



RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION HONORING THE 55TH ANNIVERSARY OF VOICE OF AMERICA'S FRENCH-TO-AFRICA SERVICE

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WHEREAS, the Voice of America (VOA) began broadcasting in French to Africa on March 7, 1960, to provide accurate, balanced and comprehensive news and information to the people of francophone Africa;

WHEREAS, the VOA's French-to-Africa Service has served for more than 55 years as a vital communications link to Africa in support of freedom and democracy;

WHEREAS, the VOA's French-to-Africa Service has successfully adopted FM radio, television, online and social media platforms to reach even greater numbers of people;

WHEREAS, the VOA's French-to-Africa Service is a leading source of news and information for Africans about U.S. official commentary and expert analysis on Africa, the United States, and the world;

WHEREAS, the VOA's French-to-Africa Service is a unique source of news and information for Africans about American society and its achievements in democratic governance, business, medicine, science, technology and the arts, which can serve as an inspiration and a model for African countries;

WHEREAS, VOA's French-to-Africa Service has nurtured and developed successful partnerships with leading African television and radio broadcast partners, such as RTI in Ivory Coast and Top Congo in the Democratic Republic of Congo;

WHEREAS, VOA's French-to-Africa Service remains a respected source of objective and accurate news and information about Africa, the United States, and the world;

WHEREAS, VOA's French-to-Africa Service continues to broadcast daily to millions of people across the continent; and

WHEREAS, VOA's French-to-Africa Service is a leading international broadcaster in francophone Africa, surpassing many competitors with its audience reach on multiple platforms – radio, television, Internet, and social media.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Broadcasting Board of Governors that we celebrate and commemorate the 55th anniversary of the Voice of America's French-to-Africa Service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Broadcasting Board of Governors commends and congratulates both the current and former members of the Voice of America's French-to-Africa Service for their dedication in serving the people of Africa and fostering friendship and the open communication of information and ideas between them and the United States.