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organizations from all the five subregions of Africa and the diaspora committed to advancing

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We call on Member States to declare zero tolerance of all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls. In this regard, we reaffirm the commitments made by UN Member states in the Beijing Platform for Action; the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women; United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security and its supporting resolutions; and those reflected in African regional instruments such as the Maputo Protocol on the Rights of Women in Africa and the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa.

We urge Member States to match these commitments with national action plans where they do not exist, gender-responsive budgets, evidence-based research, time-bound targets and indicators as a matter of urgency.

We are greatly concerned that some member states make attempts to go back on commitments already made on the rights of women and girls. We, however, commend member states that

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religious leaders amongst other strategies.

We call on Member States to embed issues of gender equality and violence prevention in school curriculums from early childhood level.

Manifestations of VAW/G including harmful traditional , customary