

ACHPR/Res.258 (LIV) 2013: RESOLUTION ON SUMMARY EXECUTION AND ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCE IN MALI

The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Commission), meeting at its 54th Ordinary Session held from 22 October to 5 November 2013 in Banjul, The Gambia,

Recalling its mandate to promote and protect human and peoples' rights in Africa under the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (the African Charter);

Recalling the obligations of the Republic of Mali under the African Charter and other regional and international human rights instruments ratified by Mali;

Considering Articles 1 and 23 of the African Charter which guarantee the security of peoples and their protection by State Parties;

Recalling its previous resolutions on the human rights situation in northern Mali and the relevant decisions of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU) and the Economic Community for West African States (ECOWAS) on Mali;

Mindful of AU Peace and Security Council decision PSC/AHG/COMM/2 (CCCLIII) of 28 January 2013 and the AU Solemn Declaration on the Situation in Mali Assembly/AU/Decl.3 (XX) establishing the African-led International Support Mission to Mali (AFISMA), now the African Union Mission for Mali and the Sahel Region (MISAHEL);

Deeply concerned by the growing insecurity marked by cases of attacks and killings;

Further concerned by the cases of summary execution, enforced disappearance, arbitrary detention, inhuman and degrading treatment and the cases of torture recorded during investigations conducted by MISAHEL human rights observers, as well as the mutiny that occurred in the Kati military camp on 30 September 2013;

Strongly condemns the cases of summary execution and enforced disappearance which constitute human rights violations jeopardising peace and security in the country which is still weakened by conflict;

Calls on the Government of Mali to take the necessary measures to put an end to human rights violations and other acts of violence and to ensure the security of all persons in the country;

Urges the Government of Mali to take the necessary steps to put an end to impunity and to conduct an independent investigation in order to identify the perpetrators and bring them to justice;

Calls on ECOWAS, the AU and the international community to continue to support the people of Mali in their efforts to consolidate the gains of democracy and preserve the national security and territorial integrity of Mali.

Done in Banjul, The Gambia, 5 November 2013