

**RESOLUTION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of Africa Unity meeting in its Thirty- fifth Ordinary Session in Freetown, Sierra Leone, from 18 to 28 June, 1980,

**Recalling** Decision 115(XVI) of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity held in Monrovia, Liberia from 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> July 1979,

**Having considered** the Interim Report of the Secretary-General on the preparation of a Draft African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (Document CM/1068 (XXV)),

**Reaffirming** the firm attachment of the Member States of the Organization of African Unity to the promotion of respect for and protection of Human and Peoples' Rights:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the interim Report of the Secretary-General on the preparation of a Draft African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (Document CM/1068 (XXXV));
2. **THANKS** the Government of Senegal for hosting the restricted meeting of legal experts who prepared the Preliminary Draft Charter in Dakar from the 28<sup>th</sup> November 1979 to 8<sup>th</sup> December 1979;
3. **THANKS** the Government of the Republic of The Gambia for hosting the OAU Ministerial Conference which considered the Draft Charter at Banjul, The Gambia from 9 to 15 June 1980 and for agreeing to host the Second Session of the Ministerial Conference to enable it to continue and complete consideration of the Draft Charter;

4. **REQUESTS the Secretary-General to re-convene in Banjul, The Gambia and as soon as possible, the OAU Ministerial Conference to finalize work on the Draft Charter;**
5. **URGES the Second Banjul Session of the Ministerial Conference on Human and Peoples' Rights to deploy every effort to complete the examination of the Draft Charter and to ensure that the final draft is submitted to the Eighteenth Assembly of Heads of State and Government.**