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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The collective concern of the Organization of African Unity with the refugee problem on the continent dates back to the time of the establishment of the Organization in 1963. This is attested to by the preamble of the OAU Charter which emphasises the necessity to promote an African brotherhood and solidarity transcending ethnic and national differences so as to achieve a better life for the peoples of Africa. Prior to 1963, Africa's refugee problem had all along been regarded as a passing event in the historical development process of the continent. At that time, it was everybody's hope that if left undisturbed, the invisible hand of God will solve the problem; after all the number of refugees then involved was a mere handful!

2. But the Founding Fathers of the Organization of African Unity were not as optimistic as their forefathers. Perhaps motivated by the complex problems attendant on Africa's enduring struggle for independence in the 1960s, the OAU Foreign Ministers meeting in that historic city of Lagos, Nigeria, in February 1964, resolved that a special body, subsequently dubbed as the "OAU Commission of Ten on Refugees in Africa", from within the OAU Member States be appointed to examine:

- a) the refugee problem in Africa and make recommendations to the Council of Ministers on how it can be solved; and
- b) ways and means of maintaining refugees in their countries of asylum (vide CM/Res.19 (II).).

3. While in 1964, when the Commission under reference was established, the number of refugees on the continent was less than one half of a million, today Africa is host of not less than 5 million. What is more, one half of the world's total of refugees are found in Africa; which means that one in every two refugees in the world today is an African.



4. It is a truism that in terms of numbers alone, the refugee situation on the continent has continued to stabilize during the period under review. The figure of 5 million has been in vogue for almost two years now. However, the African refugee situation cannot be fully appreciated exclusively within the context of cold statistics. It is a fact that the living conditions of the refugees in Africa have continued to deteriorate and to call for urgent attention. It is in essence, for the steady deterioration of the living conditions of refugees in Africa that:

- a) the International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa (ICARA) was convened in April 1981, Specifically to Solicit for additional resources from the international community with which to redress Africa's worsening refugee problem; and
- b) the nomenclature for the OAU refugee organs, namely the OAU Commission of Ten, the OAU/~~BPEAR~~ Co-ordinating Committee on Refugees in Africa, and the OAU/Bureau for Placement and Education of African Refugees has been changed to the OAU Commission of Fifteen on Refugees (OAU/CFR), the OAU Co-ordinating Committee on Assistance to Refugees (OAU/CCAR), and the OAU/Bureau for Refugees (OAU/BR), respectively. The change of the old nomenclature of these organs and the redefinition of their functions was intended to make them grapple with the steadily deteriorating African refugee situation with greater efficiency and efficacy.

## II. ACTIVITIES

1. During the period under review, the OAU Commission of Fifteen met only once in an ordinary Session. The Commission met on 7 and 8 July 1982 to deliberate on many and varied issues germane to the problem of refugees in Africa.\* Chief among the issues

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\*For ease of reference, the Minutes of the Fifteenth Ordinary Session of the OAU Commission of Fifteen on Refugees are annexed to this report.

the Commission addressed itself to were:

- a) the follow up and implementation of the Arusha Conference recommendations of 1979, as per resolution CM/Res.844(XXXV), para. 3:
- b) preparations for missions of the OAU Commission of Fifteen on Refugees to be undertaken to the OAU Member States which, though affected by the problem of refugees, were not visited by the Commission at the turn of 1980, as per resolution CM/Res.829 (XXXVI) para.8;
- c) distribution and utilization of ICARA funds, as per resolution CM/Res.868 (XXXVII);
- d) meeting of the OAU Secretariat and Voluntary Agencies involved in extending assistance to refugees in Africa, as per resolution CM/Res.868 (XXXVII), para.12; and
- e) report of the Twelfth Ordinary Session of the OAU Co-ordinating Committee on Assistance to Refugees.

2. Follow up and implementation of the Arusha Conference Recommendations of 1979:

Reference was made to the work of the OAU/UNHCR Working Group on the implementation of the Arusha Recommendations of 1979. In particular the Commission recalled the specific guidelines that have already been drawn which aim at helping the OAU Member States, international organizations as well as voluntary agencies in implementing the said recommendations which, on the earlier decision of the Commission, have been duly circulated to the OAU Member States for their comments before submitting them to the OAU Council of Ministers. The Commission deplored the fact that as of now only the United Republic of Tanzania has reacted to the said documents. The Commission, therefore, decided that the OAU Secretariat should send a second reminder to those Member States that have not yet done so to respond in respect of these documents as soon as possible.



### 3. New Missions of the OAU Commission of Fifteen on Refugees;

The Commission received favourably the progress report of the preparations being made by the Secretariat for the impending missions of the Commission to some Member States which, though affected by the problem of refugees, were not visited by the Commission at the turn of 1980. In view of the fact that the undertaking of these missions is well over-due, and given the importance of these missions, the Commission committed itself to undertaking the said missions commencing in the second half of October 1982. The Secretariat was, thus, requested to make all the necessary preparations for undertaking the missions under reference.

### 4. Distribution and Utilization of ICARA Funds

The Commission listened to the progress report of the Secretariat on the distribution and utilization of ICARA funds with a great deal of interest. The Commission took note of the fact that to date, ICARA pledges have amounted to the sum of US\$574 million. The Commission also took note of the distinction between the one million United States dollars which, in conformity with Libya's demand at the holding of ICARA, has been entrusted to the OAU on the one hand, and the rest of the ICARA funds which have been placed in the custody of the office of the UNHCR, on the other hand. The Commission was satisfied with the measures deployed by the OAU Secretariat to see to it that the Libyan donation under reference is utilized strictly within the framework of the provisions laid down by the Secretariat and approved by both the OAU Advisory Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters. The Commission, however, expressed dismay at the manner in which the ICARA funds entrusted to the UNHCR have been distributed. the Commission deplored the cloud of silence surrounding the utilization of the funds under reference by the UN Agencies through which the funds have been channelled; and urged the Steering Committee (comprising the OAU Secretariat, the UN and the UNCHR) responsible for the disbursement of ICARA funds to submit to the Commission as soon as possible a statement of accountability of the funds channelled through the UN Agencies.

5. Meeting of the OAU Secretariat and Voluntary Agencies in extending assistance to refugees in Africa

The Commission commended the efforts already deployed by the Secretariat in the direction of preparing for a Special Meeting of the OAU Secretariat and Voluntary Agencies involved in extending assistance to refugees in Africa. The Commission took note of both the general as well as the immediate objectives which ~~wan~~ broken down amount to the following:

(1) General Objectives:

- (i) To enable the OAU to review its position vis-a-vis the role assumed by refugee-serving voluntary agencies in Africa;
- (ii) To evolve joint OAU/Voluntary Agencies strategies commensurate with the urgency, magnitude and complexity of refugee problems in Africa, in order to find ways and means of increasing assistance to refugees;
- (iii) To interest the voluntary agencies in durable solutions to those problems based on development-oriented assistance, due consideration being given to the need to associate the refugees with assistance programmes.

(2) Immediate Objectives:

- (i) To review refugee assistance activities of the voluntary agencies in order to assess the present situation to identify problem areas;
- (ii) To enlist additional support to the cause of refugees in Africa by enlarging the Voluntary Agencies family of refugee-serving agencies active on the continent;



- (iii) To map out further cooperation between OAU and the Voluntary Agencies in order to bring about a coordinated approach to future action programmes based on the 1979 Arusha Conference Recommendations, and to ensure that such programmes are in line with on-going ones evolving from national development plans.

The Commission paid tribute to all those International Organizations and agencies that have committed themselves to contributing to the budget for the meeting under reference. Special tribute was paid to the UNHCR Office which has pledged a target figure of US \$50,000.00; the International Council for Voluntary Agencies (ICVA) which has pledged a target figure of US\$25,000.00; the All Africa Conference of Churches which has pledged US\$5,000.00; and all other international and voluntary agencies that do intend to contribute substantially to the budget of the meeting.

5. Report of the Twelfth Ordinary Session of the OAU Co-ordinating Committee on Assistance to Refugees

The Commission examined thoroughly the Report of the Twelfth Ordinary Session of the OAU Co-ordinating Committee on Assistance to Refugees, especially the Operational Budget for the OAU Bureau for Refugees for the fiscal year of 1983/84, amounting to US\$ 490,006.20. It felt satisfied with the new mandate of the OAU Bureau for Refugees as spelled out in Council Resolution CM/Res.915(XXXVIII), para. 2, by which the Bureau is required to function mainly as a policy-oriented organ. The report of the Co-ordinating Committee was then adopted by the Commission with all its recommendations.

III. CONCLUSION

1. All in all, the Commission felt that up to date most of the efforts so far deployed by various organisations and agencies concerned with the African refugee problem have centred on curative measures. Important as these are, given the steadily worsening Africa's refugee situation no effort should be spared in finding preventive solutions to the African refugee problem. In this light the idea of convening an extra-ordinary session of the OAU Council of Ministers, as soon as possible, to deal exclusively with the problem of Africa's refugees was found plausible. In order to prepare for such a session, the Secretariat was instructed to mount an expeditious study and to write up a comprehensive document that could serve as background material for the extra-ordinary session of the Council of Ministers. The Secretariat was given the following terms of reference in respect of the said study:

- (1) to collect new information and data on Africa's current refugee situation and up-date the existing information;
- (2) to work out a classification of refugees relating to their various characteristics; and
- (3) to identify measures deployed by the OAU Member States in favour of the refugees since the convening of the Pan-African Conference on Refugees held in Arusha, Tanzania, in 1979; especially measures relating to naturalization of refugees, general amnesty, repatriation, and accession to the international instruments governing refugees.

2. It was agreed that the study should be completed by January 1983.



3. The Committee finally made reference to the principle of "Burden Sharing" especially as it affects the Front Line States. The Committee therefore adopted the proposal submitted by the United Republic of Tanzania which calls on the OAU Member States to assist the Front Line States by classifying the refugees into two groups:-

those who have been dismissed from the Liberation movements and those who have voluntarily left.

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Annex I

MINUTES OF THE FIFTEENTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE OAU  
COMMISSION OF FIFTEEN ON REFUGEES, HELD AT THE OAU HEADQUARTERS,  
ON 7 AND 8 JULY 1982



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H.E. Ambassador Waku-Yizila	Zaire
H.E. Ambassador Halidou Toure	Mali
Mr. Amadou Kotondi	Niger
Mr. Alioune Kebe	Senegal
Mr. Francois Etoundi	Cameroon
Mr. Martin Mpana	"
Mr. William G. Nagaga	Uganda
Mr. A.D. Ahumibe	Nigeria
Mr. A.C.A. Ariyo	"
Mr. M. Kileo	Tanzania
Mr. P. Hombee	"
Mr. J. Mwendwa	"
Mr. P. Matsheza	Zimbabwe
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Mr. M. Reddadi	"
Mr. A.W. Kishindo	"

## II. OPENING

1. The Fifteenth Ordinary Session of the OAU Commission of Fifteen on Refugees took place at the OAU Headquarters, Addis Ababa, on Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 July 1982.
2. In the absence of the Chairman of the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the OAU Commission of Fifteen H.E. Ambassador Mirghan Sulieman Khalil, the Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan, the Vice-Chairman H.E. Ambassador Joseph Diatta the Ambassador of Niger, presided over the opening of the Session.
3. In his introductory remarks Ambassador Diatta apologised to the Commission for the absence of H.E. Mirghan Sulieman Khalil the Chairman of the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Commission due to other official commitments. Following this, he welcomed all the participants. He then reminded them that the Session was taking place three weeks after the observance of Africa Refugee Day when very important speeches were made. He also made a resume of the matters that the Commission had presented to the last Council of Ministers held from 22 to 28 February 1982 for its consideration
4. After his introductory remarks the Chairman called upon Dr. Peter Onu, the OAU Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs to address the participants. In his statement, Dr. Onu first welcomed the participants to the Session. He then proceeded to outline several



important events of the past year. He referred to the major steps that the Commission had taken in the direction of finding durable solutions to the refugee problems. Some of the steps, he intimated, had to do with the review and restructuring of two of the key refugee organs of the OAU, namely, the OAU/BPEAR Co-ordinating Committee now known as the OAU Co-ordinating Committee on Assistance to Refugees (CCAR) and the OAU Bureau for Placement and Education of African Refugees now known as the OAU Bureau for Refugees (OAU/BR). He reminded the Commission that the change of old nomenclature of these organs and the redefinition of their functions is intended to make them more relevant to, and more effective in, grappling with the **current** refugee situation. He then informed the Commission that the Secretariat had almost completed the implementation of these changes which were adopted by the Thirty-Eighth Council of Ministers.

5. In reference to the International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa (ICARA), Dr. Onu commended the Commission for the important part it played in the preparations for the convening of the Conference. He reiterated that ICARA was a success in spite of the channelling of funds realised from it through on-going programmes of the UN agencies that extend assistance to refugees in Africa.
6. Dr. Onu hailed the attendance at the Twelfth Ordinary Session of the OAU Co-ordinating Committee on Assistance to Refugees which convened for the first time outside Ethiopia in Arusha, Tanzania, soon after its set up had been reviewed and restructured. Among the major recommendations made by the Co-ordinating Committee, he cited that which call for the Bureau for Refugees to concentrate on **policy-oriented** matters.



7. In conclusion, Dr. Onu welcomed the impending new missions of the Commission to the Member States of the OAU and expressed the hope that they would also turn out to be as successful as those of 1980. He called for radical decisions to be made aimed at tackling the problem of refugees in Africa at its grassroots.

### III. ADOPTION OF DRAFT AGENDA

1. After the insertion of 'Consideration of the Utilization of ICARA Funds' as item four (4) of the Agenda, the Draft Agenda was adopted as follows:

#### AGENDA

- (i) Opening
- (ii) Adoption of Draft Agenda
- (iii) Election of the Bureau
- (iv) Consideration of the utilization of ICARA funds
- (v) Activity Report of the Bureau for Refugees to the Fifteenth Ordinary Session of the OAU Commission of Fifteen on Refugees
- (vi) Matters Arising
- (vii) Adoption of the Report of the Twelfth Ordinary Session of the OAU Co-ordinating Committee on Assistance to Refugees
- (viii) Consideration of the Reports of the OAU/UNHCR Working Group on the Implementation of the Recommendations of the Arusha Pan-African Conference on Refugees
- (ix) Date and Venue of the next Session
- (x) Any other business

### IV. ELECTION OF THE BUREAU

1. On the proposal made by Cameroon, the following officers were elected by acclamation:



Chairman	Niger
Vice-Chairman	Nigeria
Rapporteur	Zambia

2. Following the election, the new Chairman, H.E. Joseph Diatta, the Ambassador of the Republic of Niger speaking on behalf of his Bureau, thanked the Commission for the confidence entrusted in him and his colleagues. He added that the Bureau would do its best to fulfil its mandate and expressed the hope that the members of the Commission would give it their full co-operation.

V. CONSIDERATION OF THE UTILIZATION OF ICARA FUNDS

1. In his introduction of the subject under reference, Dr. Peter Onu reminded the Commission that the subject was not new and that it had been dealt with by the Commission before. He informed the Commission that the total sum pledged to date was still 574 million United States dollars. He reiterated that the Libyan contribution of 1 million United States dollars was, in conformity with Libya's demand at the holding of ICARA, with the Secretariat; and was being utilized within the framework of the provision laid down by the OAU Secretariat and approved by both the OAU Advisory Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters of which both the Commission and Libya are members.
2. Regarding the allocation of the funds placed in the custody of the UNHCR, Dr. Onu informed the Commission that most of the funds had been allocated to regular programmes of UN agencies. Initially, he said, this left only a total of 38 millions United States dollars which the Steering Committee decided to distribute to Member States at a ceiling of 2 million per state. However, it was later discovered that even the sum of

38 million United States dollars was not available for distribution. In light of this, he confirmed that ICARA did not achieve the initial objective of obtaining additional funds with which to help Member States to carry out projects that could advance the amelioration of the problems of refugees.

3. Finally, Dr. Onu informed the Commission that the Steering Committee would soon be meeting to discuss the matter and that the UN agencies concerned would be asked to account for the money allotted to them.
4. Following this, a lengthy discussion ensued. Some members wanted to know what had happened to the pledge by Israel. The Secretariat informed the Commission that following the rejection by the OAU of that country's pledge, the Secretariat informed UNHCR accordingly. In reference to the Libyan donation to the OAU many members wanted to know how the donation was going to be utilized. The Secretariat reminded the members that a budget for the donation had been approved by the Advisory Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters of which the entire Commission is a member.
5. In conclusion, the Commission expressed alarm and bewilderment at the turn of events, against the hopes that the convening of ICARA had raised. The Commission agreed that a lesson had been learned and that in future more careful planning would be required in organizing such conferences. The Commission then requested for the up-dating of the report of the Secretary-General to the Thirty-eighth Council of Ministers on the allocation and utilization of the funds and to be distributed to members for further consideration.



VI. ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE BUREAU FOR REFUGEES

1. In his introduction of the report, the Director of the Bureau for Refugees informed the Commission that the report was only dealing with the implementation of the decision of the Commission and the resolutions adopted by the Council of Ministers during its past six Sessions. The on-going activities of the Bureau had been incorporated in a summary form in the report of the Twelfth Session of the OAU Co-ordinating Committee on Assistance to Refugees. He then proceeded to outline them, drawing the special attention of the Commission to the following:

- (i) follow-up and the implementation of the Arusha Conference recommendations as per resolution CM/Res.814(XXXV) para. 3;
- (ii) follow-up of the pledges made by the Member States visited by the Commission of Fifteen in 1980 as per resolution CM/Res.829(XXXVI) para. 7;
- (iii) planning for new missions of the Commission of Fifteen to Member States as per resolution CM/Res.829(XXXVI) para. 8;
- (iv) planning for meeting of the OAU Secretariat and voluntary Agencies involved in extending assistance to Refugees in Africa as per resolution CM/Res.868(XXXVII) para. 12; and
- (v) organization of the observance of Africa Refugee Day as per resolution CM/Res.398(XXIV).

He dwelt on the necessity for the Commission to persuade their OAU Member States to associate the OAU Secretariat with their efforts of declaring general amnesty to their nationals if only to reassure the returnees of their safety.

2. After the presentation of the Activity Report of the Bureau for Refugees, some members felt that since the report was inter-related with that of the Twelfth Ordinary Session of the OAU Co-ordinating Committee on Assistance to Refugees the two reports should be discussed together. It was then agreed to defer discussion of the report until after that the Co-ordinating Committee had been presented.

VII. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE TWELFTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE OAU CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES

1. In presenting the report on behalf of the substantive Chairman of the Co-ordinating Committee, the Vice-Chairman Dr. Ishmael Noko of the Lutheran World Federation, first apologized for the absence of the Chairman due to official commitments.
2. He intimated that the report was a summary of long and extensive discussions based on several high quality documents supplied by the Bureau for Refugees. He then proceeded to give a resume of the deliberations of his Committee as contained in report Document BR/CO-CTTEE/52(XII), by outlining the major issues that the Commission had considered which included settlement/resettlement; protection of refugees; the mandate of the Bureau for Refugees in view of the recent review and the restructuring of the Refugee Organs of the OAU; education of refugees; decolonization; staff missions to Member States; and public information and awareness building. Additionally, he referred to the Operational Budget of the Bureau for Refugees for fiscal year 1983/84, as annexed to this document. He then informed the Commission that the Co-ordinating Committee had reviewed the draft budget as proposed by the Secretariat and that what was being presented to the Commission is what the members of the Co-ordinating Committee have committed



themselves to contribute to. In conclusion Dr. Noko informed the Commission that the Co-ordinating Committee was appealing to the Commission to seek for political solutions to the refugee problem.

3. The Chairman thanked Dr. Noko for his lucid presentation of the report.

Discussion of the Activity Report of the Bureau for Refugees and the Report of the Twelfth Ordinary Session of the Co-ordinating Committee

4. There was a lengthy debate of the issues raised and matters covered in the two reports. All members of the Commission took the stand that it was high time that the Commission began to deal with the refugee problem at its grassroots. Up to date most of the efforts of the Commission have been centred on finding curative solutions to the problem. The Commission, while not abandoning its efforts at ameliorating the problem, felt that it should squarely address itself to finding preventive solutions.
5. The idea of calling for the convening of an Extraordinary Session of the Council of Ministers to deal with the problem of refugees was advanced by several members of the Commission. After an exchange of views on the matter, the Commission agreed to recommend for the convening of such a session. In order to prepare for such a session, the Commission instructed the Secretariat to undertake a judicious study with a view to up-dating existing information and data and compiling a document that could serve as background material for the Extraordinary Session of the Council of Ministers. The following were agreed to be the terms of reference for the study:



- (i) to collect new information and data on Africa's current refugee situation and up-date the existing information;
  - (ii) to classify the refugees on the basis of their varied characteristics; and
  - (iii) to determine what measures Member States have taken since the Pan-African Conference on Refugees, held in Arusha, relating to naturalization, general amnesty, repatriation, accession to the international instruments governing refugees, etc.
6. It was agreed that the study should be completed by December 1982 or January 1983. The Secretariat was instructed to prepare a budget for the study, if need be.

New Missions of the OAU Commission of Fifteen on Refugees

7. The Secretariat gave a progress report on the new missions of the Commission to Member States that had not been visited by the Commission at the turn of 1980, as per resolution CM/Res.829(XXXVI) para. 8. After some discussions the Commission reached a consensus that in spite of the proposed Extra-ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers which will deal with the refugee problem, the missions by the Commission would still be very useful as some of the data and information required for that session could be collected during the missions.
8. The proposal to undertake the missions in October was accepted by the Commission and the Secretariat was mandated to determine the exact dates.

Meeting of the OAU Secretariat and Voluntary Agencies  
Involved in Extending Assistance to Refugees in Africa

9. The Commission sought to know how the meeting was to be financed. In response the Secretariat explained that the meeting was to be financed jointly by the Secretariat and some of the voluntary Agencies concerned. The Commission appreciated and took note of the preparations already made for the convening of the meeting.

VIII. CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTS OF THE OAU/UNHCR WORKING GROUP  
ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARUSHA CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Commission was reminded that these reports were circulated to all the Member States of the OAU for their comments almost a year ago, but only one Member State had so far responded. After a short discussion the Commission agreed to extend the time and instructed the Secretariat to send a second reminder to all the Member States that have not yet responded.

IX. VENUE AND DATE FOR THE NEXT SESSION

1. It was left to the Secretariat to determine the venue and date for the next session.

X. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Tanzania raised a matter relating to the principle of "burden-sharing" which it requested the Commission to consider. Tanzania proposed that Member States should **assist the Frontline States by resettling** two groups of refugees; refugees who have been expelled from liberation movements and those who have opted to withdraw from the liberation movements. It was pointed out that it was very important and urgent for security reasons to have these groups of refugees resettled.

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2. The Commission agreed after some discussion of the matter that Tanzania and the other frontline countries involved should send lists of the refugees affected to the Secretariat for resettlement.





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