DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE AFRICAN COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF THE CHILD

The Assembly:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report and recommendations of the inaugural meeting of the African Committee on the Rights and Welfare of the Child;

2. **RECOGNIZES** the important role of the African Committee in the improvement of the conditions of African children everywhere on the Continent;

3. **CALLS UPON** the Committee to ensure that the provisions on the rights and welfare of the African child, as enshrined in the African Charter are respected in all Member States;

4. **URGES** Member States which have not yet done so to urgently sign and/or ratify the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child;

5. **REQUESTS** Member States to extend their full support and cooperation to the African Committee and submit their reports regularly to the Committee;

6. **CALLS UPON** the Secretary General to urgently appoint a Secretary to the Committee, as stipulated in Article 40 of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, to enable the Committee to function effectively;