DECISION ON THE SECOND PAN-AFRICAN FORUM ON CHILDREN: MID-TERM REVIEW DOC. EX.CL/380 (XII)

The Executive Council:

- 1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Second Pan-African Forum on Children: Mid-Term Review;
- 2. EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE to the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt for hosting the Second Pan-African Forum on Children: Mid-Term Review from 29 October to 2 November 2007;
- 3. EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION to the United Nations Fund for Children (UNICEF), Plan International and other stakeholders for their continued support and assistance in the preparation of the Second Pan-African Forum on Children;
- 4. ENDORSES the outcome of the Second Pan-African Forum on Children, namely, the Call for Accelerated Action on the Implementation of the Plan of Action Towards Africa Fit for Children (2008 2012);
- 5. CALLS ON all Member States to renew their commitment to Africa's children and implement the 2001 Plan of Action of Africa Fit for Children as well as the Call for Accelerated Action, in collaboration with development partners;
- 6. URGES those Member States, which have not yet done so, to ratify the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child;
- 7. MANDATES the Chairperson of the African Union to present the Call for Accelerated Action to the United Nations General Assembly Commemorative High-Level Plenary Meeting, devoted to the follow-up of the 2002 UN Special Session on Children, to be held in New York in December 2008;
- ALSO URGES Member States to participate actively in the UN General Assembly Commemorative High-Level Plenary Meeting in New York in December 2008;
- **9. CALLS ON** the AU Commission to report on progress made on the implementation of the 2001 Plan of Action of Africa Fit for Children every two (2) years, and to convene the next Pan-Forum on Children in 2011.

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