DECISION ON REVITALISING AND OPERATIONALISING THE AFRICAN UNION POLICY ON POST CONFLICT RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT: PRACTICAL POLICY OPTIONS AND ADAPTIVE MEASURES FOR SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS ROOT CAUSES OF FORCED DISPLACEMENT CHALLENGES IN AFRICA

The Assembly,

- 1. **COMMENDS** the proposal of the Arab Republic of Egypt to launch a process to revitalize and operationalize the AU Policy on Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development (PCRD), while aligning it with the evolving international discourse on peace building and sustaining peace and the actual needs of countries emerging from conflict in Africa;
- 2. ALSO COMMENDS the proposal of the Arab Republic of Egypt to launch substantive discussions at the AU and with the RECs/RMs in order to formulate a common African position on peace building and sustaining peace, to be presented at the upcoming review process of the UN Peace Building Architecture in 2020;
- **3. EXPRESSES ITS DEEP APPRECIATION** for the workshop hosted by the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Cairo on 15 16 October 2018 on "Operationalizing the African Union PCRD Policy in the Sahel: Charting the Way Forward", and **ENDORSES** the recommendations of the said workshop;
- 4. RECALLS Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.710 (XXXI), adopted at the 31st Ordinary Session in July 2018, on accepting the offer of the Arab Republic of Egypt to host the AUC-PCRD and REQUESTS the Commission to fast-track the functioning of the centre in 2019, as a continental platform for strengthening the African ownership of PCRD activities;
- REQUESTS the Commission, to work closely with the Arab Republic of Egypt, in taking forward the aforementioned proposals and to report on progress made in this regard to the 35th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council to be held in Niamey, Niger, in July 2019;
- 6. STRESSES the need for practical policy options and adaptive measures to address, inter alia, the root causes resulting in the protracted challenges of forced displacement in Africa, with a view to reaching effective sustainable solutions;
- 7. MANDATES H.E. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, to be Leader of the revitalization and operationalization of the African Union Policy on PCRD.