

REPORT OF THE OAU COMMISSION OF TWENTY AN THE SITUATION OF REFUGEES, RETURNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS IN AFRICA -DOC.CM/2008 (LXVI)) REV. 1

Council:

- (a) TAKES NOTE of the Report of the OAU Commission of Twenty on Refugees and ENDORSES the recommendations contained therein;
- (b) INVITES Member States to do all within their powers to achieve peaceful settlement and intrastate and Inter-State conflicts in order to find durable solutions to the refugee crises in the region in conformity with the OAU Charter, the 1951 UN Convention on Refugees with its 1967 Protocol, the 1969 OAU Convention governing the specific aspects of refugee problems in Africa as well as the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights;
- (c) CALLS ON all Member States to respect the cardinal principles enshrined on the International Convention and that of the OAU Convention an Refugees;
- (d) ALSO CALLS UPON Member States concerned to create conditions of peace and security in order to ensure the prompt and safe delivery of relief assistance to refugees and displaced persons and the safety of relief workers;
- (e) EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE to the Member states which have been granting asylum and extending assistance to refugees and displaced persons in the spirit of African solidarity and co-operation as well as to Member States which have endeavoured to promote voluntary repatriation, resettlement and rehabilitation of refugees and displaced persons and APPEALS to other Member States concerned to promote conditions conducive to the return and sustainable reintegration of refugees and displaced persons in their countries of origin;
- (f) REQUESTS the OAU Commission of Twenty an Refugees and the OAU Secretariat to continue to undertake activities under its Programme of Action aimed at sensitizing an appreciation of the refugee situation in Africa and in mobilizing resources for their assistance;
- (g) URGES the International Community, in particular the UNHCR and ICRC, to increase their resources to meet the increasing needs of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in the continent;
- (h) REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General in close collaboration with other Organizations,

especially the UNHCR, to convene a ministerial meeting of countries who are members of the OAU Commission of Twenty on Refugees as soon as possible to discuss and find durable solutions to the problem of refugees and displaced persons in Africa.