

**RESOLUTION ON RATIFICATION OF PROTOCOL
ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN AFRICA**

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The Pan-African Parliament,

1. The Pan-African Parliament appreciates that at the Summit of the Heads of State in Maputo in Mozambique in July 2003, the Summit adopted a Protocol entitled "The Protocol on the Rights of Women in Africa"
2. The rights are categorized into four:
 - (a) Civil and political rights,
 - (b) Economic, social and cultural rights,
 - (c) The right to development and peace,
 - (d) Reproductive and sexual rights.
3. In spirit of Pan-African Parliament supporting the principle of gender equality, and
4. Having approved the setting up of a Pan-African Parliament Committee on Gender, Youth, Family and People with Disability,
5. We appeal to all countries that have not yet ratified the Protocol to do so without delay.
6. This Protocol, when it comes into force, will be a powerful new tool to address the issue of gender parity by African Nations thereby appreciating integrative gender perspectives in their policies, legislations, development plans and activities to ensure the overall well-being of society.