

**DECISION ON THE RELOCATION OF THE SECRETARIAT OF  
THE AFRICAN COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE RIGHTS  
AND WELFARE OF THE CHILD (ACERWC)  
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**The Executive Council,**

1. **RECALLS** its Decision EX.CL/Dec.947 (XXX) of January 2017 on the relocation of the Secretariat of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC) and Decision EX.CL/Dec.991 (XXXII) of January 2018 encouraging the Kingdom of Lesotho and the Republic of The Sudan to continue consultations until a consensus is reached on hosting the ACERWC Secretariat;
2. **COMMENDS** the Commission for facilitating successful consultations on the relocation of the Secretariat of ACERWC;
3. **EXPRESSES SINCERE APPRECIATION** to the Republic of The Sudan for withdrawing its offer to host the Secretariat of ACERWC in favour of the Kingdom of Lesotho;
4. **CONGRATULATES** the Kingdom of Lesotho upon being the host of the Secretariat of ACERWC;
5. **DECIDES** that the Kingdom of Lesotho will host the Secretariat of ACERWC;
6. **REQUESTS:**
  - (i) the Commission to finalize the Host Agreement with the Kingdom of Lesotho, in accordance with the AU Rules and Regulations;
  - (ii) the Commission to revise the structure of the Secretariat of the ACERWC and to prepare a comprehensive report on the financial needs of the Secretariat of the ACERWC through the relevant Sub-Committees and report to the Ordinary Session of the Executive Council scheduled in February 2019;
  - (iii) the Kingdom of Lesotho, as per the Host Agreement, to provide the necessary assistance to the Secretariat of the ACERWC.