

Dakar Declaration Against Terrorism

Oct. 17, 2001

We, Heads of State and Government and Representatives of the following countries: Algeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Comoros, Cote D'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Togo Tunisia, Uganda .

Meeting in Dakar on October 17, 2001,

***Seriously Concerned* about the development of terrorism, which, still constitutes an unacceptable infringement of the most essential human rights and democracy, and a threat to world peace; and security;**

***Dismayed* by the extent and gravity of terrorist activities worldwide, including those that took place in the United States of America on September 11, 2001: Desirous of expressing our solidarity and condolence to the United States for the tragedy of September 11, 2001;**

***Convinced* of the necessity to make Africa a continent where every act of terrorism and abetment of terrorism must be banned without any restriction based on political, philosophical, ideological, racial, ethnic, religious or other considerations;**

***Considering* the Conventions of the United Nations Organisation and of the Organisation of African Unity/African Union on the fight against terrorism as well as the relevant United Nations resolutions, particularly, the Security Council Resolutions 1368 of September 12, 2001 and 1373 of September 28, 2001,**

***Anxious* to strengthen inter-state cooperation and coordination in the fight against all forms of terrorism, whether it be perpetrated by individuals, groups, or States;**

***Strongly condemn* any act of terrorism, be it perpetrated in the African continent or in any other part of the world;**

***Appeal* to all African countries to ratify as a matter of urgency the OAU Convention on the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism and similar UN instruments, and to take legal diplomatic, financial, and other measures to fight terrorism at national, sub-regional, regional, and global levels;**

***Recommend* that OAU convene an extraordinary summit to discuss the progress so far made in Africa in the fight against terrorism and to ensure that the post September 11, 2001 events and their consequences have the least possible adverse impact on the development of Africa, in particular on the implementation of the New African Initiative.**

***Consider* all the proposals of the Dakar Meeting as important achievements intended to prepare and enrich the discussions; to be held, at the earliest convenience, on the Prevention of and Fight Against Terrorism;**

***Take note*, in this respect, of the Pact formulated and proposed by Senegal as well as the discussions, and proposals of the Meeting which will be made available to the OAU for the formulation and adoption of an additional Protocol to the Convention in consultation with the States parties thereto, in accordance with the provisions of Article 21 of the said Convention,**

***Congratulate*, finally, His Excellency Ma"tre Abdoulaye WADE, President of the Republic of Senegal on his timely initiative which has enabled African States represented at a very high-level to hold broad consultations and take a common stand against terrorism and for peace and security in Africa.**

Done in Dakar, on October 17, 2001.