

**DECISION ON THE CONCEPT NOTE ON THE THEME OF THE YEAR: “REFUGEES,
RETURNEES AND INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS: TOWARDS DURABLE
SOLUTIONS TO FORCED DISPLACEMENT IN AFRICA”
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The Executive Council,

- 1. TAKES NOTE** of the Concept Note on the Theme of the Year 2019: “Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons: Towards Durable Solutions to Forced displacement in Africa” and the ensuing debate;
- 2. RECALLS** its Decision EX.CL/Dec.968(XXXI) on the Theme of the Year 2019 and Decision Assembly/AU /Dec.707(XXXI) of July 2018 requesting the Commission to develop a roadmap, in collaboration with the PRC, for the implementation of the 2019 theme;
- 3. REQUESTS** Member States and the Commission to:
 - i) Plan and organise activities on the Theme of 2019, working closely with AU Organs, RECs and partners, in line with the roadmap on the Theme of the year 2019 and relevant Decisions of the AU Policy Organs; and
 - ii) Mark the 50th Anniversary of the adoption of the 1969 OAU Refugee Convention, as well as the 10th Anniversary of the Kampala Convention in 2019, with activities that aim to promote their ratification, domestication and implementation.
- 4. RECOMMENDS** to the Assembly to adopt the outcomes of the debate on the Theme of the year 2019;
- 5. REQUESTS** the Commission to report on the implementation of this Decision to the 36th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in February 2020.