

DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON SOCIAL AND HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IN AFRICA (January – December 2022)

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 2022, and the recommendations contained therein;
2. **EXPRESSES ITS CONCERN** on the urgency, magnitude, and complexity of the humanitarian situation in certain areas in Africa and more particularly in the Sahel and in Somalia, and remains deeply concerned about the socio-economic impact of this situation on the population of the concerned Member States;
3. **EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION** to the countries that are contributing to the humanitarian response in the Sahel and in Somalia as well as to Member States that continue to grant asylum and extend humanitarian assistance to refugees and displaced persons in Africa despite the limited resources at their disposal;
4. **WELCOMES** the formal launching of the AU Centre for PCRD in Cairo; and **REQUESTS** the Commission to mobilize all necessary resources to enable the Centre to effectively discharge its mandate, and **APPEALS** to Member States to make full use of the Centre.”
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to continue to verify the figures of refugees and IDPs in the annual Humanitarian report, and obtain the information from the concerned Member States.”
6. **COMMENDS** Member States, the Commission, Regional Economic Communities (RECs), international organizations, partners as well as public and private sector for their active participation in the 15th AU Extraordinary Humanitarian Summit and pledging conference held on 27 May 2022 in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea and for their contribution to the fund set up for the humanitarian response in Africa and for the operationalization of the African Humanitarian Agency;
7. **FURTHER COMMENDS** the initiatives taken so far by all stakeholders, including Member States, the Commission, and other relevant organs of the African Union, as well as partners in their efforts in communicating the outcome of the Humanitarian Summit and pledging conference and in monitoring the implementation of the outcome;
8. **EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE** to the Government of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea and its people for having hosted the 15th AU Extraordinary Humanitarian Summit and for the facilities put in place for its success.
9. **CALLS ON** all Member States, donors, and partners to provide increased

humanitarian support to the humanitarian emergency that faces Somalia and the Sahel;

10. **REMINDS** to all protagonists intervening in conflict zones in Africa and particularly in the Sahel and Somalia to respect the provisions of the AU Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala Convention) and other relevant provisions of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) on humanitarian access and expressly calls for the removal of obstacles to the proper delivery of humanitarian aid in these areas.
11. **FURTHER RECALLS** the Malabo Declaration which expresses the concern of Member States over the rapidly changing humanitarian landscape in Africa due to climate change and conflict-induced disasters and calls for the search for durable solutions to the root causes of humanitarian emergencies and forced displacement in Africa.
12. **CALLS 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.
13. **TAKES NOTE** of the 2023-2032 Action Plan for the Implementation of the Malabo Declaration resulting from the 15th Extraordinary Humanitarian Summit and the pledging conference of 27 May 2022, and its roadmap and call for its adoption.
14. **URGES** Member States, RECs, International Development Partners, UN Agencies, and Civil Society Organizations to support the full implementation of the Malabo Declaration Action Plan and its roadmap.
15. **EXPRESSES** its appreciation to the appropriate STCs for the consideration and submission of the Statute of the African Humanitarian Agency and supports the decision to adopt the statute, as well as the financial and structural plans for the rapid operationalization of the African Humanitarian Agency in 2023 following due processes.
16. **APPEALS** to the Member States, donors, international development partners, and actors from the public and private sector who made financial commitments during the Donors' Conference organized in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, on 27 May 2022, to kindly make their financial contributions available in order to strengthen the humanitarian response in Africa and give impetus to the operationalization of the African Humanitarian Agency.