

RESOLUTION ON THE AFRICAN COMMISSION ON
HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Ninth Ordinary Session in Cairo, Egypt, from 28 – 30 June, 1993,

Considering the Sixth Annual Activity Report of the Africa Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, submitted by the Chairman Dr. Ibrahim A.I. BADAWI EL SHEIKH in conformity with Article 54 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights,

Recalling that the Charter of the Organization of African Unity declares that freedom, equality, justice and dignity are essential objectives for the achievement of the legitimate aspirations by the African peoples,

Recalling also the entry into force of the African Charter on Human and People's Rights on the 21st October, 1986 and the Declaration on the Political and Socio-Economic Situation in African and the On-going Changes in the World, adopted by the Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government in July 1990,

Convinced of the need to strengthen the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights in Africa with all possible human and material resources it needs to carry out its work,

Considering that pursuant to Article 1 of the African Charter, States parties to it are required to recognize the rights, duties and freedoms enshrined in the Charter and to undertake to adopt legislative or other measures to give effect to them,

Noting with satisfaction that the African Charter is the first Treaty that sanctions the right to development as a Human Rights:

Activities of the Commission:

- 1. UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE of ensuring respect for human and peoples' rights with a view to enhancing peace, stability and development in Africa;**
- 2. REAFFIRMS that the right to development is an inalienable human right by virtue of which every human being is entitled to participate in, contribute to and enjoy the economic, social, cultural and political development of the society;**
- 3. STRONGLY SUPPORTS AND ENCOURAGES the activities of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights to promote and protect Human and Peoples' Rights in Africa, particularly in its efforts aimed at encouraging States Parties to ensure strict implementation of their obligations under the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights to promote and protect the rights recognized and guaranteed in the African Charter;**
- 4. RECOMMENDS that States Parties to the African Charter designate high ranking officials to act as focal points in the relation between the Commission and the States as such focal points would facilitate the follow-up on the Commission's recommendations and contact between states and the Commission;**
- 5. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to consider possible ways and means to respond as matter of urgency, to the requirements of the African Commission to enable it fulfil its mission.**

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