

RESOLVE, with assistance from the international community, to keep duty tours of ECOWAS peacekeepers to a reasonable length, in keeping with UN Standards,

ESTABLISH an office within ECOWAS for the protection of war-affected children in the sub-region and DECIDE to review the activities of ECOWAS in the protection of war-affected children in the region and agree to remain actively seized of the matter,

AGREE to institute, in solidarity with any country in a conflict situation, an annual "West African Week of Truce for War-Affected Children" in all ECOWAS Member States, to coincide with the Day of the African Child (June 16) and to raise public awareness about the plight of war-affected children in the region,

COMMIT to work with community leaders to support efforts to strengthen and apply these norms in recognition of the important role of traditional values and norms which provide for the protection of children in situations of conflict,

COMMIT to take measures to involve young people as participants and advocates in the movement for the protection of war-affected children, including developing children-to-children networks within West Africa,

CALL on the donor community, UN agencies, and international NGOs, to support and strengthen national institutions, local NGOs, local civil society, and communities to offer support and build local capacities for protection and advocacy for war-affected children,

DECIDE to dedicate a meeting of ECOWAS Foreign Ministers within the next twelve months to examine the role of national governments and ECOWAS in the protection of all war-affected children,

ECOWAS Member States urge the international community to provide expertise, as well as moral and financial support for the implementation of these initiatives.