

**RESOLUTION ON THE ADOPTION OF THE AFRICAN
CHARTER ON THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF THE AFRICAN CHILD**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting at its Twenty-sixth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 9 to 11 July 1990,

Recalling declaration AHG ST.4 (XVI) Rev. 1 on the Rights and Welfare of the African Child;

Noting the progress made towards, in the universal vaccination of children;

Inspired by the implementation of the Bamako Initiative and the establishment of the Special Health Fund for Africa;

Conscious of the important place children occupy in our societies and especially the fact that the future of the continent depends on the active forces represented by healthy and well developed children,

Convinced of the need to drastically reduce the rate of infant mortality in Africa though an adequate health policy;

Having in mind the importance of the World Summit on the Child scheduled for New York on 30 September 1990:

- 1. REAFFIRMS its unflinching commitment to the cause of children and other categories of vulnerable persons;**
- 2. DECIDES to adopt the African Charter on the Rights and the Welfare of the Child and to present it to the World Summit on the Child as Africa's contribution to the cause of its children;**
- 3. APPEALS to all Member States to take the necessary measures to implement the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child;**

- 4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to present, each year, a report on the activities carried out within the framework of this resolution.**