DECISION ON MADAGASCAR

The Assembly,

1. EXPRESSES deep concern over the continuing political crisis in Madagascar;

2. RECOGNIZES the importance and validity of the Maputo Agreement and the Additional Act of Addis Ababa;

3. STRESSES that these agreements remain the only roadmap for a comprehensive solution to the Madagascar crisis and URGES for their speedy and faithful implementation;

4. URGES the illegal regime in Madagascar to desist from attempts to impose unilateral solutions to the current crisis thereby circumventing the Maputo Agreement and the Additional Act of Addis Ababa;

5. RECOGNIZES the efforts being made by the African Union (AU) and the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), to restore constitutional order in Madagascar;

6. WELCOMES the various Summit meetings and decisions of the SADC leaders; the meetings convened in Maputo on 8 and 9 August 2009, and Addis Ababa from 2 to 6 November 2009;

7. REQUESTS the Commission and SADC to continue to work together in assisting the negotiation process in Madagascar;

8. UNDERSCORES the leading role played by SADC in the mediation process, given its regional responsibilities and comparative advantages;

9. STRESSES the need for the establishment of the Follow Up Mechanism provided for in paragraph 12 of the Additional Act of Addis Ababa of 6 November 2009;

10. EXPRESSES FULL SUPPORT to H.E. Joaquim Chissano, former President of the Republic of Mozambique and SADC Mediator, and his mediation team for their endeavours towards re-establishing constitutional order in Madagascar;

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11. **NOTES** the proposals presented by the Chairperson of Commission to the Malagasy parties during his mission to Madagascar from 21 to 22 January 2010 and **URGES** the parties to respond expeditiously to these proposals;

12. **REQUESTS** the Peace and Security Council to meet in due course to review the situation and take the required decisions in light of the relevant AU instruments;

13. **APPEALS** to the international partners to continue to extend full support to the efforts being made towards the resolution of the crisis in Madagascar and the restoration of constitutional order within the institutional framework approved by the Assembly.