ACHPR/Res.8(XV)94: RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION IN RWANDA

The African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights meeting at its Fifteenth Ordinary Session in Banjul, The Gambia, from 18 – 27 April, 1994:

Deeply concerned about the alarming human rights situation in Rwanda characterised by serious and massive human rights violations,

Noting the OAU Secretary General’s very energetic condemnation of the wanton killing of civilians and heinous acts perpetrated in this country,

Bearing in mind the recommendations made by the UN Special Rapporteur on Extra-judicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions following his visit to Rwanda in 1993:

1. CONDEMNS very strongly the cycle of violence and the massacre of innocent civilians by the different armed factions;

2. URGES the parties to the conflict to immediately cease hostilities and work towards a peaceful settlement through dialogue between all the peoples of Rwanda;

3. CALLS ON all parties to respect the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights, the principles of International Humanitarian Law as well as the activities of humanitarian organisations operating in the field;

4. INVITES the Special Rapporteur on Extra-judicial Summary or Arbitrary Executions to pay special attention to the situation in Rwanda and report back to the 16th Ordinary Session.