RESOLUTION ON REGULAR REPORTING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF OAU DECLARATIONS ON HIV/AIDS IN AFRICA

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting at the Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Yaounde, Cameroon, from 8 to 10 July, 1996,

Mindful that it is already 4 years since the adoption of the Dakar Declaration and 2 years since the adoption of the Tunis Declaration on HIV/AIDS in Africa,

<u>Cognizant</u> that to date the implementation of these Declarations has been slow, while available information indicates that the HIV/AIDS epidemic has worsened in Africa and if left unchecked, the disease has a potential to negate most of the social and economic gains that Africa has achieved or is likely to achieve in the near future,

<u>Aware</u> that a lot has to be done urgently at the level of the Heads of State and Government to prevent further worsening of the HIV/AIDS epidemic:

- 1. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Secretary-General and the specific actions taken by countries on the implementation of HIV/AIDS Declarations and the lesions learned about the weakness of that implementation'
- 2. REAFFIRMS its personal commitment and that of their sectoral Ministries to continue to work with the Ministry of Health as to ensure that Member States fully participate in the fight against HIV/AIDS in their respective countries;
- 3. URGES the UNAIDS and International partners and donors to continue to assist Africa in its effort to face the challenges outlined in the Report of the Secretary-General on the Follow-up of OAU Declarations on HIV/AIDS in Africa (Doc. CM/1963 (LXIV));

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- 4. REQUESTS all Member States to continue to report regularly to the Secretariat on the implementation of these Declarations, using the provided matrix format;
- 5. FURTHER URGES all Member States of the OAU to participate actively in the First African Youth Conference on Sexual Health under the theme, "The Youth and AIDS: Challenge for the 21st Century", scheduled to be held in Accra, Ghana from 30 September to 4 October, 1996;
- 6. FURTHER REQUESTS the Secretary-General with the support of UNAIDS and all relevant partners to continue reporting on the implementation of the Declarations and its progress every year to the Assembly of Heads of State and Government.

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