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**DECISIONS, DECLARATIONS, MESSAGE OF
CONGRATULATIONS AND MOTION**



**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF DECISION
Assembly/AU/Dec.204 (XI) ON PROMOTION OF MATERNAL, INFANT
AND CHILD HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA
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The Assembly:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the implementation status of its previous decisions on Maternal, Infant and Child Health and Development in Africa;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the initiatives of the Commission to advocate, harmonize and coordinate efforts geared towards the promotion of safe motherhood and survival and development of infants and children;
3. **REITERATES** its commitment to keeping maternal, infant and child health top on Africa's agenda for sustainable development through the implementation of all relevant national, regional, continental and global initiatives such as International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Programmes of Action, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the African Health Strategy as well as the Maputo Plan of Action on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights;
4. **TAKES NOTE** of the proposal by the Republic of Mozambique for the theme of the July 2010 Summit to be on Maternal, Infant and Child Health and Development in Africa;
5. **COMMENDS AND ENCOURAGES** Dr. Manto Tshabala-Msimang, Goodwill Ambassador for Maternal, Infant and Child Health, to utilize all avenues and platforms to promote maternal, infant and child health in Africa;
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission to continue to follow up on the implementation of the Assembly Decisions of January and July 2008 Sessions held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, respectively on the issue of maternal, infant and child health and development;
7. **CALLS UPON** the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), other relevant United Nations Agencies and Africa's development partners, including the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), to support the Commission's efforts in the promotion of maternal, infant and child health;
8. **REQUESTS** the Commission to follow-up on the implementation of this decision and to report periodically to the Assembly.