

**ACHPR/Res.12(XVI)94: RESOLUTION ON RWANDA**

*The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights meeting at its Sixteenth Ordinary Session held from 25 October to 3 November, 1994 in Banjul, The Gambia;*

**Considering** the appointment at the 15<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Vice-Chairman of the African Commission as Special Rapporteur on extra-judicial executions,

**Considering** the report of the United Nations Special Rapporteur indicating that genocide and massive human rights and international humanitarian law violations have been committed in Rwanda,

**Considering** the preliminary report of the UN Experts' Committee on Rwanda and its findings corroborating those of the UN Special Rapporteur,

**Considering** the UN Security Council's decision to approve the establishment of an international tribunal on Rwanda,

**Considering** the pledge of the Government of Rwanda and the International Community as expressed in the Hague Declaration of 18<sup>th</sup> September, 1994 to try the authors of the atrocious crimes committed in Rwanda:

1. **CONDEMNS** the inhuman and heinous crimes committed in Rwanda during the recent conflict;
2. **EXPRESSES** its support for the establishment of an international tribunal by the UN to try those responsible for the crimes;
3. **CALLS FOR** the convening by the OAU over the next few months in collaboration with African and international NGOs, a meeting of African and international experts to study long-term solutions to the problem of impunity in Africa with special reference to the case of Rwanda, and to formulate appropriate recommendations;
4. **CALLS ON** the OAU to explore ways and means of encouraging African jurists to participate in the process of reconstruction of the judicial machinery in Rwanda;
5. **URGES** the Government of Rwanda to prevent the perpetration of acts of reprisals and vengeance by the rapid establishment of a new police force

and a local administration respectful of human rights and composed of members of all ethnic groups of Rwanda.

6. **EXHORTS** the Government of Rwanda to ensure the rapid deployment of national and international human rights monitors as well as the strengthening of the interceding peace- keeping forces throughout Rwanda.
  
7. **URGES** international institutions and NGOs in general and African NGOs in particular to contribute to the effort of International solidarity and assist in the rapid reconstruction of Rwanda through the provision of technical and financial assistance especially by facilitating the resumption of the activities of local Human Rights NGOs in Rwanda.