

**DECISION ON THE SITUATION OF REFUGEES,  
RETURNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS**  
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**The Executive Council:**

1. **EXPRESSES CONCERN** over the problems of refugees and displaced persons that have persisted in the Continent as well as the grave continued violations of human rights in conflict situations;
2. **COMMENDS** Member States that continue to host refugees and make available to them all the facilities and services in the spirit of African solidarity and hospitality and **CALLS ON** all Member States to mobilize resources in order to alleviate the burden on recipient Member States;
3. **FURTHER COMMENDS** Member States which have abided by the peace initiative and agreements that have created conducive conditions for the return of refugees and displaced persons to their communities and **APPEALS** to Member States concerned to promote voluntary return of their nationals;
4. **CALLS UPON** the International Community to support the on-going repatriation operations and post-conflict reconstruction programmes in various areas;
5. **WELCOMES** the appointment of a Special Representative on the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict Situations in Africa and **APPEALS** to the donor community to extend moral, material and financial support to the Special Representative in the execution of her mandate;
6. **URGES** Member States as well as Non-State Actors to comply with the International Humanitarian Law;
7. **REQUESTS** the Commission to continue monitoring the situation of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in close collaboration with the AU Commission on Refugees; revitalize, as a matter of urgency, the Coordinating Committee on Assistance and Protection to Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons; and continue to implement the Comprehensive Implementation Plan in close collaboration with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC);
8. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to convene a Ministerial Conference on refugees, returnees and displaced persons in 2006, in collaboration with the AU Commission on Refugees, UNHCR and other relevant partners;

**9. URGES** the Commission to launch a resource mobilization programme in close collaboration with all relevant partners for the purpose of ensuring the adequate well-being and protection for refugees and displaced persons and durable solution to the problem in Africa.