

ACHPR/Res.25(XXI)97: RESOLUTION ON THE PROTECTION OF THE NAME, ACRONYM AND LOGO OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS

The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, meeting at its Twenty - First Ordinary Session in Nouakchott, Mauritania, from 15 to 24 April 1997;

Recalling the relevant provisions of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, particularly Articles 30 and 45;

Noting with satisfaction the enthusiasm demonstrated by the civil society in Africa in the promotion of human and peoples' rights;

Considering however, the misuse by some NGOs of the name, logo and acronym of the Commission;

Recalling the need to avoid any confusion which may result in an uncontrollable use of names, acronyms, logos or other external signs bearing resemblance to those belonging to the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights;

Calls upon States Parties to do everything, in collaboration with the OAU Secretariat, to ensure the protection of the name, acronym and logo of the Commission throughout their countries;

Calls on States Parties to refuse granting registration to NGOs whose names, acronyms or symbols could cause confusion prejudicial to the Commission;

Furthermore Calls upon organisations concerned to proceed to make the necessary rectification in conformity with the present resolution.