



**RESOLUTION ON THE DECLARATION OF COMMITMENT OF THE CONFERENCE OF SPEAKERS OF PARLIAMENTS FOR PRIORITISATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AU SUMMIT DECISIONS ON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND MATERNAL, NEWBORN AND CHILD HEALTH**

**The Pan - African Parliament,**

**Cognisant** of the need to fulfil the Pan African Parliament’s mandate stated in Article 3.1 of the Protocol to the Treaty establishing the African Economic Community relating to the Pan African Parliament to “*facilitate the effective implementation of the policies and objectives of the African Union*”;

**Also Cognisant** of the provisions of Article 18 of the Protocol to “*work in close co-operation with Parliaments of the Regional Economic Communities, and the National Parliaments or other deliberative organs of Member States*” “... Including convening “*consultative fora to discuss matters of common interest*”;

**Acknowledging** the commitment of stakeholders such as the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Africa Public Health Parliamentary Network, working with partners to provide technical and other support to the Pan – African Parliament, Regional Economic Communities(RECs) and national parliaments in fulfilment of their mandates ;

**This House resolves to recommend:**

1. That, the Speakers of Parliament prioritise parliamentary policy and budget support for implementation of African Union Summit Decisions, in particular the **Malabo July 2011 AU Summit Decision on the theme “Accelerating Youth Empowerment for Sustainable Development”**; and

the **Kampala July 2010 AU Summit Declaration on the Summit theme of “Actions on Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Development in Africa”** – both being crucial to overall African human and social development, and development of future generations.

2. That, the implementation of the two landmark AU Summit outcomes promoting development in Africa and reflecting the commitments of African governments and regional institutions to Women, Children and Youth be given policy and budget priority by Speakers of Regional Economic Community and national Parliaments in fulfilment of key African developmental policies and frameworks.
3. That, the Africa Parliamentary Policy and Budget Action Plan for Implementation of the July 2010 AU Summit Decision on **“Actions on Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Development in Africa”**, and same Summit Decision on **“African Partnership for Eradication of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV and AIDS”** as adopted by PAP on October 14 2010, be supported for priority action by Speakers of REC and national parliaments towards ending the tragic annual deaths of an estimated 4.2 million African women and children.
4. That, in fulfilment of 1 and 2 above, the REC and national Parliamentary Committees on Health and Finance/Budget working with relevant Committees responsible for issues of Women, Youth and Children hold in 2012 urgent special joint sittings and hearings, supported by relevant stakeholders; and submit to Speakers of REC and national Parliaments, plenary reports on the state of Women and Children’s Health, and Youth Development including REC and country specific inter-sectoral recommendations necessary to accelerate policy and budget actions.
5. That the five Members representing each member State in the Pan- African Parliament work with the relevant REC and national parliamentary Speakers, Committees and stakeholders to implement 1 to 3 as above, and report to the PAP progress on these actions, for inclusion in PAP

reports on its activities to the Assembly of the African Union in fulfilment of its mandate.

6. That, the PAP motion to African Speakers of Parliament is a milestone achievement emphasising the important role of parliaments in national and regional social development including being the first collective social developmental action recommended in 48 years of the OUA / AU to African Speakers of Parliament, and heralding the role of PAP working with REC and national parliaments and stakeholders to go beyond a mere advisory role in key development issues.

**Motion moved by:** Hon. Editor Erimenziah Matamisa,

**Motion seconded by:** Hon. Bahari Ali

\*Adopted October 13 2011.

