

A. CONDITIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

A1. The Peace, Security, Democracy And Political Governance Initiatives

71. African leaders have learned from their own experiences that peace, security, democracy, good governance, human rights and sound economic management are conditions for sustainable development. They are making a pledge to work, both individually and collectively, to promote these principles in their countries and subregions and on the continent.

(i) Peace And Security Initiative

72. The Peace and Security Initiative consists of three elements:

- Promoting long-term conditions for development and security;
- Building the capacity of African institutions for early warning, as well as enhancing their capacity to prevent, manage and resolve conflicts;
- Institutionalising commitment to the core values of the *New Partnership for Africa's Development* through the leadership.

(ii) Democracy And Political Governance Initiative

79. It is generally acknowledged that development is impossible in the absence of true democracy, respect for human rights, peace and good governance. With the *New Partnership for Africa's Development*, Africa undertakes to respect the global standards of democracy, the core components of which include political pluralism, allowing for the existence of several political parties and workers' unions, and fair, open and democratic elections periodically organised to enable people to choose their leaders freely.

80. The purpose of the Democracy and Political Governance Initiative is to contribute to strengthening the political and administrative framework of participating countries, in line with the principles of democracy, transparency, accountability, integrity, respect for human rights and promotion of the rule of law. It is strengthened by and supports the Economic Governance Initiative, with which it shares key features. Taken together, these initiatives will contribute to harnessing the energies of the continent towards development and the eradication of poverty.

81. The Initiative consists of the following elements:

- A series of commitments by participating countries to create or consolidate basic governance processes and practices;
- An undertaking by participating countries to take the lead in supporting initiatives that foster good governance;
- The institutionalisation of commitments through the leadership of the *New Partnership for Africa's Development* to ensure that the core values of the initiative are abided by.