

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON ON THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE SOLEMN DECLARATION ON GENDER EQUALITY
IN AFRICA (SDGEA)
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The Executive Council,

- 1. TAKES NOTE** of the Seventh Report of the Chairperson together with the synthesis of 2011 Reports of Nine Member States on SDGEA;
- 2. EXPRESSES** its high appreciation to the nine Member States that have submitted their reports on the implementation of the SGDEA;
- 3. FURTHER EXPRESSES** its concern on the low level of submission of such reports by Member States and call upon all Member States to submit their reports in a timely manner in the fulfilment of their obligations towards the Solemn Declaration in its Article 13;
- 4. URGES MEMBER STATES**, the AUC, other AU organs and the RECs to intensify efforts towards attainment of gender parity;
- 5. REQUESTS** the Commission to collect statistics on gender parity from Member States, including Cabinet, Judiciary and other Senior positions as well as propose mechanisms aimed at facilitating gender parity in all AU organs;
- 6. CALLS UPON** all Member States to promote collaborative efforts by all stakeholders, including Governments and civil society organizations in combating violence against women as well as the trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of women and in combating HIV/AIDS and other related infectious diseases;
- 7. FURTHER CALLS UPON** Member States to fully involve women in their national peace and security programmes and activities.