International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

(Adopted at the fifth plenary session, held on November 25, 2014)

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

CONSIDERING:

That November 25th celebrates the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women;

That the United Nations has made a call to carry out a 16 day campaign against gender-based violence;

That violence against women and girls represents a flagrant violation of their human rights and according to UN data affects more than 133 million women and girls worldwide;

That violence against girls is still a global pandemic that can affect girls throughout life, and manifests itself in various forms including physical, mental, emotional, sexual, patrimonial, ethnic and cultural violence;

That violence against girls is a consequence of gender discrimination and gender inequality and requires the full effort of States to strengthen the development of policies, programs and take comprehensive actions that include different approaches, given that this is a multi-sectoral and complex problem,

RESOLVES:

1. To reaffirm its commitment in contributing to prevent, attend to, sanction and eradicate the violence that millions of girls suffer across the continent and encourage States to continue efforts to ensure the full exercise and enjoyment of their rights.