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**THE DAR-ES-SALAM DECLARATION ON DONKEYS IN AFRICAN NOW IN THE FUTURE**

**We**, the Ministers in Charge of Livestock and Animal Production from Chad, Senegal and Tanzania and Representatives from Burkina Faso and Cote d'Ivoire, CVOs, RECs, CSOs, Representatives of international organizations (FAO, WOA), Representatives of Non-Governmental Organizations, during the Pan African Donkey Conference convened by the Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) and held in Dares-Salaam, Tanzania from 1-2 December 2022.

**RECOGNIZING** the socio-economic contribution of the donkey to livelihoods in Africa

**DEEPLY** concerned about the unsustainable development and utilization of the donkey in Africa

**CONCERNED** about the paucity of data to inform evidence-based policies, strategies, legislation and programs on the development and utilization of the donkey as a species

**ALARMED** at the inadequate inclusion of donkeys and other equids in the national animal resources development policies, strategies, programs, and investment plans

Further **ALARMED** by the rapid decline in donkey population in Africa called by the demand for their skins for the production of ejiao

**REQUEST** the AUC, through AU-IBAR, to bring the resolution on donkeys and other equids' development, for inclusion in the continental (AU) and global development agenda (UN) to the next STC meeting in 2023

**URGE** the AU-MS to invest in increased awareness and the generation of compelling evidence about the socio-economic importance and contribution of donkeys to the GDP of AU Member States

**URGE** the African Union Member States, with support from the AU-IBAR, to develop policies, strategies, programs and legislations on donkey exploitation at national and regional levels for increased production and productivity

**URGE** the AUC to propose to the AU Committee of Heads of State to endorse the proposal of putting a moratorium on donkey slaughter for skins and other donkey related products, for export, for at least the next 15 years.

**REQUEST** The AU Commission, AUDA-NEPAD, RECs, and the AU Member States with support from the FAO, WOA, Animal Welfare Organizations, Development Agencies, and other stakeholders, to accelerate efforts to mobilize resources for a coordinated program on the development of the donkey and equids resources.

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