We, the participants of the Ban FGM Campaign Stocktaking and Strategy meeting, held 19-21 November 2011 in Abidjan, Republic of Côte d’Ivoire, titled: “the unity and integrity of the Inter-African Committee to mobilize the international community in view of the adoption of a UN General Assembly Resolution banning Female Genital Mutilation worldwide”,

Congratulate African Heads of State for the historic adoption at the African Union Summit in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea in July 2011 of the Declaration in support of a Resolution banning FGM worldwide by the 66th Session of the United Nations General Assembly;

As leaders in the fight against FGM, reaffirm our commitment to engage in activities to inform our Governments, Parliaments, our fellow civil-society organizations and the population at large in our respective countries and beyond of the need for a world-Resolution banning FGM as a violation of the human rights of women and girls;

Call on our respective States, and all member States of the African Union as well as those which compose the African Group at the United Nations General Assembly, to actively promote the Resolution to ban FGM Worldwide and by doing so to give evidence of their political will to take all actions necessary to end the practice;

Encourage the relevant ministries of our respective countries to facilitate all advocacy to ensure that the UNGA Resolution, once adopted, is fully implemented;

Encourage our respective members of Parliament to use the Resolution as a point of reference for the adoption of national legislation where there is yet none, and for the full implementation of laws where they do exist.

Adopted by consensus in Abidjan on 21 November 2011