

**DECISION ON THE SITUATION OF REFUGEES, RETURNEES  
AND INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS IN AFRICA  
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**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Situation of Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons in Africa;
2. **EXPRESSES GRATITUDE** to Member States that grant asylum and extend assistance to refugees and internally displaced persons; and **THANKS** the international community, in particular the humanitarian agencies for their continued support and assistance to the victims of forced displacement in Africa;
3. **STRESSES** the need for Member States to address the root causes of forced displacement in Africa;
4. **CALLS UPON** Member States to speed up the signing, ratification and effective implementation of the African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala Convention) adopted during the African Union Special Summit on Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons in October 2009 in Kampala, Uganda;
5. **WELCOMES** the visits undertaken by the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC) Sub-Committee on Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons in accordance with its Programme of Work and **REQUESTS** that the outcomes of these visits be included in the bi-annual Report on the Activities of the PRC Sub-Committee on Refugees to the Executive Council;
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission to elaborate a Plan of Action for the promotion and implementation of the outcomes of the Special Summit on Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons;
7. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission in collaboration with Member States, relevant humanitarian organizations, in particular the AU partners to provide accurate statistics on refugees, returnees and internally displaced persons, and also to take into account additional information provided by various delegations during the PRC meetings.

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