***ACHPR/Res.51(XXVIII)00:* RESOLUTION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/COMMUNITIES IN AFRICA**

*The African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights meeting at its 28th Ordinary Session in Cotonou, Benin from 23rd October to 6th November 2000,*

 ***Recalling*** that at its 26th Ordinary Session held in Kigali, Rwanda, it constituted a Committee made up of 3 Commissioners to further consider the issue of Indigenous People in Africa and advise accordingly;

 ***Having reconsidered*** the issue and its implications; Resolves to:

1. ***Establish*** a working group of experts on the rights of indigenous or ethnic communities in Africa ;

2. ***Set up*** a working group constituted of 2 members of the African Commission, one of whom should be designated as convenor and 2 African experts in the field of human rights or indigenous issues;

3. ***Assign*** the following mandate to the working group:

a. Examine the concept of indigenous people and communities in Africa;

b. Study the implications of the African Charter on Human Rights and well being of indigenous communities especially with regard to:

 *the right to equality (Articles 2 and 3);*

 *the right to dignity (Article 5);*

 *protection against domination (Article 19);*

 *on self-determination (Article 20); and*

 *the promotion of cultural development and identity (Article 22).*

 c. Consider appropriate recommendations for the monitoring and protection of the rights of indigenous communities;

4. ***Have*** a funding proposal prepared with a view to raising donor funds to meet the costs of the work of the working group;

**5. *Submit*** *a* report at the 30th Ordinary Session of the Commission.