

## RECOMMENDATIONS EMANATING FROM THE WOMEN DIALOGUE

**Reaffirming** that more than half of the world's people are women who face discrimination solely because they are female and that this discrimination has significant consequences for women and girls, and often limits their opportunities in life;

**Considering** that supporting the equitable participation of women in political, economic and social spheres will ensure that they have more control over their lives;

**Stressing** the key role of parliamentarians and other stakeholders and support organisations at all levels in facilitating the increased involvement of women in decision – making and leadership at all levels;

**The Pan-African Parliament Recommends that:**

**On Achieving Social, economic and political empowerment of women :**

- (1) Member States should ensure that the Maputo Protocol relating to the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights on the Rights of women and the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa are implemented.
- (2) Member States should ensure that resource allocation undertaken in line with macroeconomic policies benefit women.
- (3) Member States undertake policy and legislative actions to increase political participation of Women at all level;

**On Addressing Maternal Health (including Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights) in Africa:**

- (1) Maternal Health/Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health and rights are included in national priorities;
- (2) More domestic resources, including from the private sectors, for Maternal Health/Women's Sexual and reproductive health are mobilised and allocated;
- (3) National Parliaments should monitor effective utilisation of national budgets for maximum productivity and accountability for better health of women and children;
- (4) National Parliaments should engage in community mobilisation for responsible health behaviour and social change, for better demand for Maternal Health and Women's Reproductive Health and Rights information

and services, including family planning and prevention of gender-based violence and HIV infections;

**On Promoting Peace and Security and Prevention of all Forms of Violence against Women:**

- (1) Member States should strengthen women's participation in initiatives to fight gender – based violence and take all the necessary measures and support reforms to protect women, girls and children from Gender based violence;
- (2) Member States should strengthen initiatives that promote the economic empowerment of women and support for reconstruction for victims of sexual violence, gender based violence and all other form of violences;
- (3) Member State should ensure the participation of women in Peace and security initiatives.

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