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1. **We**, Ministers from Djibouti, Ethiopia, Malawi, Tanzania and Zimbabwe with the support of the distinguished delegates to the 1st African Energy Efficiency Conference (AfEEC) from Algeria, Benin, Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon, Central Republic, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eswatini, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Mali, Mauritius, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles, Sudan, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tunisia, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, and partner institutions, the African Union Commission (AUC), the African Energy Commission (AFREC), AUDA-NEPAD, the African Development Bank (AfDB), the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), East Africa Centre of Excellence for Renewable Energy And Energy Efficiency (EACREEE), Regional Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (RCREEE), ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE), SADC Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (SACREEE), European Union, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP), Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL), International Energy Agency (IEA), Partnership for Energy Efficiency in Buildings (PEEB), Collaborative Labelling and Appliance Standards Program (CLASP), South African National Energy Development Institute (SANEDI), African Forum for Utility Regulators (AFUR), African Power Utilities Association (APUA), ASEAN Center for Energy, OLADE, SAARC Energy Centre, and Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization (GEIDCO).
2. **Express** our sincere gratitude to the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the African Energy Commission (AFREC) of the African Union for co-hosting the first ever African Energy Efficiency Conference with the theme Advancing Africa's Energy Efficiency Agenda through Strategic Partnerships on **December 10-11, 2025**, at the **African Union Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**.
3. **Acknowledge** the critical role of energy efficiency as the "First Fuel" in advancing Africa's energy development goals on energy equity, energy security and energy sustainability, primary to Agenda 2063 and **recognize** its strategic contribution to ongoing flagship initiatives such as the African Single Electricity Market (AfSEM), the Continental Power System Master Plan (CMP) and the Program of Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA), the African Energy Transition Programme, the African Clean Cooking Programme and the Mission 300.
4. **Recognize** that energy efficiency is a key pillar of sustainable development, economic growth, and a just energy transition in Africa and emphasize that scaling up energy efficiency delivers broad socio-economic benefits, including improved energy access, greater climate resilience, strengthened local value chains, and new job opportunities.

5. **Applaud** the AFREC ongoing efforts to implement the African Energy Efficiency Strategy and Action Plan (AfEES) and operationalize the African Energy Efficiency Alliance (AfEEA) adopted by the **46th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council of the African Heads of State and Government Summit** as a collaborative platform for stakeholders working on national, regional and continental energy efficiency programs in Africa.
6. **Commend** the Regional Centres for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, UNEP, UNIDO, SEforALL, Mission Efficiency, IEA, PEEB, CLASP, SANEDI, AFUR, APUA, GEIDCO, and Alliance for Rural Electrification (ARE) for joining the African Energy Efficiency Alliance.
7. **Acknowledge** the ongoing efforts from the Ministry of Electricity and Energy of the Republic of South Africa and the African Union through the African Energy Commission (AFREC) and the valuable support from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to establish the Africa Energy Efficiency Facility (AfEEF), a South Africa G20 legacy programme, as a continental mechanism to mobilise necessary financial resources and accelerate investment to support the implementation of energy efficiency initiatives across all 55 AU Member States.
8. **Reaffirm** our commitment to advancing energy efficiency initiatives across the electricity, industry, buildings, transport, agriculture and household appliances sub-sectors and reiterate Africa's target set out in the AfEES to increase the continent's energy productivity by 50% by 2050 and 70% by 2063 as part of the global pledge to double energy efficiency improvements by 2030.
9. **Emphasize** the critical need to strengthen national energy information systems to ensure reliable, timely energy statistics for comparability, regional and continental monitoring, enhanced energy-efficiency interventions progress tracking, guiding investment and informing policy.
10. **Recognize** the valuable support provided by partners toward energy efficiency initiatives in Africa and the essential role they play in mobilizing technical and financial resources and **Call** for strengthened cooperation among all stakeholders under the AfEEA to accelerate implementation and scale impact across the continent.

In recognition of the significance of energy efficiency and the need for collective actions, we **resolve** to undertake the following:

11. **Support** the creation of an enabling environment through strengthening and harmonization of energy efficiency policies, guidelines and regulations in Africa to unlock investments necessary to achieving the global target on energy efficiency, enhancing energy access and contributing to Africa's low carbon future.

12. **Strengthen** clean technologies value chains in Africa through research and development on energy efficient technologies, establishment of industrial hubs and workforce development to sustain the energy efficiency momentum in Africa.
13. **Support** the establishment and strengthening of national, regional and continental institutions to coordinate the implementation energy efficiency programmes across the continent.
14. **Align** the national and regional energy efficiency programmes with AfEES and AfSEM to ensure coherence between energy efficiency actions, regional grid development, and continental electricity market integration under Agenda 2063.
15. **Mobilize** the necessary technical and financial support for the implementation of energy efficiency initiatives across Africa.
16. **Promote** the use of the Energy Capacity Building Information System, an African-led knowledge and peer learning platform hosted by AFREC to speed up the building of skills of energy efficiency professionals and stakeholders across Africa.
17. **Reaffirm** our support for AFREC's efforts to improve National and Regional Energy Information Systems and to reinforce institutional capabilities on energy statistics.
18. **Support** the full operationalization of the AfEEA and the establishment of AfEEF in advancing Africa's energy development.

We **request** the African Energy Commission to institutionalise the African Energy Efficiency Conference.

We look forward to the second edition of the African Energy Efficiency Conference.

Adopted at the First African Energy Efficiency Conference.

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