**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;