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**STATUS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
TRUST FUND FOR AFRICAN WOMEN
(DOC.EX.CL/425 (XIII))**

Background

1. Member States will recall that as a follow up to the adoption of AU Assembly Decision AU /DEC. 134-164 (VIII) the WGDD organized a Continental Conference on the Establishment of African Women Trust Fund, which was held in Malawi in March 2008.

2. The Continental Conference developed a Road Map for the operationalization of the Fund and also agreed on:

1. Principles to guide the fund
2. The establishment of a working group
3. The Terms of Reference for the working group
4. The composition of the Working group

3. The meeting emphasized on the principles of leadership, sustainability and ownership, accessibility of the funds and Strengthening of existing mechanisms.

Executive Council Decision EX.CL/425(VIII)

4. The report of the Continental conference was submitted to the Executive Council in Sharm-El Sheik. The Executive Council approved the recommendation of the meeting to establish the African Women Trust Fund and further called for a feasibility study to be carried out on the viability of the fund under the leadership of AfBD and mandated that the fund be launched by July 2009.

Implementation of Executive Council Decision EX.CL/425(VIII)

5. Following the necessary action taken by the Commission through Women's Gender and Development Directorate (WGDD) by writing and contacting the African Development Bank (AfDB) notifying them of the Decision of Executive Council, the AfDB recruited an expert on February 2009 to realize the study on the feasibility of the African Women Trust Fund in the period of March-April 2009.

6. The AfDB organized a technical meeting between the AUWGDD Head of Gender Analysis and Monitoring Division, the Lead of the Gender Unit in AfDB and the expert who is charged to realize the study, on April 16th -17th, 2009 in Tunis to discuss the outline of the study especially the principles of leadership, sustainability and ownership, accessibility of the funds and strengthening of existing mechanisms, the AU cooperation, the country gender assessment, the impact of the global crisis.... In the end, the team are agree to realize a gender assessment parallel with the launching of the Trust Fund to prepare its intervention map among the countries and women needs.

7. The draft report of the study will be submitted by the expert to the AUC on May for translation and submission during the expert validation workshop provided on 29-30 May 2009.

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