



**THIRTEENTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE PLENARY ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FORUM OF PARLIAMENTS OF MEMBER STATES OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
CONFERENCE ON THE GREAT LAKES REGION**

**RESOLUTION 13 OSPA/07/2023**

**THE CHALLENGE OF REFUGEE AND IDPs IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION**

The Plenary Assembly:

**Considering** the provisions of Articles 48 of the Inter-Parliamentary Agreement Establishing the Forum of Parliaments of Member States of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region signed in Kigali, Rwanda on 4th December, 2008;

**Recognizing** the importance of the implementation of the 2022-2023 Action Plan of the FP-ICGLR that was adopted during the 12th Plenary Assembly held on the 2-6 April, in Nairobi, the Republic of Kenya;

**Recognizing** the alarming number of refugees and IDPs throughout the ICGLR Member States for reasons including violations and abuses of human rights, violations of international humanitarian law, armed conflict, persecution, violence and terrorism, as well as disasters and the adverse effects of climate change;

**Aware** that States have the primary responsibility to provide protection and assistance to refugees and internally displaced persons within their jurisdiction, without discrimination, including through the facilitation of durable solutions, to prevent arbitrary displacement in accordance with international law;

Adopts the following Resolutions:

**Calls upon Member States to:**

1. **Fully** fulfill their obligations under Regional and International Instruments related to refugees and IDPs and provide legal frameworks for their implementation within national legal system (those that have not yet done so)
2. **Formulate** a national policy framework for disaster risk reduction (DRR) covering natural disasters, environmental degradation, and **develop** a project similar to IGAD's Disaster, Drought, Resilience, Sustainability Initiative (IDDRSI);

3. **Urge** international partners to provide adequate financing and quick disbursement mechanisms, to address unmet humanitarian and development requirements support the implementation of durable solutions;
4. **Commit** themselves to promote efficient and effective resource management and to prevent corruption and fraud in the implementation of programs for refugees and host communities;
5. **Enhance** the Refugee Eligibility Committees (RECs) including soliciting support from partners to enable these RECs increase the number of applicants that will eligible for resettlement;
6. **Create** conditions that enable voluntary return of their nationals/communities by improving socio-economic situations in the areas of return;
7. **Establish** new and/or review their existing government, governance and institutional arrangements to implement development responses to forced displacement, acknowledge the new global policy framework and coordinate their refugee responses through the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF);
8. **Pay special attention** to the specific situation and needs of displaced women and girls and to take action to effectively address pre-existing patterns and structures of gender-based discrimination and inequalities, such as lack of access to education and information, lack of access to legal aid, laws and practices that discriminate against women and girls’;
9. **Continue to provided**, in partnership with non-governmental organizations in the ICGRL Member States, protection and assistance to Refugees and IDPs, particularly through the facilitation of durable solutions and the inclusion of such issues within their national development plans;
10. **Promote and respect** the principle of good neighbourliness and desist from actions which may result into creation of refugee and IDP situations;

**Calls upon Member-Parliaments to:**

11. **Commit** to continue playing their oversight role over the Executive over issues affecting refugees and IDPs;
12. **Affirm** their commitment to support the work of the FP-ICGLR by continually updating and tabling the outcomes of committee meetings in the respective Parliaments;

**TO FP-ICGLR General Secretariat:**

13. **Mandates** the FP-ICGLR General Secretariat to regularly conduct fact-finding missions on refugees and IDPs challenges, more so in refugee and IDP camps.

Done in Juba on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023



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