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Adopted by the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU) at its 1286<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 1 July 2025 on Open Session on Humanitarian Situation in Africa.

### The Peace and Security Council,

**Recalling** the previous decisions and pronouncements on humanitarian situation in Africa, particularly Communiqué [PSC/MIN/COMM.1216 (2024)] adopted at the 1216<sup>th</sup> meeting, held at the Ministerial level, on 19 June 2024; and Communiqué [PSC/PR/COMM.1176 (2023)] adopted at its 1176<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 29 September 2023;

**Also recalling**, the Declaration [Ext/Assembly/AU/Decl.(XV)] adopted by the 15<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary African Union Humanitarian Summit and Pledging Conference, held on 27 May 2022, in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea;

**Noting** the opening statement by H.E. Ambassador Rebecca Amuge Otengo, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Uganda to the African Union and Chairperson of the Peace and Security Council of the AU for the month of July 2025; and the Introductory Remarks by H.E. Ambassador Bankole Adeoye, AU Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security;

**Also noting** the presentations by H.E. Amma Adoma Twum-Amoah, AU Commissioner for Health, Humanitarian Affairs, and Social Development; H.E. Churchill Ewumbue-Monono, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cameroon and Acting Chairperson of the PRC Sub-Committee on Refugees, returnees, Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and Migration; the Representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC); as well as the Representative of the World Food Program (WFP);

**Further noting** the statements by Representatives of AU Member States and Regional Economic Communities and Regional Mechanisms (RECs/RMs); and

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

1. **Expresses concern** over the prevailing dire humanitarian situation across parts of the Continent, particularly in the Sahel, South Sudan, Sudan, Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo and Northern Mozambique, resulting from a combination of both natural and man-made factors, such as violent conflicts, armed rebellions, terrorism and violent extremism, inter-communal violence, illicit proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons, illegal exploitation of natural resources, Unconstitutional Changes of Government (UCGs), and the growing impact of climate change-related phenomena;
2. **Highlights** the importance of enhancing synergies among peace, humanitarian and development effort, and the need to enhance coordination and joint action between the AU, RECs/RMs and humanitarian actors to maximise humanitarian impact; **and calls for** integrated approaches that link humanitarian assistance, peacebuilding and development initiatives, including the implementation of effective Demobilization, Disarmament, Socio-Economic Reintegration as well as Post-Conflict and Reconstruction Programmes, to address the root causes of crises and promote long-term resilience among Member States;
3. **Underscores the need** to strengthen compliance with the Constitutive Act of the African Union as a fundamental instrument for the prevention and peaceful resolution of conflicts,

International Humanitarian Law (IHL), International Human Rights Law (IHRL), and all international instruments on the protection of civilians; in this regard, **urges** all parties to ongoing conflicts to cease hostilities, and to fully respect and uphold IHL and IHRL, and **emphasizes the need** to enhance protection of civilians, ensure unhindered humanitarian access, and take concrete measures to mitigate the humanitarian impact of armed conflict across the continent;

4. **Expresses deep concern** on the dwindling financial support towards humanitarian action in Africa which is having a negative effect on the provision of support to those most in need, and **emphasizes the need** for global Solidarity on humanitarian response as key to sustainable humanitarian support; in this regard, **calls upon** international partners to support the humanitarian efforts of Member States through the provision of predictable, adequate, sustainable and flexible funding for humanitarian action in Africa especially for Member States hosting large numbers of refugees, IDPs and Asylum seekers, in the spirit of equitable burden and responsibility sharing to enable host countries and communities to respond to their humanitarian and development needs more effectively;

5. **Reiterates** the need to advance the operationalisation and sustainable financing of the African Humanitarian Agency; in this regard, **also reiterates** its request for the AU Commission to expedite the operationalisation of the African Humanitarian Agency and advocate for its predictable and sustainable financing by AU Member States; and **appeals** to Member States to fulfil their humanitarian-related pledges made during the 2022 Malabo Extra-Ordinary Humanitarian Summit and Pledging Conference, and to report on progress to strengthen accountability;

6. **Reaffirms** its continued support for the urgent operationalization of the African Continental Civilian Capacity Mechanism for Disaster Preparedness and Response, whose statute was adopted by the AU Assembly of Heads of State and Government in February 2025;

7. **Commends** Member States, especially those hosting large numbers of refugees, IDPs and Asylum seekers, and **urges** them to comply with the relevant provisions of the 1969 OAU Convention and the Kampala Convention adopted in 2009; and in this regard, **reiterates** the request for the AU Commission to undertake a comprehensive study, identifying the financial shortfalls and make concrete and practicable proposals on how to address the financial challenges for meeting Africa's humanitarian need;

8. **Also commends** the international partners, in particular the World Food Programme (WFP) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) for their efforts in providing humanitarian assistance and in addressing food insecurity and protecting vulnerable populations as well as for advocating for the observance of humanitarian principles during crises;

9. **Stresses** the need to invest more in conflict prevention and to redouble efforts in the implementation of the Silencing the Guns flagship project as a long-term approach to addressing governance, peace and security challenges in the continent; and **encourages** Member States to adopt strategies which include humanitarian protection approaches;

10. **Expresses** concern that conflicts, climate change, and political unrest have contributed to food insecurity in Africa and **underlines** the need for inclusion of the impact of climate change on the humanitarian situation and its consequences on peace and security in the continent in the African early warning mechanisms; and in this regard, **calls for** increased investment in early warning systems, anticipatory action and climate-resilient infrastructure, while ensuring these measures are effectively linked to humanitarian preparedness and response mechanisms;

11. **Reiterates** the call on the AU Commission to appoint a Special Envoy for Climate Change and Security to enhance the AU's advocacy efforts and leadership on the issue of climate change and its impact on peace and security;
12. **Underscores** the importance of adopting a holistic strategy in food systems that addresses both production and consumption, focusing on sustainability, resilience, and equity; in this regard **calls for** the implementation of an African renaissance in agri-food systems approach and the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program (CAADP) Kampala Declaration;
13. **Also underscores** the need to establish a humanitarian platform for best practices and information sharing, crucial to enhance collaboration, standardization and fostering communication between stakeholders for better humanitarian assistance;
14. **Looks forward** to the convening of the upcoming Second Africa Climate Summit (ACS2) scheduled to take place in September 2025, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; and
15. **Decides** to remain actively seized of the matter.