

Addis Ababa Declaration,

We, Members of the Executive Committee of AOMA gathered here from 15 – 16 September 2011 at the Sheraton Hotel, Addis Ababa for an Executive Committee meeting;

Noting that the AORC Board meeting was held on 14 September 2011, for the first time following the launch of the African Ombudsman Research Centre in Durban South Africa on the 15th of March 2011 and that the Centre is now operational;

Expressing our appreciation to the Ethiopian Institution of the Ombudsman and the Government of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia for the hospitality;

Recalling our resolution in Durban to call upon the African Union to do everything in its power to avoid the loss of innocent lives in Libya;

Noting further the persisting peace challenges in Libya, Somalia and other African States;

Recalling the General Assembly's Resolution to hold our next General Assembly Meeting in Mali;

Considering the need to strengthen regional structures and members offices;

Acknowledging with appreciation the accreditation of AOMA by the African Union through the assistance of the President of the African Union Commission, H.E. President Jean Ping as well as the encouragement by the African Union Commissioner for Social Affairs, Adv. Bience Gawanas who appreciated the role of the Ombudsman institutions and AOMA towards the consolidation of democracy, good governance, the protection of human rights and the fight against corruption in the African continent;

RESOLVE THAT:

- a. Mali will host the General Assembly starting with an EXCO meeting from 17 – 18 February 2012, and the General Assembly to take place from 20 – 22 February 2012 under the proposed theme ***“Reinforcing the African Ombudsman Institution for the Consolidation of Good Governance and Democracy in Africa”***
- b. Peace, democracy and good governance be encouraged and supported in the African continent in general and Libya in particular
- c. The AORC will be used to strengthen AOMA structures to deliver good governance and human rights, and to invite other national institutions in Africa who are not yet members, to join AOMA
- d. AOMA to avail its resources and members to assist the African Union and other multilateral bodies in their efforts in pursuit of democracy, good governance and peace in the African continent

- e. Efforts aimed at ensuring that AOMA is recognized by all African States and relevant multilateral bodies will be continued and accelerated

Adopted and signed in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on this day 16th September 2011

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President

Dr Paulo Tjipilica

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Executive Secretary

Adv. Thuli Madonsela