

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE AFRICAN COMMITTEE
OF EXPERTS ON THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF THE CHILD (ACERWC)
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The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child and commends the Committee for its work;
2. **EXPRESSES** its high appreciation to Member States which have submitted, in a timely manner, their implementation reports on the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child;
3. **CALLS UPON** Members States that have not yet ratified the Charter to accelerate the process;
4. **URGES** State Parties that have not yet submitted their reports to comply with the provision of the Charter and expedite submissions;
5. **REQUESTS** Member States to welcome the request of the Committee to carry out missions in their jurisdiction to monitor the implementation of the Charter;
6. **ADOPTS** the theme of the Day of the African child for 2013:” *Eliminating Harmful Social and Cultural Practices affecting Children: Our Collective Responsibility*” and **REQUESTS** Member States to take necessary and urgent measures to eradicate the Harmful Social and Cultural Practices against children;
7. **REQUESTS** the Permanent Representative Committee (PRC), the Peace and Security Council (PSC) and the Regional Economic Communities (RECS) to take into account the rights of the child in their agenda and cooperate actively with the Committee;
8. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to continue consultations with the PRC with regard to the financial implications of moving the Secretariat of the Committee outside the headquarters and register the offer made by Burkina Faso to host this Secretariat;
9. **WELCOMES** the invitation extended to the Committee by the Republic of Uganda to visit the country and to interact with the various stakeholders on the issue of child soldiers raised by some Civil Society Organizations (CSOs).