

**DECISION ON THE NEGOTIATION OF AN AFRICAN UNION CONVENTION
ON ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS**

The Assembly,

1. **RECALLS** Executive Council Decision EX.CL/Dec.1190(XLII) taking note of the outcomes of the 2nd Conference on Positive Male Masculinity in Leadership to End Violence Against Women and Girls, and recommends it for adoption by the Assembly;
2. **ALSO RECALLS** Assembly decision Assembly/AU/Dec.819(XXXV)) adopting the Kinshasa Declaration on Positive Masculinity in Leadership to End Violence Against Women and Girls, and institutionalizing the Office of the Special Envoy for Women, Peace and Security;
3. **FURTHER RECALLS** Assembly decision Assembly/AU/Dec.837(XXX) appointing H.E. Félix Tshisekedi, President of the Democratic Republic of Congo, as the AU Champion for the positive masculinity programme;
4. **COMMENDS** H.E. Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal, and Chairperson of the African Union for 2022, for the successful organization of the 2nd AU Conference on Positive Masculinity held in November 2022 in Dakar, Senegal;
5. **ACKNOWLEDGES** that the prevention and elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls, including sexual violence in conflict situations and harmful practices, are basic requisites for the attainment of full equality between men and women in all spheres of life, in line with Goal 17 of Aspiration 6 of Agenda 2063;
6. **REQUESTS** Member States, supported by the AU Commission, to negotiate an AU Convention on Ending Violence Against Women and Girls, and to submit it to for adoption by the 37th AU Summit in 2024;
7. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to regularly report on the implementation of this decision to the Assembly through the Executive Council.