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**Communiqué from
OAFLA General Assembly
“Advancing Sustainable Partnerships to end paediatric AIDS and
improve Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights”
17 to 18th July 2016, Kigali**

We, the African First Ladies, as members of the Organization of African First Ladies against HIV/AIDS (OAFLA), at our 17th Ordinary General Assembly held from the 17th to the 18th July 2016 in Kigali, Rwanda adopted the following:

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the communications of: First Ladies, panelists from key continental and international institutions and young women representing the African youth on the issues of ending HIV infections among adolescents, comprehensive sexuality and reproductive health education, access to youth friendly services, ending child marriage and the progress made in recent years to improve adolescents and youth health;

Concerned by the fact that HIV is the leading cause of adolescents' death in Africa, with young women and girls accounting for 75% of new HIV infections among adolescents in Sub-Saharan Africa;

Cognizant of the vulnerability of young people especially young girls to the issues of Child Marriage, Sexual and Gender Based Violence, lack of adequate sexuality education, unwanted pregnancy that contribute to the HIV pandemic and compromise adolescents and young people's development;

Recalling the decision of the African Union Heads of States to declare the year 2017 as the Year for “harnessing the demographic dividend through investment in the youth” and the Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS: “On the Fast-Track to Accelerate the Fight against HIV and to End the AIDS Epidemic by 2030”;

Guided by the OAFLA vision of “an Africa free from HIV and AIDS, maternal and child mortality, where women and children are empowered to enjoy equal opportunities”;

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Reiterating our commitment to promote the health, education and well-being of adolescents and women and protect their rights in line with aspirations strongly expressed in continental and international policy instruments and frameworks namely the AU Agenda 2063 on the Africa we want, the Sustainable Development Goals, the Maputo Plan of Action (MPoA) for implementing the Continental Policy Framework on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), the Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), the protocol to the African charter on human and people's rights on the rights of women and the African Youth Charter whose 10 years anniversary was celebrated in Banjul, the Gambia in May 2016;

Call upon the African Union Commission (AUC), UN agencies, the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) and development partners to actively support the implementation of the road map developed in response to the AU theme for the year 2017, and increase investment in youth development through a coordinated platform;

Further call upon our governments and national institutions to ensure ratification, domestication, and reporting on the implementation of international and regional instruments and legal frameworks that protect women and young people's rights, including the African Youth Charter;

Commit to Stop HIV infections and reduce vulnerability among young women and adolescent girls, by championing the provision of age appropriate, cultural sensitive, gender and human rights based Comprehensive Sexuality Education that empowers young girls to make informed decisions about their own lives, to prevent sexual abuse, early sexual debut, unintended pregnancies and sexually-transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS, and Human Papillomavirus (HPV);

To continue to advocate for coordinated efforts for increased investment in the health system to achieve universal access to Sexual and Reproductive Health Services and the creation of a conducive environment for women and adolescent girls to access safe, affordable, voluntary, quality family planning services that are rights based and meet their needs.

Accelerate continued advocacy for enhanced health education that includes modules on gender and power dynamics, in order to build the skills of adolescent girls to make informed decisions empowering them as agents for change and contributors to the collective aspirations for a transformative sustainable development of the continent.

Commit to support in collaboration with the African Union Commission (AUC) and national governments, youth engagement and civic participation in policy and programs initiatives that promote young women's well-being as leaders and agents of social change. We shall ensure that

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young people are represented in our key decision making and advisory bodies to significantly contribute to initiatives that seek to respond to their needs and uphold their rights.

We shall continue to ensure the launch of the campaign to End Child Marriage in all our countries as a way to draw attention of all key stakeholders and mobilize support to end this harmful practice.

Acknowledge the importance of investing in the health sector and **call upon the** global community to support the Global Fund replenishment to particularly end AIDS, TB, Malaria by 2030 and to build resilient and sustainable health systems. **We shall support** Global Fund's campaign to mobilize US\$13 billion for the Fifth replenishment in September 2016 and commit to advocate for increased domestic funding for health for sustainable national programmes.

Commit to continue our collaboration with our existing partners as well as encourage the establishment of new partnerships including with the private sector to ensure that issues concerning the health, education, wellbeing and empowerment of women and adolescent girls remain central in continental and global deliberations.

OAFLA Member States
18 July 2016