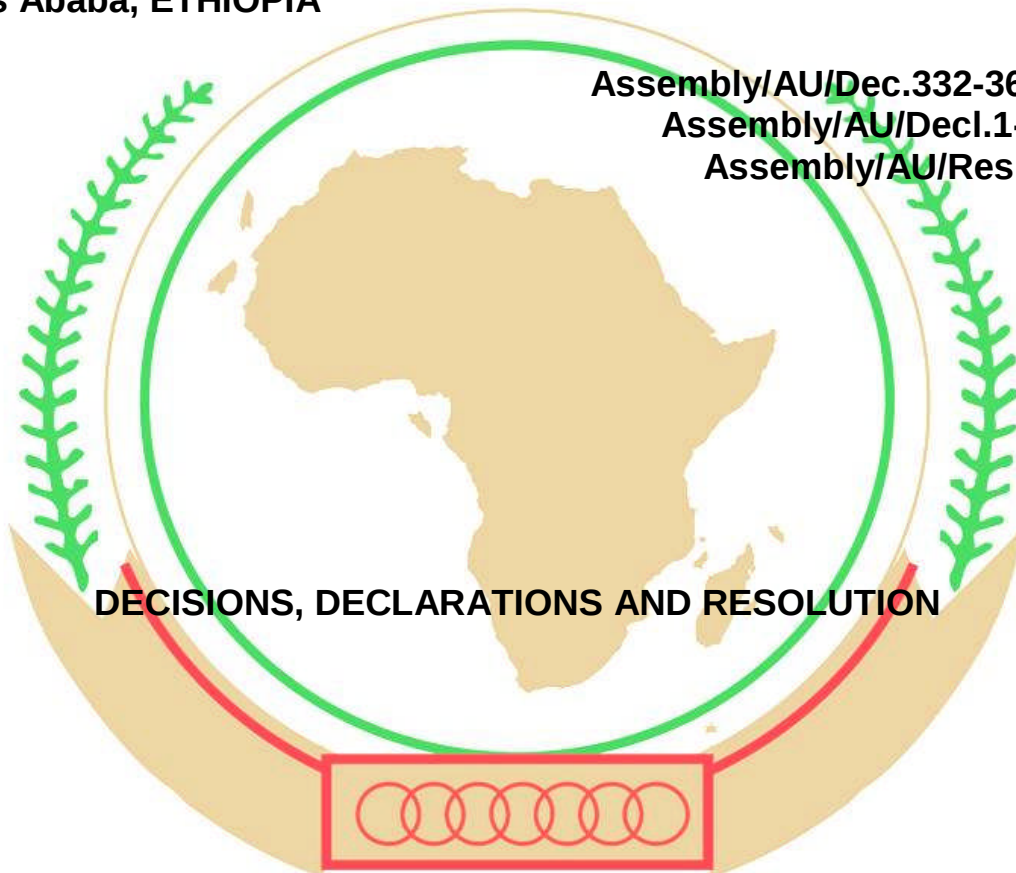
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DECISIONS, DECLARATIONS AND RESOLUTION

**DECISION ON THE FINAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION
ON THE YEAR OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN AFRICA
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The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Final Report of the Chairperson of the Commission on the Implementation of the 2010 Year of Peace and Security in Africa;
2. **RECALLS** its decisions Assembly/AU/Dec.275(XIV) and Assembly/AU/Dec.295(XV) adopted at its 14th and 15th Ordinary Sessions held, respectively, in Addis Ababa and Kampala, from 29 to 30 January and 25 to 27 July 2010;
3. **EXPRESSES SATISFACTION** at the successful observance, across the continent, of Peace Day, on 21st September 2010, in particular the respect of the cessation of hostilities in all conflict areas, as well as at the other outreach and programmatic activities undertaken as part of the Year of Peace and Security in Africa, including the mobilization of support for the Make Peace Happen Industry Charter, the enhancement of the capacity of African Academic Institutions, the use of sport to further peace, the building of a Memorial on Human Rights, the Cairo High-Level Retreat and the overall efforts towards the implementation of the Tripoli Declaration and Plan of Action of 31 August 2009, as captured in paragraphs 13 to 33 of the report of the Chairperson of the Commission;
4. **CONGRATULATES** all Member States, Regional Economic Communities/Regional Mechanisms for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution (RECs/RMs), civil society, private sector and other stakeholders, as well as AU partners, including the United Nations and its agencies, for their contribution and support to the Make Peace Happen Campaign. The Assembly **ALSO COMMENDS** the Peace Ambassadors and Members of the YoPS Advisory Council for their efforts and dedication;
5. **DECIDES** that, in order to sustain the efforts to Make Peace Happen, the steps taken and initiatives launched as part of the Year of Peace and Security in Africa should be pursued and intensified;
6. **ENDORSES** the recommendations made by the Chairperson of the Commission in his report (paragraphs 41 to 54) for the implementation of a long-term sustainability strategy, building on the achievements made and the lessons learnt from the Make Peace Happen Campaign and revolving around the following elements: (i) the institutionalization of the celebration of Peace Day along the lines of paragraph 9 of decision Assembly/AU/Dec.295(XV), (ii) communication and outreach to publicize the efforts of the continent and sensitize all stakeholders, (iii) partnerships with stakeholders, in particular the private sector and civil society, (iv) peace education, (v) support to African academic and research institutions, to enhance their capacity to explore the nature of African conflicts to investigate what succeeds and fails in conflict resolution and to arrive at African-centered solutions, (vi) support to peace-

building activities through renewed efforts towards the implementation of the Tripoli Declaration and Plan of Action and the institutionalization of the Cairo High-Level Retreat, and (vii) resource mobilization, in particular within the continent, in order to enhance Africa's ownership and of leadership in, the quest for peace in the continent;

7. **URGES** all Member States to provide the support required for the successful implementation of the Make Peace Happen Campaign sustainability strategy. The Assembly **ALSO URGES** all other stakeholders, including RECs/RMs, civil society and private sector, to work closely with the AU and take all necessary initiatives and steps in this respect. The Assembly **FURTHER URGES** the AU partners, including the United Nations, to extend the necessary support and cooperation;
8. **REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Commission, within the framework of his report on the activities of the Commission, to keep the Assembly regularly informed of progress made towards the implementation of this decision and to submit to it a progress report no later than January 2012 and, in the interim, to provide, as needed, updates to the Peace and Security Council.

