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*Excellency,*

I have the pleasure to send to you herewith enclosed the following documents adopted by the 37<sup>th</sup> Conference and the Committee of Women Parliamentarians of the African Parliamentary Union which have just been held in Rabat (Kingdom of Morocco) from 29 October to 2 November 2014:

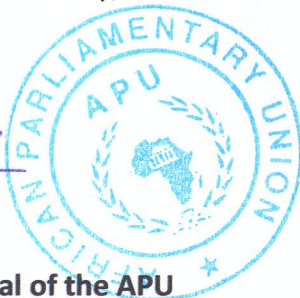
- *Resolution on "African countries building national capacities and promoting international cooperation to combat terrorism in all its forms"*
- *Resolution on "Achieving sustainable development in all its dimensions as a major goal for peace, security and socioeconomic development in Africa"*
- *Resolution on "Microfinance as a means of fighting poverty and promoting the economic empowerment of women in Africa"*
- *Declaration on "the Ebola epidemic"*
- *Declaration on "the situation in Burkina Faso".*

I would be grateful if you would make these resolutions and declarations circulated within your Institution.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours faithfully,

**N'ZI Koffi**  
**Secretary General of the APU**





**Resolution  
on  
“African countries build national capacities and promote international  
cooperation to combat terrorism in all its forms”**

The African Parliamentary Union, meeting at its 37<sup>th</sup> Conference in Rabat, Morocco, on 1 and 2 November 2014,

- (a) *Considering* that terrorism, in all its forms and manifestations, continues to be one of the most serious threats to global peace and security, and that all acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable,
- (b) *Considering, also*, that terrorism must not be confused with legitimate struggles for liberation,
- (c) *Noting with concern* that in the past decade, the threat of terrorism in Africa has worsened, where entire regions are targeted by these terrorist groups,
- (d) *Affirming* that terrorism cannot be associated with a religion, nationality, a political ideology, civilization or ethnicity,
- (e) *Observing* that the terrorist threats on the continent may be in the form of:
  - Attacks against the interests of African countries;
  - Attacks against the interests of other non African countries;
  - Using African territories as sanctuaries;
  - Using Africa as a zone for terrorist operations, recruitment and financing;
  - Using Africa as a transit point for terrorists, collection of funds and activities of organized crime;
- (f) *Considering* that the emergence of terrorist groups in Africa is the consequence of factors, such as:
  - Lack of political and economic governance;
  - Lack of the rule of law, democracy, and the refusal to peacefully handover power;
  - Persisting poverty, injustice, illiteracy and unemployment among the youth, in particular, and the population in general, making them vulnerable to the lure of terrorist groups and corruption;
  - Poor support for women and the insignificant space given them;
  - Search for refuge by criminal networks in areas with inadequate security and administrative cover;
  - The existence of illegal cross-border movements of persons and goods ;

