

DECISION ON THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IN AFRICA
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The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the humanitarian situation in Africa;
2. **REITERATES** the principles enshrined in AU treaties on the protection of refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs);
3. **RECALLS** Assembly/AU/Dec.604(XXVI) adopted by the 26th Ordinary Session of the Assembly in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 30-31 January 2016, establishing the African Humanitarian Agency and **REQUESTS** the Commission to take measures towards its operationalization;
4. **COMMENDS** Member States and communities hosting refugees and **CALLS** for continuous assistance;
5. **ALSO COMMENDS** stakeholders financially supporting initiatives and projects intended to alleviate the humanitarian crisis in Africa;
6. **CALLS UPON** Member States to maintain the civilian character of refugee camps;
7. **ALSO CALLS UPON** Member States to put in place concrete measures towards addressing the root causes of the humanitarian crisis;
8. **APPEALS** to Member States that are yet to sign, ratify and implement the 1969 OAU Refugee Convention, and the Kampala Convention, to do so, without delay;
9. **ENCOURAGES** Member States and the Commission to take concrete actions towards addressing the root causes of forced displacements.