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The Commission of the African Union presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and all Embassies and Permanent Representatives of Member States to the African Union in Addis Ababa and has the honour to request the latter to be reminded of the previously sent Note Verbale Ref: HRST/ED/602/670/08.20, to the Ministries in charge of education regarding the **“Teacher Professional Guidelines”**.

Teacher Development plays a vital role in the education system in the continent, and it is one of the key strategic objectives of the Continental Education Strategy for Africa (CESA 16-25). Furthermore, following a decision by the AU Heads of State and Government, in January 2016, a study was carried out on teachers' training, working, and living conditions in Africa by a team of highly qualified African experts between May and October 2016. The recommendations of the Study were endorsed by the AU Second Specialised Technical Committee of Education, Science and Technology in 2017.

The AU Teacher Study points out, there is need, to deliberately address the issue of professionalization, while dealing with the quality of teachers' training and welfare, which called for the establishment of commonly agreed **Professional Guidelines at Continental, Regional and National levels**, to support the cross-border mobility of teachers and facilitate the recognition of qualifications and lifelong learning across Africa.

To this effect, Member States are therefore invited to download the documents from the link: www.edu-au.org/teacher-frameworks for implementation at the national level.

The Commission of the African Union avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia and the embassies of the Member States of the African Union in Addis Ababa, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Addis Ababa, 29 June 2021

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