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Adopted by the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU) at its 1307th meeting held on 24 October 2025 on Briefing by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on the Humanitarian Situation in Africa.

The Peace and Security Council,

Recalling Declaration [Ext/Assembly/AU/Decl.(XV)] adopted by the 15th Extraordinary African Union Humanitarian Summit and Pledging Conference, held on 27 May 2022, in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea; and all its previous decisions and pronouncements on Humanitarian Action in Africa, particularly, Communique [PSC/PR/COMM.1286 (2025)] adopted at its 1286th meeting held on 1 July 2025; and Communique [PSC/PR/COMM.1239 (2024)] adopted at its 1239th meeting held on 29 October 2024;

Also recalling the relevant provisions of the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council, including Articles 6 (f) and 7(1p), which mandate the Council to support and facilitate humanitarian action in situations of armed conflict or natural disasters;

Referring to the Reports of the AU Commission on the Humanitarian Situations in Africa adopted by the AU Executive Council;

Taking note of the opening remarks by H.E. Ambassador Tebelelo Alfred Boang, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Botswana to the AU as Chairperson of the PSC for October 2025, the statement by Professor Julio Rakotonirina, Director, Humanitarian, Affairs, Health and Social Development, on behalf of H.E. Ambassador Amma Twum-Amoah, the Commissioner for Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development; **also taking note** of the Statement by H.E. Ambassador Harold Saffa, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Sierra Leone to the AU on behalf of H.E. Ambassador Churchill Ewumbue Monono, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cameroon to the African Union and Chairperson of the PRC Subcommittee on Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons; as well as of the presentation by Dr. Gilles Carbonnier, the Vice-President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC); and

Acting under Article 7 of its Protocol, the Peace and Security Council:

1. **Takes note with deep concern** of the deteriorating humanitarian situation across the Continent, caused by a combination of factors, both man-made and natural factors, including armed conflicts and adverse effects of climate change;
2. **Expresses** AU solidarity with all refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) on the Continent and **reaffirms the commitment** to continue to redouble efforts towards mobilizing humanitarian aid, in order to alleviate their suffering;
3. **Commends** the ICRC and all other humanitarian and relief organizations for their continued efforts and unwavering commitment in providing life-saving assistance and addressing the dire humanitarian situation across the Continent;
4. **Condemns** all violations of human rights, deliberate targeting of civilians, gender-based violations against particularly women and girls and attacks against civilian infrastructure, including public facilities and blatant violation of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and International Human Rights Law (IHRL), by whomsoever, particularly in contexts of conflict situations; **strongly warns** the

perpetrators of the violations that they will be held accountable and in this regard, ***calls*** for the establishment of accountability mechanisms with a view to fighting impunity and promoting justice to the victims of atrocities committed in conflict situations;

5. ***Urges*** all parties to armed conflicts in Africa to fully respect IHL and IHRL including the protection of civilians, humanitarian workers, medical personnel, and civilian infrastructure; as well as to guarantee humanitarian corridors and ensure unhindered, safe, and sustained access to populations in dire need of humanitarian assistance;

6. ***Welcomes*** the Global Initiative on International Humanitarian Law, launched by the ICRC and its partners, as a timely effort towards strengthening political commitment to the respect and implementation of IHL;

7. ***Encourages*** Member States to actively support the Global Initiative to Galvanize Commitment to IHL and encourage Member States to join this effort ahead of the 2025 High-Level Meeting to Uphold Humanity in War;

8. ***Appeals*** Member States concerned to review, develop and implement domestic legislation to protect healthcare facilities and to prevent and address acts of violence, attacks and threats against medical and humanitarian personnel and their facilities in armed conflict, are recommended by the UN Resolution 2664;

9. ***Encourages*** the ICRC and IFRC to establish National Alliances for the Missing Persons, working in collaboration with the relevant national authorities in Member States affected by violent conflicts;

10. ***Stresses the need*** for all Member States concerned and international partners, to strictly adhere to the Arms Trade Treaty, with a view to curbing the proliferation of illicit small arms and light weapons (SALW) which are fueling violent conflicts and exacerbating the humanitarian situation in the Continent;

11. ***Emphasizes the importance*** of regulating new technologies of warfare, including autonomous weapons such as drones and artificial intelligence, in line with IHL obligations, and ***calls*** for the expedited development of the Common African Position on IHL and Artificial Intelligence (AI) in warfare; ***also emphasizes the importance*** of promoting humanitarian diplomacy, including the development of an AU Humanitarian Diplomacy Framework;

12. ***Calls*** for expediting the implementation of Declaration [Ext/Assembly/AU/Decl. (XV)] adopted by the 15th Extraordinary African Union Humanitarian Summit and Pledging Conference, held on 27 May 2022 in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea; and in this respect, underline the need for all Member States and development partners to honour their pledges;

13. ***Reiterates its appeal*** to all Member States that have not yet done so, to sign and ratify all AU and international instruments, particularly the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples's Rights on Specific Aspects of the Right to Nationality and the Eradication of Statelessness in Africa; the 1969 Organization of African Unity (OAU) Convention Governing the Specific Aspects of Refugees in Africa and the 2009 Convention on the Protection and Assistance to Internationally Displaced Persons (Kampala Convention);

14. ***Urges*** humanitarian agencies and international partners to scale up resource mobilization for humanitarian efforts in the Continent, including in favor of Member States hosting refugees, supporting Member States in building resilience and durable solutions for refugees, returnees, and

IDPs, including through reintegration and access to basic public services and addressing the structural root causes of these situations;

15. ***Underscores the need*** for strengthening synergies between and among humanitarian agencies, as well as for enhanced collaboration between the PSC and the PRC Sub-Committee on Refugees; as well as between the AU, ICRC, UN agencies, and regional mechanisms to ensure timely and effective humanitarian responses;
16. ***Emphasizes the need*** for the promotion of climate-sensitive humanitarian strategies, recognizing the growing impact of environmental degradation on population displacements;
17. ***Stresses the need*** for joint ICRC and IFRC briefings to the PSC and the need for more concrete humanitarian assistance by the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement for refugees, returnees and IDPs;
18. ***Underlines the importance*** of expediting the full operationalization of the AU Humanitarian Agency (AHA) and the AU continental Mechanism on Civil Capacity for Disaster Preparedness and Response (3CMDPR) to enhance their institutional capacities to enable them to effectively deliver on their mandates, and in this respect, ***requests*** the Chairperson of the Commission to develop a dashboard of all material, technical and financial assistance received from the AU international partners and their deployments on the continent;
19. ***Notes with deep concern*** the insufficient funding for refugees and calling on donors to provide additional resources, while reiterating its requests for humanitarian support for refugees on the continent; and
20. ***Decides*** to remain actively seized on the matter.