

VIII. CONCLUSION

204. The objective of the *New Partnership for Africa's Development* is to consolidate democracy and sound economic management on the continent. Through the programme, African leaders are making a commitment to the African people and the world to work together in rebuilding the continent. It is a pledge to promote peace and stability, democracy, sound economic management and people-centred development and to hold each other accountable in terms of the agreements outlined in the programme.
205. In proposing the partnership, Africa recognises that it holds the key to its own development. We affirm that the *New Partnership for Africa's Development* offers an historic opportunity for the developed countries of the world to enter into a genuine partnership with Africa, based on mutual interest, shared commitments and binding agreements.
206. The adoption of a development strategy as set out in the broad approach outlined above, together with a detailed programme of action, will mark the beginning of a new phase in the partnership and co-operation between Africa and the developed world.
207. In fulfilling its promise, this agenda must give hope to the emaciated African child that the 21st century is indeed Africa's century.

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