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The Executive Council,

- **1. TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Implementation of the African Union (AU) Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa (SDGEA);
- 2. COMMENDS the efforts of the thirty-one (31) Member States that have so far submitted their baseline reports and in particular those who have reported more than once, namely: Algeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Congo Brazzaville, Cote D'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Mali, Mauritius, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Chad, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda and Zimbabwe;
- 3. **ENCOURAGES** Member States that are yet to submit their baseline reports to do so urgently;
- 4. REQUESTS the Commission to take necessary steps to continue to assist Member States in the process of reporting on SDGEA;
- 5. APPEALS AGAIN to Member States that have not yet signed and or ratified the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa to do so, and for those who have ratified the Protocol to implement it.

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