

**DECISION ON THE REPORTS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE AU SOLEMN DECLARATION ON GENDER EQUALITY IN AFRICA
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The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Reports and presentation on the Implementation of the African Union (AU) Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa (SDGEA);
2. **CONGRATULATES** the thirty-two (32) Member States that have so far submitted their baseline reports, namely: Algeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, The Gambia, Ghana, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Mali, Mauritius, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe;
3. **APPEALS** to the following twenty-one (21) Member States that are yet to submit their baseline reports, namely: Angola, Botswana, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Comoros, DR Congo, Eritrea, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Mozambique, Sahrawi Arab Dem Republic, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, Somalia, The Sudan and Tanzania to urgently submit these reports, for the Commission to have a base upon which to build on progress made;
4. **RECOMMENDS** the amended *Guidelines for Reporting on the AU Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality In Africa (SDGEA)*; and the amended *Implementation Framework of the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality In Africa*, as adopted by the Ministers of Gender and Women Affairs at their meeting in Nairobi, Kenya in October 2010;
5. **CALLS ON** Member States to implement all the commitments made in the SDGEA;
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission to ~~take the necessary~~ steps to continue to assist Member States in the process of reporting on the SDGEA;
7. **APPEALS** to Member States that have not yet done so, to sign and ratify or accede to the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa;
8. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report regularly on the implementation of this Decision.

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