



**Decision on the Culture of Peace
adopted by the Organization of African Unity
in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 10 June 1998**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Fourth Ordinary Session in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, from 8 to 10 June, 1998,

1. WELCOMES decision taken by the United Nations General Assembly to proclaim the year 2000, International year of the Culture of Peace;
2. CONSIDERS the International Year as a propitious occasion to substitute the culture of war and violence which characterized the last millennium of human history with a culture of peace by promoting values, attitudes and compartments which constitute the foundations thereof.
3. CALLS ON Member States to set up national committees comprising all sectors of society to implement activities in respect of the International Year aimed enhancing reconciliation and national unity through the culture of peace;
4. CALLS ON the Secretary General in co-operation with the Director General of UNESCO and all other concerned institutions, to co-ordinate their efforts with the view to implementing the International Year of the Culture of Peace;
5. FURTHER CALLS ON the Secretary- General, in concert with the Director General of UNESCO and all other concerned agencies and institutions to promote within Member States, activities to celebrate the Year 2000 as the International Year of the Culture of Peace and COMMENDS the Director General of UNESCO for this laudable initiative.

This information is provided by

UNESCO
Culture of Peace Programme
7, Place de Fontenoy
75352 PARIS 07 SP
FRANCE
Tel (+33.1) 45.68.12.19
Fax (+33.1) 45.68.55.57
e-mail: cofpeace@unesco.org
URL: <http://www.unesco.org/cpp>

10 June, 1998