

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.