

DECISION ON THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IN AFRICA**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the African Union Commission on the Humanitarian Situation in Africa for the period January to December 2023, and the recommendations contained therein.
2. **EXPRESSES CONCERN** on the urgency, magnitude, and complexity of the humanitarian situation in Africa caused by a combination of political instabilities, conflicts and natural disasters especially in the Sudan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Horn of Africa region, the Great Lake region, the Sahel region.
3. **EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** to the Member States that continue to grant asylum and host refugees and migrants for protracted periods despite the limited resources at their disposal and call for global solidarity and burden sharing with these countries and the host communities.
4. **EXPRESSES** the need for Member States to renew their commitments towards the speedy resolution of the protracted humanitarian situations, to pave way for durable solutions for the affected communities and a return to normalcy.
5. **DECIDES** to:
 - a. **TAKE NOTE** with deep concern of the heavy humanitarian burden that Africa is shouldering, and the dwindling resources for swift and effective responses to humanitarian crises in Africa and appeals for redoubled efforts in mobilizing financial resources for emergency humanitarian action especially in the Horn of Africa, the Great Lakes, the Sahel region and to **FURTHER CALL UPON** the international community to redouble their efforts to support humanitarian activities in Africa in the context of burden sharing.
 - b. **COMMEND** Member States that have honored their pledges made at the 15th AU Extraordinary Humanitarian Summit and pledging conference held on 27 May 2022 in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea and **REMIND** Member States and all Partners that pledged to honor their pledges as soon as possible.
 - c. **CALL ON** All Member States, and development partners to provide increased support to the humanitarian emergency in Africa,
 - d. **CALL ON** all parties to conflicts to respect international humanitarian law, human rights law and refugee law, including by protecting civilians during armed conflict and preventing serious human rights violations in order to ensure that humanitarian actors are safe and have access to

populations affected by conflicts and disasters.

- e. **CALL ON** all Member States that have not yet signed or ratified the 1969 OAU Convention and the 2009 Kampala Convention to do so, and those that have ratified these instruments are urged to fully incorporate them into their national laws and policies to enable their effective implementation at national and local levels.
- f. **REQUEST** the Commission to follow the process of expanding the mandate of the existing PRC Sub-Committee on Refugees, IDPs and Humanitarian Affairs to incorporate Migration and Labour Migration areas, with overall purpose to provide comprehensive continental strategic policy direction and advice.