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## STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

Having considered the declared objectives and programme of activities of the African Renaissance Institute ;

Having further considered, in particular, the principal mission of the Institute, namely to harness the collective intellectual, political and diplomatic efforts of all Africans in addressing the problems that the African continent is confronted with on the eve of the new millenium, especially in the political and socio-economic fields ;

I am positively encouraged by the Institute's determined quest for the appropriate ways and means of addressing these problems, based on an approach which recognizes the centrality of engaging African intellectual and political resources in seeking solutions to such problems. I am, therefore, happy to record my wholehearted support for the African Renaissance Institute. Furthermore, I believe that the Institute deserves to be accorded all the support that it needs by, and from, all those concerned with finding durable and lasting solutions to the many challenges that confront our continent.

**Salim Ahmed Salim**  
**Secretary General**

**Addis Ababa, 27 July, 1999.**