

DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL
ON THE SITUATION OF REFUGEES, RETURNEES
AND DISPLACED PERSONS

Council:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report;
2. **EXPRESSES GRAVE CONCERN** over the magnitude, complexity and recurrence of the refugee phenomenon in Africa, as well as the serious violations of human rights of which refugee populations particularly children, are victims;
3. In this connection, **DENOUNCES AND CONDEMNS** sexual violence and exploitation of refugee children and **DEMANDS** that the perpetrators of such acts be brought to justice and punished;
4. **EXPRESSES SATISFACTION** at the commendable efforts deployed by some asylum countries and countries of origin to promote the voluntary repatriation of refugees in conditions of security and dignity;
5. **REITERATES** the civilian and humanitarian nature of asylum and **CALLS UPON** host countries in particular to take the necessary steps to ensure that it is provided in conformity with the conventions in force and the relevant OAU Convention on the specific aspects of refugee problems in Africa;
6. **EXPRESSES ITS DEEP GRATITUDE** to the asylum countries for their hospitality and generosity and **APPEALS** to the international community as a whole to share the burden by providing sustained increased and considerable assistance to the populations and States concerned;
7. **ENCOURAGES** African States to ensure the implementation and regular follow-up of the Global Plan of Action adopted by the special conference of technical, governmental and non-governmental experts which was convened in Conakry by OAU and the UNHCR on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the 1969 Convention Governing the Specific Aspects of Refugee problems in Africa;

- 8. CALLS UPON** Member States to incorporate, as much as possible, in their national and regional development plans, the specific problems of refugees, especially since they constitute an important human potential which is able to contribute fully in the socio-economic development of their asylum countries;
- 9. REQUESTS** the Secretary General and the OAU Commission on Refugees to continue to monitor the situation of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa, and to work in close collaboration with the United Nations, more particularly with the UNHCR as well as concerned humanitarian Organisations, in the search for a lasting solution to this problem.