

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFRICAN PLATFORM OF ACTION: WOMEN, PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT - (DOC. CM/2016 (LXVI))

Council:

- (a) TAKES NOTE of the report, as well as the Kigali Declaration on Peace, Gender and Development and the Action Plan for Conflict Affected Areas;
- (b) RECALLS the endorsement by the Summit in 1994 and 1995 of the Kampala Action Plan and the African Platform for Action respectively, of the principle of establishing a concrete mechanism to facilitate the participation of women in the peace process;
- (c) APPROVES the establishment of the African Women Committee on Peace as proposed by the Women Leadership Forum on Peace, Johannesburg, South Africa (November 1996);
- (d) REQUESTS the OAU Secretary General to urgently prepare, in collaboration with the Central Organ at Ambassadorial level and to facilitate the functioning of this Committee and give it all the necessary support to launch and enhance its operations;
- (e) RECOGNIZES the importance of the role and contribution of women in the promotion of the culture of peace; and to that end CALLS UPON Member States, the OAU General Secretariat and other relevant Organizations such as UNESCO, to encourage and popularize the culture of peace and tolerance in all sectors of the African society;
- (f) APPEALS to Member States to undertake concrete actions with a view to ensuring the follow-up of the World Summit on micro- credit and to promote the economic empowerment of women by adopting context-specific micro-credit systems;
- (g) CALLS UPON the OAU Secretary General to request Member States to forward to the OAU, regular reports on the implementation of the African Platform for Action;
- (h) REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General, in cooperation with the Executive Secretary of the ECA and other interested international organizations, to ensure the convening, on a regular basis, of a Pan-African Conference of Ministers Responsible for Women Matters, aimed at coordinating and mainstreaming women issues into development on the continent, for a successful implementation of the African and Global platforms for Action;
- (i) REQUESTS the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the implementation of this decision to the Sixty-seventh Session of the Council.