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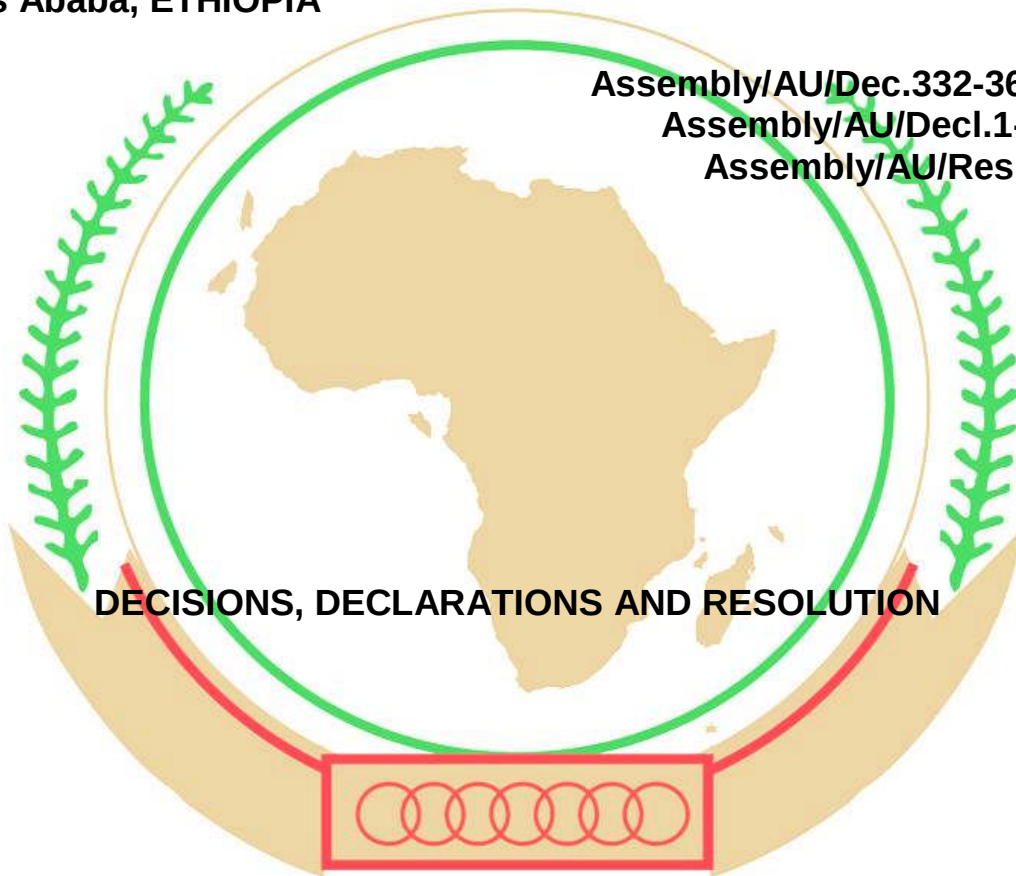
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DECISIONS, DECLARATIONS AND RESOLUTION



**DECISION ON THE FORTHCOMING CENTENARY OF
THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS
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The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the proposal made by the Republic of South Africa on the Centenary of the African National Congress (ANC);
2. **CONGRATULATES** the ANC on the achievement of this historic milestone since its formation in 1912;
3. **ENDORSES** the proposal for the ownership and celebration by the African Union of all African liberation movements and the recognition of their achievements;
4. **PAYS HOMAGE** to Africa's founding fathers for their role and the sacrifices they made in their dedication to the mission of uniting the African people in the struggle against colonialism, imperialism and apartheid;
5. **SALUTES** the Organization of African Unity (OAU) for its contribution through its Liberation Committee, to the liberation and self-determination of South Africa;
6. **FURTHER SALUTES** the Governments and liberation movements on the Continent, as well as the International Solidarity Movement, for being an inspiration to the ANC and the people of South Africa in their resistance against apartheid and their attainment of freedom;
7. **DRAWS INSPIRATION** from the ANC for remaining a united and principled movement and for its noble reputation, nature and historic objectives;
8. **DECIDES** to link the Centenary of the ANC and the anniversaries of other continental liberation movements to the recent celebration of the 50th Anniversaries of the independence of many African countries and to Africa's Shared Values;
9. **REQUESTS** the Commission to work with the South African Government in the celebration of the ANC Centenary.
10. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to report on the implementation of this Decision to the next ordinary session of the Assembly in June/July 2011.
11. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the AU Commission, in collaboration with Member States, to work towards the review and documentation of the liberation history of the Continent;
12. **URGES** Member States to view the ANC Centenary celebrations as an African event and undertake activities in solidarity with South Africa in this respect;
13. **CALLS UPON** the international community to observe the Centenary of the ANC on 08 January 2012.