

**DECISION ON THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE AU CONFERENCE OF
MINISTERS OF HEALTH DEDICATED TO ¹SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE
HEALTH IN AFRICA – DOC.EX.CL/316 (X)**

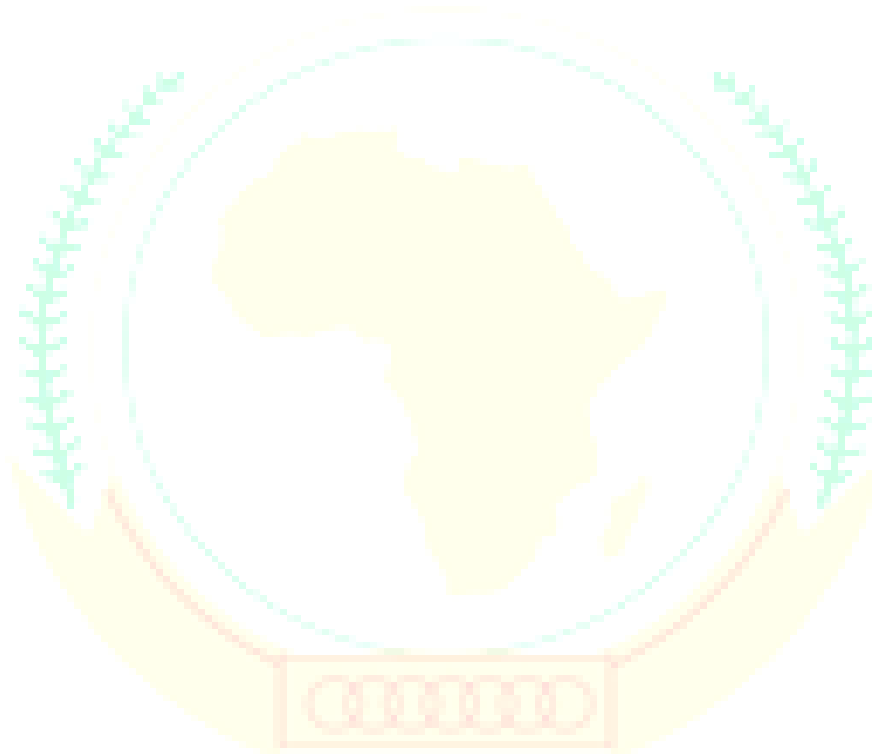
The Executive Council:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Special Session of the AU Conference of Ministers of Health on Sexual and Reproductive Health in Africa held in Maputo, Mozambique in September 2006;
2. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the efforts of various UN agencies, International Organizations, other development partners, and NGOs in assisting Member States in improving maternal and newborn health;
3. **RECOGNIZES** the role of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in the attainment of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) goals;
4. **ENDORSES** the Maputo Plan of Action for the Operationalization of the Continental Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Policy Framework in Africa;
5. **URGES** Member States to allocate adequate resources for the improvement of maternal and child health in Africa;
6. ²**FURTHER URGES** Member States to implement the Maputo Plan of Action for the Operationalization of the Continental Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Policy Framework in Africa in conformity with their national laws;
7. **APPEALS** to the International Community to continue to provide necessary assistance towards the attainment of the objectives contained in the Maputo Plan of Action for the Operationalization of the Continental Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Policy Framework in Africa;

¹ Reservations entered by the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Great Arab Jamahiriya.

² The Republic of Uganda raised a reservation only on the issue of abortion on demand.

8. **REQUESTS** the Commission, in collaboration with the relevant United Nations Agencies and other development partners, to advocate for the implementation of the Maputo Plan of Action for the Operationalization of the Continental Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Policy Framework in Africa and report on progress of implementation periodically.



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