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RESOLUTIONS OF THE IGAD HIGH LEVEL MINISTERIAL MEETING ON WOMEN IN PEACE AND SECURITY

13 DECEMBER 2019, ENTEBBE, UGANDA

The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Ministers Responsible for Women/Gender Affairs and Peace and Security held a meeting on 13th December 2019 in Entebbe, Republic of Uganda, chaired by H.E Mutuuzo Peace Regis, Minister of State for Gender and Culture Affairs of the Republic of Uganda. The meeting deliberated on the main theme: Women in Peace and Security and discussed issues of the overall Peace and Security trends in the Horn of Africa region; the results of the assessment of the implementation of UNSCR 1325 and 1820 in the IGAD region; on strategies for enhancing Member States' engagements in the realization of IWPSF objectives; and the commitments of the 7th Ministerial meeting held in Khartoum in December 2018.

The meeting was attended by H.E Semegne Wube Haile, State Minister for Women, Children and Youth of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia; H.E Samra Ibrahim Omar, Deputy Minister of Women and Human Rights Development of the Federal Republic of Somalia; H.E Amb. Bukhari Ghanim M. Afandi, Ambassador of the Republic of Sudan in Uganda, Mr. Hassan Ali Robahé, Technical Advisor to the Minister of Women and Family Affairs of the Republic of Djibouti, Ms. Halima Abdi, Deputy Director of the State Department for Gender of the Republic of Kenya, Mrs. Regina Ossa Lullo Director of Gender, Child and Social Welfare of the Republic of South Sudan.

Also in attendance were H.E Amb. Alemtsehay Meseret, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia in Uganda; Hon. Shitaye Minale, Secretary of the IGAD Women, Peace and Security Forum (IWPSF); Ms. Elizabeth Eilor, Representative of the Office of the United Nations WPS Special Envoy to the Horn of Africa; and Chantal Niyokindi (PhD) from Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (RJMEC).

After consideration of the Recommendations prepared by the experts meeting, the Ministers:

1. **TOOK NOTE** of the Declaration of the 7th meeting of the Ministers in charge of Women/Gender Affairs of the IGAD Member States held in December 2018 in Khartoum, Sudan and commitments made thereof;
2. **COMMENDED** the IGAD Secretariat for the follow up on the implementation of the Recommendations in the Communiqué of the 7th meeting of Ministers responsible for Gender and Women's Affairs held in Khartoum in December 2018;
3. **RE-AFFIRMED** the importance of the issues discussed and encouraged all relevant actors to continue implementing unaccomplished undertakings therein;
4. **TOOK NOTE** of the Statement made by the Representative of the IGAD Women, Peace and Security Forum;
5. **COMMENDED** the AU Office of the Special Envoy on Women Peace and Security (WPS) for developing a Continental Results Framework on WPS.

On the key findings of the assessment report of the UNSCR 1325 in IGAD Region

1. **REQUESTED** Member States that have NAPs to ensure that sufficient resources are earmarked to implement, review and update them in harmony with the AU WPS Continental Results Framework;
2. **CALLED UP ON** Member States who don't have NAPs or equivalents to develop them in harmony with the AU WPS Continental Results Framework and the revised RAP;
3. **FURTHER CALLED UP ON** all relevant stakeholders including UNWOMEN, UNDP, UN office of the Special Envoy to the Horn of Africa (UNOSE-HoA), AUC, IGAD, Specialized training institutions to provide training programmes on WPS;
4. **CALLED** for strengthening of Monitoring and Reporting (including systems of data collection) on WPS agendas at National and Regional levels in line with the Continental Results Framework;
5. **ENCOURAGED** IGAD to promote Knowledge management and lesson learning among Member States.

On the overall Peace and Security trends in the Horn of Africa

6. **ENCOURAGED** IGAD to ensure that Conflict Early Warning and Response Mechanisms identify and address Gender related risks;
7. **URGED** Member States to ensure the participation of Women in early warning, conflict resolution, peace building and peace keeping efforts at all levels;
8. **CALLED UP ON** Member States to identify, promote, and document Gender

- sensitive traditional conflict resolution mechanisms and peace building initiatives;
9. **FURTHER CALLED UP ON** Member States to strengthen implementation (enforcement) of national legislations on Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) and Conflict Related Sexual Violence (CRSV);
 10. **URGED** Member States to promote the protection of Women against internet related crime and to also support advocacy campaigns using Social Media to highlight Women's Peace and Security;
 11. **ENCOURAGED** stakeholders to develop programmes that prevent and protect Women from election related Gender violence;
 12. **FURTHER ENCOURAGED** the IGAD Secretariat to complete the revision of the Regional Action Plan on UNSCR 1325;
 13. **REQUESTED** Member States to coordinate efforts towards tackling illegal migration and trafficking of Women and Girls in the region.

On the IGAD Women, Peace and Security Forum (IWPSF)

14. **CALLED FOR** the establishment of inclusive and appropriate national chapters of the IWPSF;
15. **URGED** the relevant stakeholders to provide support for the implementation of the strategic plan of the IWPSF; and
16. **DECIDED** to remain seized of the matters.

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