

DECISION ON TERRORISM IN AFRICA

The Assembly:

1. **EXPRESSES CONCERN** over the increasing threat posed by international terrorism, in particular the expanding terrorist networks and the impact of such activities on the security situation and the socio-economic development of the Continent;
2. **WELCOMES** the entry into force, on 6 December 2002, of the Algiers 1999 Convention on the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism and **URGES** all Member States that have not yet done so to become parties to the Convention as a matter of priority;
3. **ENDORSES** the Plan of Action and the recommendations of the Inter-Governmental High Level Meeting on the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism in Africa, held in Algiers, from 11 - 14 September 2002;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to take the steps required for the implementation of the Plan of Action and, in this regard, **TAKES NOTE** of the initial steps taken, in conjunction with the Government of Algeria, on the establishment of the African Centre for the Study and Research on Terrorism;
5. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission, in consultation with Member States, to finalize the Draft Protocol to the Algiers Convention for submission to the next Session of the Assembly.