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### Journalists enlightened on the African Charter to Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of women in Africa



**Addis Ababa, 23 January 2014** - The Director of Women, Gender and Development of the African Union, Mrs. Litha Musyimi-Ogana, held a press conference on 22 January 2014 at the African Union Commission headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, within the framework of the 22<sup>nd</sup> African Union Summit, holding from 21 – 31 January 2014.

Charter of Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of women in Africa. She said within



Mrs. Ogana Presented the status of ratification of the protocol of the African Charter of Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of women in Africa. She said within the timeframe of ten years 36 member states have ratified the protocol .She encouraged countries who have not yet signed to do so accordingly, while acknowledging at the press conference that member states have done their part beyond commitment in ratifying the protocol. “Now we are moving to the implementation phase of the protocol and so far 10 member states have expressed their interest”. These countries, she said will be given training and accessed on the status of implementation.

Mrs. Litha also added that, the member states are expected to report on their progress to the Commission. “In this regard Malawi is the only country which has submitted its report so far”, she said.

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