

**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 on the Situation of Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons in Africa and the Report on the Activities of the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC) Sub-Committee on Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons;
2. **NOTES WITH CONCERN** that despite the efforts deployed towards addressing and managing the root causes of forced population displacement in Africa, the numbers of refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) caught in protracted situations of displacement as well as mixed migratory movements continue to be elevated;
3. **ALSO NOTES WITH CONCERN** the destabilizing effect of some renegade armed groups, in particular, the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) and Al Shabaab on the Eastern and Central Africa regions, which present a major cause for displacement of population in these areas;
4. **WELCOMES** the progress made in implementing the outcomes of the African Union (AU) Special Summit on Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons held in Kampala, Uganda in October 2009, particularly on the elaboration of the Plan of Action for the Outcomes of the Special Summit on Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons in Africa, and its adoption by the AU Ministers in charge of Forced Displacement Matters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in June 2010;
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