

**THE PROBLEM OF REFUGEES IN AFRICA**

The Assembly of Heads of State and government meeting in its Second Ordinary Session in Accra, Ghana, from 21 to 25 October 1965,

**Considering** the gravity of the refugee situation in Africa and the complex problems it causes for the countries of origin as well as the host countries,

**Recalling** the recommendations already adopted by the Assembly and the principles laid down in this respect by the Organization of African Unity,

1. **Reaffirming** its desire to give all possible assistance to refugees from any Member State on a humanitarian and fraternal basis;
2. **Recalls** that Member States have pledged themselves to prevent refugees living on their territories from carrying out by any means whatsoever any acts harmful to the interests of other states Members of the Organization of African Unity;
3. **Requests** all Member States never to allow the refugee question to become a source of dispute amongst them;
4. **Notes with appreciation** the assistance provided by the United Nations High Commissioner's Office to African Governments in their programmes of aid to refugees;
5. **Requests** the African States that are members of the Economic and Social Council to secure an increase in African representation on the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme;
6. **Asks** members of the Refugee Commission established by resolution CM/Res. 19 (II) to provide legal experts at the highest level possible to re-examine the draft OAU convention on the status of refugees having regard to the views expressed by the Assembly at its present session and to report back to the Assembly;

7. Requests Member States of the Organization of African Unity, if they have not already done so, to ratify the United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and to apply meanwhile the provisions of the said Convention to refugees in Africa.

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