

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

- 1. EXPRESSES CONCERN** on the persistence and the magnitude of the phenomenon of refugees and displaced persons in Africa;
- 2. TAKES NOTE** with satisfaction of the positive developments registered in some conflict situations on the continent, which have raised hopes of the return of refugees and displaced persons;
- 3. COMMENDS** the host countries for the generosity they continue to show despite the limited resources at their disposal;
- 4. CALLS UPON** the international community to increase assistance to the States and populations concerned;
- 5. REQUESTS** the Commission to formulate a policy that will facilitate access of refugees and displaced persons to education, including at the post-primary level;
- 6. NOTES** the progress made in the preparation of the Ministerial Meeting on Refugees and Displaced Persons scheduled for June 2006 in Burkina Faso; and **INVITES** Member States to actively participate towards its success.