RESOLUTION RELATING TO 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-fifth Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 24 to 26 July 1989,

<u>Having considered</u> the report on the activities of the African Commission on Human and Peoples 'Rights for the period 1988 – 1989, presented by the Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Isaac NGUEMA,

<u>Considering</u> that the promotion and protection of Human and Peoples' Rights are essential ingredients for the advancement of African citizens and peoples and constitute a significant contribution to the realization of their development aspirations,

<u>Expressing satisfaction</u> with the inauguration of the Headquarters and the Permanent Secretariat of the Commission in Banjul, Republic of the Gambia, on 12 June, 1989,

<u>Noting</u> the request of the Commission for appropriations for its promotional activities, increase in the emoluments for the Members of the Commission and the recruitment of staff to enable the Commissions to effectively carry out its assigned task,

<u>Resolved</u> to provide the Commission with the resources necessary for its effective functioning with the view to attaining its assigned objectives:

- ADOPTS the report on the activities of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' rights for the period 1988 – 1989 and authorizes that it be published;
- 2. EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE to the Republic of The Gambia for the material and other facilities offered the Secretariat of the Commission to enable it become operational;

- 3. COMMENDS the Chairman and members of the Commission for the excellent work accomplished and URGES them to continue in the same manner;
- 4. FURTHER URGES Member States who have not yet done so to ratify the African Charter on Human and Peoples' rights;
- 5. REQUESTS the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Advisory Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters to find, prior to the next financial year, appropriate solutions to the budgetary, financial and personnel problems raised by the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.

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