***ACHPR/Res.26(XXIV)98:* RESOLUTION ON THE RATIFICATION OF THE CONVENTION ON ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES**

*The African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights, meeting at its Twenty – Fourth Ordinary Session from 22 to 31 October 1998 in Banjul, The Gambia,*

***Taking Note*** of the various international and regional meetings ushering in the coming into force of the Ottawa Convention as September 1998, prohibiting the production, use, transfer and stockpiling of anti-personnel mines,

***Emphasising*** that to date only five African countries have ratified this Convention, and that more than 15 African Countries are yet to sign it,

***Noting*** that the African continent remains the most heavily mined region of the world;

***Observing*** that anti-personnel mines continue to kill and mutilate vast populations including a great number of women and children.

**CALLS** on African States to sign and ratify without delay the Ottawa Treaty on the prohibition, production, use, transfer, stockpiling of anti-personnel mines.

**WELCOMES** the International campaign against anti-personnel mines urged by human rights activists and contribute to the implementation of the various action plans against the use, production, transfer and stockpiling of anti-personnel mines.