DECISION ON THE STATE OF AFRICA’S CHILDREN  
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The Executive Council:

1. TAKES NOTE of the Report;
2. EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN about the multi-dimensional challenges facing the African children on the continent;
3. REAFFIRMS the commitments made in the African Common Position on the Future of Children adopted by the Lusaka Summit in 2001 mandating the AU Commission to elaborate a biennial report on the status of the African Child and to Member States to establish national mechanisms to implement them and forward reports to the AU Commission;
4. ALSO EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE to UNICEF for its technical support in the elaboration of the Report and CALLS ON its continued cooperation and support;
5. ONCE AGAIN URGES Member States which have not yet done so to sign, ratify and implement the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child;
6. CALLS ON all relevant cooperating partners to continue to assist Member States as well as the AU Commission in the implementation of programmes to promote the well-being of African children;
7. REQUESTS the AU Commission to submit biennial progress reports to the Executive Council on the implementation of the African Common Position on the Future of Children.