



## **STATEMENT** **on the security and humanitarian situation** **in certain African countries and in Gaza**

**We**, representatives of African National Parliaments, meeting in Abidjan on the occasion of the 81st Session of the Executive Committee of the African Parliamentary Union, on June 4 and 5, 2024,

*Very concerned* by the deterioration of the security and humanitarian situation in certain African countries as well as in the Gaza Strip, particularly in Rafah,

*Dismayed* on the one hand, by the deterioration of the humanitarian situation in African countries affected by armed conflicts and, on the other hand, by the perpetual sufferings of Palestinians, exacerbated by Israeli aggression in the Gaza Strip since more than eight months which already left more than 35,000 dead and more than 80,000 injured,

1/ Concerning certain African countries:

- *Consider* that the situation in Sudan, in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo and in the Central African Republic, requires urgent action by the international community to avoid further deterioration and work towards lasting peace and stabilization of the countries.
- Encourage initiatives for peace in all conflict zones in Africa, particularly in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan and the Central African Republic;
- *Call on* the international community to aid the millions of people displaced within the countries concerned, massive displacements which aggravate the humanitarian crisis, with overcrowded refugee camps and precarious living conditions, on the one hand, and the flows of refugees crossing borders into neighboring countries like Chad, Ethiopia, Cameroon and South Sudan, creating regional tensions, on the other.
- *Encourage* and support the authorities of the Democratic Republic of Congo in the fight against the armed groups operating in the east of the country and in the face of the humanitarian crisis in the region;
- Condemn the crimes and other terrorist acts which are perpetuated in certain African countries including Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Sahel countries;

## 2/ Concerning the Gaza Strip:

- *welcome* the provisional measures adopted on May 24, 2024 by the International Court of Justice aimed at the immediate cessation of military operations in Rafah;
- *Urgently call on* the international community to provide support for the protection of civilians, like Egypt, which plays a crucial role in humanitarian and security management at the Rafah border post, as well as in the delivery of aid on a large scale and without hindrance into the Gaza Strip, including Rafah, with the opening of all crossing points , in order to avoid a humanitarian catastrophe;
- Condemn the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories as well as all crimes against humanity, killings, forced displacements of populations, committed by the occupier against the Palestinians, particularly in the Gaza Strip and Rafah;
- *Urge* the international community to demand an immediate ceasefire and encourage the parties to a political dialogue ensuring the definitive cessation of hostilities and the implementation of the process of establishing the two-state solution, in accordance with the United Nations resolutions.

Abidjan, June 5, 2024