***ACHPR/Res.129(EXT.OS/IV)08:* RESOLUTION ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOMALIA**

*The African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights (the African Commission), meeting at its 4th Extra-ordinary Session in Banjul, The Gambia, from 17th to 23rd February 2008:*

**Pursuant** to its mandate under Articles 30 and 45 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights (the African Charter), to promote and protect human and peoples’ rights in Africa;

**Taking into account** Article 46 of the African Charter which allows the Commission to use any appropriate method of investigation in the execution of its mandate;

**Considering** that the Republic of Somalia is a party to the African Charter, and has thereunder committed itself to the promotion and protection of human and peoples’ rights;

**Considering further** its Resolution ACHPR/Res.109 (XXXXI)07 on the Human Rights Situation in Somalia, adopted at the 41st Ordinary Session of the Commission, held in Accra, Ghana from 16th to 30th May 2007;

**Deeply concerned** that in spite of the deployment of the African Union Peacekeeping mission in Somalia, the human rights situation in the country continues to deteriorate;

**The African Commission:**

1. **Condemns** the violations of human rights that have been perpetrated during almost two decades of civil war in the country;

2. **Calls** on the parties to the conflict to observe their obligations under the African Charter, international humanitarian law and international human rights norms;

3. **Urges** the African Union (AU) and the international community to continue their support to the government and people of Somalia in the restoration of peace and democracy;

4. **Decides** to send a Fact-Finding Mission to the Republic of Somalia to investigate violations of human and peoples’ rights in the country;

5. **Calls upon** all stakeholders including the Transitional Federal Government to cooperate with and extend all assistance to the Fact-finding Mission, to enable it to effectively undertake its work.