



DECLARATION OF INTENT

BETWEEN

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AND

**THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE
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We the Parties;

1. **The Commission of the African Union** (hereinafter referred to as the AUC), an international Intergovernmental Organization with its headquarters along Roosevelt Road in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and
2. **The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States** (hereinafter referred to as the "General Secretariat"), a public international organization with its headquarters in Washington, D.C., USA,
3. **Considering** the provisions of the Constitutive Act of the African Union which calls, amongst other things, for the encouragement of international cooperation,
4. **Considering** that the General Secretariat is the central and permanent organ of the OAS and has the power to establish and foster ties and cooperation under Article 112.h of the OAS Charter and OAS General Assembly Resolution AG/RES. 57(1-0/71),
5. **Considering further** that the AUC is an Organ of the African Union which performs, *inter alia*, secretarial functions and by virtue of Article 3(2)(a) of the Statutes of the Commission represents the Union, and
6. **Affirming** the importance of cooperating in various agreed activities.

NOW DECLARE as follows that:

7. The Parties undertake to cooperate in various fields, which fields shall be negotiated and agreed upon in due course, and which may include *inter alia* democracy promotion;
8. Cooperation between the Organizations shall be within the context of instruments upon which the two Organizations mutually agree, and which may cover a wide range of areas that shall be agreed upon from time to time;
9. The Secretariat for Political Affairs of the General Secretariat through the Assistant Secretary for Political Affairs, and the Bureau of the Chairperson, through the Chief of Staff, Office of the Chairperson of the AU Commission, shall be the persons/bodies designated with the coordination of and shall deal with all correspondence between the parties;

10. This declaration of intent may be amended by written notification with the consent of both parties.

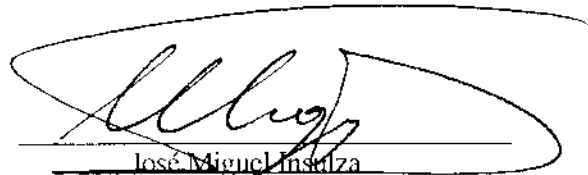
Done at..... this 10 day of July 2007.

**FOR THE COMMISSION OF
THE AFRICAN UNION**

**FOR THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF
THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN
STATES**



Alpha Oumar Konare
Chairperson



José Miguel Insulza
Secretary General

