

BAMAKO COMMITMENT

We, members of Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS) and the network of African women, meeting in Bamako for the Conference on Gender, Peace, and Security in Africa: Capitalizing on 10 years of women's experience, from 12 to 14 June 2006, under the Presidency of H.E. Amadou Toumani Touré, President of the Republic of Mali, and in the presence of H.E. Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia as special guest, H.E. Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of South Africa and Her Excellency Ms Aminata Tall, Minister of State of the Republic of Senegal, to celebrate the ten years of FAS,

After having examined the results of the study of FAS on the *Women's Movement for Peace and Security in Africa: 10 years of Practice* as well as other specific initiatives on conflict management in Africa,

Make the following commitments:

Take concrete measures with a view to reinforcing the links between women and African women's organizations in order to realize a true pact of solidarity, aimed at promoting peace and security in Africa and around the world;

Build the capacity of women's leadership that can fully promote the aspirations of women and women's active participation in decision-making mechanisms and promote, through the transfer of values and knowledge, the gradual participation of children and youth in the democratic process with a view to ensuring their enlightened citizenship and future leadership;

Consolidate the partnership for action that moves forward the gender perspective in all actions of mobilization in favor of peace, security and development by promoting, through education, the establishment of a culture of peace and respect for human rights;

Advocate for the full implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000), in particular working to ensure that every country adopt a National Plan of Action on peace and security as well as for the Solemn Declaration made by the Heads of States of the African Union on gender equality and the Protocol on Women's Rights in Africa;

Ensure the genuine mobilization by States and the international community for the implementation and monitoring of post-conflict reconstruction programmes that take into account the concerns of women and the human security dimension;

Reinforce traditional mechanisms for conflict management inspired by African social values

of dialogue, moderation, cooperation, consensus, solidarity and sharing;

Contribute to the processes of transformation of the Pan-African Organization of women with a view to creating a widespread Pan-African Women's Movement, capable of realizing the aspirations of African populations in general and women in particular.