

RESOLUTION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Twenty-seventh Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 3 to 5 June, 1991,

Having considered the annual report on the activities of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights submitted by its Chairman, Prof. V.O. UMOZURIKE, in conformity with Article 54 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights,

Recalling that the current Session marks the 10th Anniversary of the adoption in Nairobi, in June 1981, of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, which came into force on 21 October, 1986,

Considering that pursuant to Article 1 of this Charter, Member States of the Organization of African Unity, parties to the present Charter shall recognize the rights, duties and freedoms enshrined in this Charter and shall undertake to adopt legislative or other measures to give effect to them:

1. **TAKES NOTE** with satisfaction of the report on the activities of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights for 1990 – 1991 and **AUTHORIZES** its publication;
2. **REAFFIRMS** its position declared during the Twenty-fifth Ordinary Session held in July, 1989 stating that the promotion and protection of human and people's rights are essential factors for the progress of African citizens and **CONSTITUTES** a significant contribution to the attainment of their aspirations for development;
3. **APPEALS** to Member States to accede to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights if they have not yet done so;
4. **CALLS ON** Member states, parties to the Charter to submit regularly, periodic reports on legislative or other measures taken with a view to giving

effect to the rights and freedom recognized and guaranteed by the present Charter, in accordance with its Article 62;

- 5. RECOMMENDS that Member States of the OAU celebrate the anniversary of the entry into force of the charter, on 21 October of every year by organizing activities aimed at promoting human and peoples' rights.**