THE ABUJA RESOLUTION ON AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA COOPERATIVE FORUM (ASACOF)

We, the Heads of State and Government of Africa and South America, meeting in Abuja, Thursday, 30 November 2006,

Recalling the historical and cultural linkages among the peoples of our two regions,

Conscious of the historic opportunity to forge a united front for the achievement of rapid socio-economic development, peace and security of our countries,

Recognising that the Constitutive Act of the African Union and the various resolutions of the United Nations represent strong foundations for economic cooperation and integration as well as the maintenance of peace and security,

Also recognizing that the countries of Africa and South America are endowed with human and other resources sufficient to forge a partnership which will guarantee peace, security and development for our peoples in a globalizing world:

RESOLVED TO:

1. Establish an Africa-South America Cooperative Forum of Heads of State and Government, which shall meet every two years alternately in the two regions;

2. Implement the Abuja Declaration and Plan of Action adopted at the first Africa-South America Summit, with collective determination and political will;

3. Adopt strategies and measures that will translate the vision of the Africa-South America Cooperative Forum into concrete economic, political and social benefits for our peoples;

4. Intensify cooperation and consultation at all levels to exploit the immense opportunities which abound in our two continents;

5. Explore and exploit, in particular, opportunities for cooperation and collaboration in the areas of Agriculture, Trade and Investment, Energy, Technology, Water Resources and Tourism;

6. Commit ourselves to deepening and strengthening the historical and cultural linkages which exist among our peoples;

7. Immediately activate and implement all bilateral agreements between countries in our two regions, particularly in the areas of Trade, Air Services and Agriculture;

8. Continuously monitor the effective implementation of the Plan of Action for maximum benefit;

9. Set up appropriate institutions and mechanisms to give practical expression to the Cooperative Forum; meanwhile, we ask the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Brazil to coordinate the activities of the Forum.

Adopted, this 30th day of November, 2006, in Abuja, Nigeria