

- f. Include women's and children's organizations in the training of military forces, police and other security agencies.

**(iii) Media Awareness and Activities**

RESOLVE to develop specific programs to provide information, education and communication materials on child rights in order that the media are well informed to contribute to the rights, welfare and protection of children, and to develop media activities, particularly radio programmes, for the benefit of war-affected children, sensitive to, and consistent with the best interests of the child,

- a. Host information sessions for local media organizations on the provisions of international and regional instruments on the rights of the child, including United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1261 (1999) and 1265 (1999), the four Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols, as well as the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the draft Optional Protocol on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict, and Security Council Resolutions 1261 and 1265 and encourage and assist local media organizations to monitor the effective adherence to these instruments;
- b. Organise information sessions to media organizations on the provisions of the Statute of the International Criminal Court, including on the definitions of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes;
- c. Develop media information, particularly radio programmes, devoted to the needs and interests of children and young people affected by conflict. This would serve to give voice to children's concerns, offer education, training, and entertainment, promote tolerance, reconciliation, and raise awareness of the rights and protection of children.

**(iv) Early Warning Systems**

RESOLVE to implement early warning/response systems in the region to forestall armed conflicts and the victimization and abuse of children and their involvement in these conflicts,

- a. Designate focal points (community members, traditional authorities, and other organisations) which are represented throughout the country to act as early warning contact centres. Also, designate a government agency, international organisation, or representative of civil society in national capitals to collect,