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The African Union President Muammar Al-Qathafi, center, along with heads of state and government of the CEN-SAD Community at the 11th Summit during a photo-op in the city of Sabratha, Libya, 2 June 2009.

## Sabratha's CEN-SAD Summit Undertakes Concrete Measures to Solve Problems in Africa

The 11th Ordinary summit of the SEN-SAD States has been described as successful for its positive political and economic

results and the concrete measures that have been adopted aimed at improving the potential of its member states

and the African continent's quest for development, peace and stability.

The summit which ended

Saturday 2 June in the Libyan ancient coastal region of Sabratha, with leaders resolving to promote and support the actions initiated by Leader of the Revolution Muammar Al-Qathafi to improve the incomes of rural populations - especially women, agricultural yields and ensure animal and plant protection.

The measures pertain specifically to micro-credit schemes, farming mechanization, combating Agricultural plights and human and animal immunization

campaigns.

The Conference directed the General Secretariat to organize the 4th meeting of Ministers in charge of Agriculture, environment and water resources, in order to define an action plan to implement the Rural Development and Natural Resource Management Strategy in the CEN-SAD region.

The Conference has also directed the General Secretariat to arrange a meeting of Ministers in charge of health, to develop Community action

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### Obama Promises New Beginning for Islam and America

US President Barack Obama Thursday vowed to forge a "new beginning" for Islam and America in a landmark speech to the world's Muslims, promising to purge years of "suspicion and discord."

"I have come here to seek a new beginning between the United States and Muslims around the world; one based upon mutual interest and mutual respect; and one based upon the truth that America and Islam are not exclusive, and need not be in competition. Instead, they overlap, and share common principles - principles of justice and progress; tolerance and the dignity of all human beings," President Obama said.

"This cycle of suspicion and

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US President Barack Obama



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