



# GLOBAL AFRICAN SHEROES UNION

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*Global African SHEROES Union (GASU) exists to protect the economic, social, political interest and upward mobility of African women and their communities. Our global membership is comprised of SHEROES Sisterhood leaders and business owners from 22 countries that represent the interest and will of African women in the country of their origin.*

## **The Global African SHEROES Union Agreed Conclusions and Recommendations on:**

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#### *B.1.1 Cultural Issues for Child Labor*

We recommend that it is necessary to raise awareness among families about the harm that child labor can bring to the child's future, preventing them from accessing better job opportunities in the future. We also recommend promoting/creating a law of mandatory attendance and/or completion of basic education for children under 15 years old.

#### *B.1.2 Regarding Hunger in Children*

Hunger seems to have become the main problem and factor that causes most of the problems affecting children, particularly in developing countries. As Civil Society NGOs, we believe that the development of inclusive and gender-based Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) models could be the solution to this problem. Therefore, we emphasize the importance of promoting financial access for women.

#### *B.1.3 Regarding Childs Situation in Wars*

Child protection should be in the first place. Girls have been kidnapped in wars to become wives of insurgents, a sad situation. As Civil Society NGOs, we believe this is a complex issue; however, we recommend that governments strive to protect these war-affected children by providing them access to education, reintegration into a new safe environment, and ongoing financial, social, and psychological support post-war.

#### *B.1.4 Regarding human trafficking of minors (especially girls and female adolescents)*

It is recommended to criminalize and investigate the perpetrators of these crimes, as well as to include this type of crime as a serious offense with maximum penalties. Governments and local structures should work diligently to eliminate this evil. Consent education for girls to avoid falling into the traps of these criminals should be provided.

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*B.1.5 Regarding the issuance of visa for African Women*

We therefore call for the High Commissioner to engage with the UN Secretary General to reactivate the 1953 agreement on resolving contested visa cases reached between the US and UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld. We must not wait to put this agreed procedure to work in order to implement the legal obligations arising from the US-UN Headquarters agreement. The recommendation includes the issue of visa issuance without cost.

*B.1.6 Regarding the budget to support Civil Society NGOs (especially African Women and Girls)*

Member states must be encouraged to allocate budgets and promote fund development for women's participation to ensure inclusiveness, access, equity and the development of mechanisms for empowerment Microfinance institutions (MFIs) and cooperative economic models offer vital pathways for African women to access capital, foster entrepreneurial ventures, and achieve financial independence. Advocating for trade policies that recognize and support the unique contributions of African women in the global marketplace.

*B.1.7 Regarding social protections of African mothers*

Member states should address the high maternal and infant mortality rates for people and of African descent due to lack of available care and treatment. We recommend resources for prenatal care, education and access to proper equipment, medical supplies and providers that are culturally and professional competent.

Respectfully,  
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