

MAPUTO AGREEMENT No 2 ON THE CASE OF PRESIDENT RAVALOMANANA

Within the framework of the mandate of the Joint Mediation Team for Madagascar, under the auspices of the African Union, SADC, OIF and the United Nations,

Having exchanged views on a number of questions relating to finding a lasting resolution to the crisis in Madagascar,

Having considered in particular the case of President Marc Ravalomanana,

Determined and willing to put the national interest above that of individuals, in a spirit of reconciliation,

Article 1

We, the four party political leaders of Madagascar, meeting at the Joaquim Chissano International Conference Centre in Maputo, Mozambique, from August 5 to 8, 2009, demand that the legal conviction of Mr Marc Ravalomanana be annulled, in view of the conditions in which the trial took place.

Article 2

The party leaders demand that current charges be dropped and that political prisoners involved in the events of 2009 be released immediately. The leaders shall implement this agreement in accordance with article 15 of the Maputo Political Agreement concerning any damages incurred during the political events of 2002, 2006, 2008 and 2009.

Article 3

The leaders shall establish a climate of peace and security for all Malagasys. They shall call for an end to all demonstrations likely to create social and political tensions.

Article 4

The party political leaders of Madagascar state that the return of President Ravalomanana to the country should not be considered until a favourable security and political environment has been established.

Article 5

The transitional authorities shall ensure the protection of President Ravalomanana's family and property.

Signatures