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**DECISION ON THE 15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLE'S RIGHTS**

**The Assembly,**

1. **TAKES NOTE WITH SATISFACTION** of the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Activity Report of the African Commission on Human and People's Rights and **COMMENDS** the African Commission for the excellent work accomplished in the past year in the area of promotion and protection of human rights;
2. **CALLS ON** the African Commission to propose ways and means of strengthening the African system for the promotion and protection of Human and People's Rights within the African Union, and submit a report thereon at the next session of the Assembly;
3. **CALLS UPON** Member States, which have not yet done so, to expedite the process of ratification of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People's Rights on the Establishment of an African Court on Human and People's Rights in order to have this important instrument in force before the next session (July 2003);
4. **REQUESTS** the Secretary General to take the necessary action in order to complete as soon as possible, the elaboration of the Draft Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People's Rights relating to the Rights of Women in Africa and to make sure that all Member States are fully involved in the process;
5. **AUTHORIZES** the publication of the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Activity Report of the African Commission on Human and People's Rights, pursuant to Article 59 of the African Charter on Human and People's Rights.