RESOLUTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ASSISTANCE TO AFRICAN CHILDREN

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Resolution CM/Res.1350 (LIV) on the Implementation of the African Decade for Child Survival, Protection and Development,

Taking into account the practical measures taken by each Member State to ensure the well being of children,

Recalling the objectives of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child,

Conscious of the impact of the economic and social situation of the continent on meeting the needs of children,

Further conscious of the need to sustain and/or enhance the results obtained within the framework of the universal immunization, health and education programs,

Encouraged by the activities carried out by the Member States for the children as reflected in the Reports on the celebration of the African Children Day on 16 June 1991,

Concerned over child trafficking, kidnapping and ill-treatment:

1. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Secretary-General and the recommendations contained therein;

2. HAILS the actions already taken by the Secretary-General in cooperation with UNICEF for the convening of the International Conference on Assistance to African Children, scheduled for Dakar, Senegal, from 25 to 27 November 1992;

3. STRESSES the importance of the National Programs of Action (NPA’S) and REQUESTS the Member States that have not yet done so to complete them on time for the Conference;

4. URGES each Member State to participate in and work actively to ensure the success of the Dakar Conference;

5. URGES the Member States that have not yet done so, to sign and ratify the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child and the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child;
6. EXPRESSES its profound gratitude to the Government of Senegal for offering to host this Conference;

7. MANDATES the Secretary-General of the OAU to take every step to ensure greater awareness of the serious problem of child trafficking, kidnapping and ill-treatment and the need to find solution to it;

8. CALLS UPON the OAU Secretary-General in cooperation with the UNICEF Executive Director and the International Organizations concerned to pursue his efforts for the preparation and the effective holding of this Conference.