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STATEMENT ON VIOLENCE AGAINST MIGRANTS IN AFRICA

We, the representatives of African national parliaments, gathered in Dakar, Senegal, for the 85th Session of the Executive Committee of the African Parliamentary Union on 3 and 4 June 2026;

Deeply concerned by the resurgence of violence against migrants observed in certain regions of the African continent, particularly in states facing tensions relating to identity, the economy or migration,

Recalling that Africa was built on the historic values of solidarity, hospitality, peaceful coexistence and unity among peoples,

Reaffirming our commitment to the principles enshrined in the African Union, the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, and international instruments relating to human dignity and the protection of migrants,

Noting that violence against migrants not only threatens the direct victims; it also undermines African unity, economic development and the stability of the continent,

1. Condemn in the strongest possible terms all forms of violence, discrimination, stigmatisation and hate speech directed against African nationals or foreign nationals living on the continent;

2. Express our deepest sympathy and solidarity with the victims of such violence and their families;

3. Emphasise that violence against migrants often stems from poverty, unemployment, social inequalities, political

manipulation, extremist rhetoric and the absence of effective social and economic integration policies;

4. Warn against the dangers posed by identity-based rhetoric and disinformation campaigns that risk fuelling division, fear and hatred among African peoples;

Invite African parliaments to: **Encourage** African regional and continental organisations to step up their cooperation in the areas of migration management, conflict prevention and the promotion of the free movement of people;

- strengthen policies to protect migrants and foreign communities;
- ensure the rigorous enforcement of laws against violence and hate speech;
- promote civic education, a culture of peace, tolerance and the ideals of Pan-Africanism;
- develop inclusive economic policies to combat unemployment and social exclusion, particularly among young people and women
- encourage migrants to respect the laws of the host country;

Call on African governments to:

- ensure that Member States accede to the Global Compact for Migration;
- adopt legislation to strengthen the protection of human rights and the rights of migrants;
- fully exercise their supervisory role in order to prevent all forms of discrimination;
- promote intercultural dialogue, social cohesion and harmonious coexistence;

Encourage African regional and continental organisations to step up their cooperation in the areas of migration management, conflict prevention and the promotion of the free movement of people;

Reaffirm that the future of the African continent rests on unity, solidarity and brotherhood among its peoples;

Declare that any violation of the dignity of an African constitutes a violation of the dignity of the whole of Africa.

Dakar, 4 June 2026