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THE PAN-AFRICAN PARLIAMENT,

CONSIDERING Article 17 of the Constitutive Act of the African Union, which establishes the Pan-African Parliament (PAP);

CONSIDERING ALSO Article 3 of the Protocol to the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community Relating to the Pan-African Parliament, and Rule 4 (a) of the Rules of Procedure of the Pan-African Parliament;

NOTING WITH IMMEASURABLE SADNESS the humanitarian crisis that unfolded in the wake of cyclones Idai and Kenneth, the worst tropical cyclones on record to affect Africa and the Southern Hemisphere, leaving more than 1000 people dead and thousands more missing and hundreds of thousands of people in urgent need of assistance across the Comoros Islands, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania and Zimbabwe.

NOTING WITH CONCERN that the scale of the disaster has overwhelmed rescuers, with more than three million people directly affected by the cyclones, in many instances, victims had to be abandoned in fatal conditions in order to save others in more dire need, thousands of victims were left stranded in trees and on rooftops and where people were displaced to evacuation centers they were often in extremely poor conditions;

PROFOUNDLY CONCERNED about health care challenges in the affected areas as clinics and hospitals have been severely damaged or destroyed or lacking power and water, efforts to treat injuries were hampered and the ensuing risk of major disease outbreak as multiple aid agencies have reported Cases of cholera, typhoid and an increase in the incidence of malaria;

CONSCIOUS of the dire need for additional personnel, monetary, and disaster reduction support to assist survivors with food, clean water, shelter, medical supplies and other basic needs;

IN ACCORDANCE WITH Rule 5(b), (c) and (d) of the Rules of Procedure of the Pan-African Parliament, which empowers the PAP to, inter alia, organize debate, discuss, express an opinion, make recommendations and take resolutions on the objectives and on any matters relating to the African Union and its organs, Regional Economic Communities, Member States and their organs and institutions;

NOW HEREBY RESOLVES TO:

1. **RAISE** funds for monetary assistance to the victims and survivors of the cyclones Idai and Kenneth by means of a collection of USD 100 per Member of PAP to be deducted from every PAP Member's Sitting Allowance;
2. **CHANNEL** the funds raised to the survivors of cyclones Idai and Kenneth through Dr Brylyne Chitsunge, in her capacity as PAP Good Will Ambassador on Agriculture and Food Security.
3. **REQUEST** the Bureau of PAP to monitor the destination of the funds raised and to report back to Plenary at the next ordinary Session.

Midrand, South Africa

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