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**PROGRAMME FOR THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE EIGHTH
ORDINARY SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
OF THE AFRICAN UNION
20 - 21 JANUARY 2006
FRIENDSHIP HALL
KHARTOUM, THE SUDAN**

FRIDAY 20 JANUARY 2006

- 0:900 hrs. Arrival of Delegates, Invited Guests and Observers.
- 09:45 hrs. Arrival of Heads of Delegation.
- 10:00 hrs Official Opening of the 8th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council.
- The Chairperson of the Executive Council, H.E. Hon. Oluyemi Adeniji, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Chairperson of the Executive Council of the African Union, will declare open the 8th Ordinary Session.
 - Welcome address by H.E. Lt. General Salva Kiir Mayardit, 1st. Vice President of the Sudan and President of the Government of Southern Sudan.
 - Statement by H.E. Mr. Alpha Oumar Konaré, Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union.
 - Statement by Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, U.N. Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa.
 - Statement by H.E. Hon. Oluyemi Adeniji, Chairperson of the Executive Council.

END OF CEREMONY

- Observers, Invited Guests and Members of the Press will leave the Plenary Hall.
- Adoption of the Agenda.
- Organization of work.

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