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RESOLUTION NO. 25/2025 ON THE APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL RAPPOREUR ON INVESTMENT AND BUDGETING FOR CHILDREN

The African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC), meeting at its 45th Ordinary Session, held from 7 to 11 April 2025, in Maseru, the Kingdom of Lesotho

Considering its mandate on the protection and promotion of the rights and welfare of the child in Africa pursuant to the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACRWC),

Recalling Article 38(1) of the ACRWC that authorizes the ACERWC to establish its own Rules of Procedures, which the ACERWC developed and revised in 2013, 2015 and 2020 respectively,

Considering Rule 58 of the Revised Rules of Procedure, which allows the ACERWC to establish special mechanisms and assign specific tasks or mandates to either an individual member or group of members concerning the preparation of its sessions or the execution of special programs, studies and projects,

Mindful of the fact that the preamble of the Revised Rules of Procedure provides that “Special mechanisms” shall be understood to mean either special rapporteur, working group, study group, sub-committee or other subsidiary body established by the Committee with a specific mandate,

Considering the ACERWC’s decision on the establishment of country and thematic rapporteurs to support the implementation of its mandate, adopted at its 28th Ordinary Session held on 21 October to 1 November 2016 in Banjul, The Gambia,

Recognizing the critical role of adequate, equitable, and accountable public budgeting and investment in the realization of children’s rights as enshrined in the ACRWC,

Noting that State Obligation for the realization of children’s rights as enshrined under Article 1 of the ACRWC and explained under the ACERWC’s General Comment No 5 includes undertaking budgetary measures,



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Recognizing that there has been increase in budget allocations for children's rights in many countries yet children in African continue to face high levels of poverty, lack of access to basic services, and violence including child labor and trafficking

Concerned that budgeting processes are not informed by the data on children including their population, and their needs due to the gap in integrating child rights need assessment in budgeting processes,

Concerned about persistent challenges in financing child rights obligations, including insufficient allocations, lack of transparency, weak monitoring systems, and limited child participation in budget processes,

Being cognizant that children are disproportionately affected by the current and changing global fiscal politics including aid cuts, high debt credits, inflation among others,

Noting the need for increased engagements and advocacy on adopting a child sensitive budgeting processes including child sensitive budget mobilization, appropriation, and execution frameworks at national, regional, and international level,

Considering the need to enhance and foster public-private partnerships and international cooperation for investment and budgeting for children,

Determined to ensure that Member States fulfil their obligations to budget and invest in children in a manner that is efficient, transparent, participatory, inclusive, and aligned with their commitments under the ACRWC,

Decides to appoint **Wilson Almeida Adão** as Special Rapporteur on Investment and Budgeting for Children with effect from April 2025. The mandate calls on the Special Rapporteur to:

- I. Seek, receive, examine, and act upon information regarding the situation of budgeting and investment for children across Africa,
- II. Engage parliamentarians, Ministries of Finance, and other relevant institutions to promote child rights-based budgeting, mobilize political commitment, and ensure transparency and fairness in public finance, including issues related to taxation and anti-corruption,



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- III. Encourage inclusive and needs-based budgeting that reflects the realities of vulnerable and marginalized children, including through the promotion of child-specific data, disaggregated statistics, and comprehensive needs assessments,
- IV. Advocate for sufficient allocation of public resources for children, and for strategic investment in essential services such as education, health, nutrition, protection, and social welfare,
- V. Encourage investment in emergency preparedness and response budgeting, to safeguard children's rights in times of crisis, including armed conflict, natural disasters, and public health emergencies,
- VI. Foster partnerships with the private sector by encouraging public-private collaboration and international cooperation to mobilize additional resources and improve investment in child-related programs and infrastructure,
- VII. Cooperate and engage in dialogue with Member States, National Human Rights Institutions, UN Agencies, intergovernmental organizations, and civil society to strengthen systems, share knowledge, and promote accountability in budgeting and investment for children,
- VIII. Promote and support the participation of children in all stages of the budgeting process at national and local levels, in line with Article 4 of the ACRWC,
- IX. Take the lead in the development of ACERWC documents, including General Comments, studies, resolutions, and awareness-raising initiatives, to enhance understanding and guidance on budgeting and investment for children,
- X. Formulate recommendations, issue public statements where necessary, and report annually to the ACERWC on progress, challenges, and priorities related to the mandate.

Done in Maseru, the Kingdom of Lesotho, 11 April 2025