The Assembly:

1. **WELCOMES** the offer of President Blaise COMPAORE of Burkina Faso to host an Extraordinary Summit on Employment and Poverty Alleviation in Africa;

2. **DECIDES** to convene this Extraordinary Summit in the year 2004 and **INVITES** all Member States to participate actively in the Summit;

3. **REQUESTS** the AU Commission to make the necessary arrangements, in collaboration with the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), the ILO and other partners and stakeholders to convene the Extraordinary Summit on Employment and Poverty Alleviation in Africa.