

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 Thirty-First Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 26 to 28 June, 1995,

Considering the eight annual activities report of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights,

Recalling that the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights came into force on 21 October 1986, and that, currently 49 Member States of the OAU are parties to this Charter,

Considering the present state of implementation of the provisions of the said Charter, characterized particularly by the fact that few Member States have submitted their periodic reports on the legislative or other measures intended to implement these provisions;

Recalling that according to Article 1 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, the States, parties and compelled to promote the rights, duties and freedoms provided for therein and undertake to take the appropriate measures,

Considering the situation of human and peoples' rights in Africa and the pressing need to enhance respect for human and peoples' rights in order to further ensure peace, stability and development in Africa,

Recognizing the need to strengthen the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights by providing it with the human and material resources required to accomplish its task:

1. **TAKES NOTE WITH SATISFACTION** of the eight annual activities report of African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and authorizes its publication as well as the conclusions and recommendations relating to the information

2. **COMMENDS** the African Commission for the tremendous work accomplished during the period under review;
3. **STRONGLY ENCOURAGES** the activities of the African Commission of Human and Peoples' Rights, aimed at promoting and protecting the rights recognized and guaranteed by the Charter;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to continue to respect the principle of confidentiality of its reports pursuant to Article 59 of the Charter;
5. **CALLS** on States, parties to the Charter, to strengthen their cooperation with the African Commission on Human and People's Rights and to lend it increases assistance in the accomplishment of its mission;
6. **APPEALS** to OAU Member States to ratify the Charter as soon as possible, if they have not yet done so;
7. **CALLS ON** all State, parties to the Charter, to take practical steps to ensure and effective implementation of its provisions, and **APPEALS URGENTLY** to all state parties to the Charter to submit their periodic reports, pursuant to Article 62 of the Charter, if they have not yet done so.
8. **CALLS ON** the OAU Secretary-General to take all the necessary measures to provide the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, with all the human and material resources it needs to accomplish its mission, and to report on the implementation of this provision to the Thirty-Third Ordinary Session.

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