PSC OPEN SESSION ON HUMANITARIAN ACTION IN AFRICA

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Humanitarian Situation analysis

- Armed Conflict
- Climate Change
- Natural Disaster...

- Forced Displacement
- Worst Drought
- Food Insecurity
- Diseases
- Death
Humanitarian Situation analysis (cont.)

- **CENTRAL** (Conflict armed)
  - Refugees: 2M
  - IDPs: 10M

- **EASTERN**
  - Poor rainfall patterns ➔ Worst drought – Food insecurity
  - Armed conflict ➔ 5M refugees and 17M IDPs

- **NORTH**
  - Refugees, Asylum seekers and Migration ➔ High risk journeys across the sea to Europe by thousands (High risk of death)

- **SOUTHERN**
  - Climate change and natural disaster ➔ 1.6M Refugees and 7M IDPs

- **WEST**
  - Armed conflict and terrorism ➔ 0.5M Refugees and 6.5M IDPs
Humanitarian Situation analysis (cont.)

• SUDAN
  • Refugees : 1M – IDPs : 4M
  • Sudan's neighboring member states affected by this crisis

• NATURAL DISASTER
  • DRC
  • Madagascar
  • Malawi
  • Mozambique
  • Rwanda
Responses by the AU

• Humanitarian Assessment Missions (most recently in Malawi during the flooding).

• High Level Tripartite Task Force on Libya to address the challenges of migrants, and find solutions
  • Demarches with Member States on particular issues of humanitarian concern (migrants)

• The 15th Extraordinary Humanitarian Summit (Malabo) Member States made firm commitments to Humanitarian Action.
  • African Humanitarian Agency adopted by the Assembly (Feb 2023)
  • A 10-year plan was developed by AUC through a consultative process with Member States and Humanitarian Partners and adopted by the Executive Council (Feb 2023)
• The Tenth AU Annual Humanitarian Symposium took place in December 2022 in Nairobi, and was dedicated to discussing and adopting the Post Malabo Plan of Action

• Advocacy on the humanitarian situation: taking advantage of events such as World Refugee Day, Humanitarian Day, Commemoration day for Kampala Convention and other high-level events to jointly.

• Emergency meetings with the PRC Sub-Committee on Refugees and IDPs to assess the humanitarian needs in the Sudan – DRC and Rwanda.
Challenges

• Limited Humanitarian access and violation of International Humanitarian Law
• Funding shortfalls leading to push food prices beyond the reach of most
• Large numbers of populations affected by humanitarian crisis vs limited resources.
• Limited Durable solutions for the displaced populations vs Long-term crisis
Recommendations

• Call on Member States to collectively work together towards effectively addressing the humanitarian challenges in Africa through supporting the implementation of the 10 Year Post-Malabo Plan of Action. This should include support for the establishment and speedy operationalization of the African Humanitarian Agency, which will facilitate an effective and holistic African humanitarian response.

• The Commission and should mobilize resources to enhance its continental capacity for timely and efficient response to humanitarian crises and natural disasters.

• Call on Member States neighbouring countries faced with forced displacement to commit to keeping their borders open for those needing asylum, in compliance the 1969 OAU Refugee Convention, as well as take action aimed at preventing and responding to Internal Displacement, in accordance with the 2009 AU Kampala Convention.
Recommendations (cont.)

• Mindful of the heavy burden being shouldered by refugee hosting countries in Africa, call on the international community to renew its commitment to provide international solidarity and burden sharing to Member States hosting refugees by contributing to humanitarian efforts and funding refugee operations and also increasing allocations for third country resettlement for refugees, as part of durable solutions.

• Call on Member States and AUC Partners to reflect on structural root causes of forced displacement by investing more in prevention of conflicts and take necessary measures aimed at finding durable solutions to forced displacement.

• The AU, Member States and partners to commit to working together to facilitate humanitarian access during conflicts.
THANK YOU