

UNHCR, in order to reduce the social, economic, environmental, and security impact of refugee outflow within the sub-region.

CALL on ECOWAS states to provide, with the support of UN agencies and donors, full protection, access and relief to refugees and internally displaced persons, the vast majority of whom are women and children, in accordance with international refugee law and the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement.

COMMIT to support the Protocol Relating to the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management, Resolution, Peacekeeping and Security signed by all ECOWAS Member States at the Lome Summit on 10 December, 1999,

- a. Ratify in the shortest time possible the Protocol Relating to the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management, Resolution, Peacekeeping and Security;
- b. Fully support, both morally and financially, a role for the Protocol Relating to the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management, Resolution, Peacekeeping and Security, in the protection of children in areas of potential conflict, and war-affected children;
- c. Ensure, through work with donor organisations, that the four Observation and Monitoring Zones, mandated in Article 24 of the Protocol (in Banjul, Ouagadougou, Monrovia, and Cotonou) are fully functional within a reasonable time, and that their monitoring and reporting functions include early warning and monitoring on children's rights and security. Monitoring should include social, political, economic and military indicators relating to the security of children.

(ii) ECOWAS Moratorium

STRONGLY URGE ECOWAS Member States to support the implementation of the ECOWAS Moratorium in order to halt the proliferation of small arms and light weapons in the sub-region,

- a. Fully support the Programme for Co-ordination and Assistance for Security and Development, and in particular, the implementation of a regional arms and light weapons registry and database;
- b. Assemble an ECOWAS experts high-level group to assess implementation of and non-compliance with the ECOWAS Moratorium at national levels, and to recommend measures to be taken against individuals or states proven to have violated the ECOWAS Moratorium on small arms and measures to encourage full implementation;