***ACHPR/Res.49(XXVIII)00:* RESOLUTION ON COMPLIANCE AND IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARUSHA PEACE AGREEMENT FOR BURUNDI**

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

***Considering*** the massacres of innocent people committed in Burundi since 21 October 1993;

***Considering*** the effects of the protracted civil war on the economy and well-being of the people of Burundi;

***Considering*** with concern that the on-going armed conflict between the rebels and the Government army has caused serious violations of human rights and freedoms of the people of Burundi;

* ***Expresses*** its support for the Arusha Peace Agreement for Burundi and urges the conflicting parties to conclude a cease-fire and immediately and unconditionally implement the Arusha Accord signed in Arusha on 28 August 2000;
* ***Congratulates*** former President Nelson Mandela for the progress achieved through his mediation and exhorts him to continue with his efforts towards achieving lasting peace in Burundi;
* ***Calls upon*** the rebel groups who have not yet signed the peace agreement concluded under the auspices of former President Nelson Mandela to do so urgently;
* ***Makes an urgent appeal*** to the Great Lakes countries to give their full support to the peace process and put pressure on all the belligerents to renounce violence;
* ***Calls upon*** the OAU and UN to take all appropriate measures to put a stop to the hostilities in Burundi and bring the belligerents to give greater importance to negotiation for the resolution of their dispute;
* ***Urges*** the International Community to support the peace process and settlement of the conflict that has rocked Burundi.