

**4th ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE AFRICAN
COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS
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Covering the 8th and 9th Ordinary Sessions in Banjul (October 1990)
and Lagos (March 1991)

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I. Organization of Work

A. Period Covered by the Report

1. The third activity report was adopted by the twenty-sixth session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OUA by its resolution AHG/198 (XXVI). This report, the fourth one, relates to the eighth and ninth ordinary Sessions (Banjul) 8-21 October, 1990 and Lagos 18-25 March, 1991.

B. Status of Ratifications

2. The list of States that have ratified or adhered to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights is attached to this Report as Annex I (*infra* p. 54).

C. Session and Agenda

3. The Commission has held two Ordinary Sessions since its Third Activity Report was adopted.

- The Eighth Ordinary Session was held in Banjul, The Gambia, from 8 to 21 October 1990.
- The Ninth Ordinary Session was held in Lagos, Nigeria, from 18 to 25 March 1991.

The Agendas of both these sessions are attached to this Report as Annexes II and III (*infra* p. 55 f.).

D. Composition and Participation

4. The composition of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights has not changed. The list of members of the Commission is attached to this Report as Annex IV (*infra* p. 56).

5. Attendance at Sessions has been as follows:

- At the Eighth Ordinary Session, nine Commissioners attended:
 - Messrs Alioune Blondin Beye,
 - Ali M. Buhedma,
 - Alexis Gabou,
 - Ibrahim Badawi El Sheikh,
 - Robert H. Kisanga,
 - C.L.C. Mubanga-Chipoya,
 - Moleleki D. Mokama,
 - Yousoupha Ndiaye,
 - U.O. Umozurike.

Two Commissioners were absent with apology:
Messrs Sourahata B. Semega Janneh and Isaac Nguema.

- At the Ninth Ordinary Session six Commissioners attended:
 - Messrs Ibrahim Badawi El Sheikh,
 - Robert H. Kisanga,
 - Sourahata B. Semega Janneh,
 - C.L.C. Mubanga-Chipoya,
 - Isaac Nguema,
 - U.O. Umozurike.

Five Commissioners were absent with apology: Messrs Alioune Blondin Beye, Ali. M. Buhedma, Alexis Gabou, Moleleki D. Mokama, Yousoupha Ndiaye.

E. Chairman, Vice-Chairman of the Commission

6. Messrs U.O. Umozurike and Alexis Gabou continue to be, respectively, Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

F. Consideration of the Annual Activity Report

7. On 25 March 1991, the Commission considered this Fourth Activity Report.

II. Activities of the Commission in General

Promotional Activities

(a) Seminars

8. In keeping with the Programme of Action, members of the Commission attended seminars in Africa and Europe.

(b) Publications

9. At present, the Commission prepares to launch the first edition of its own publication, "The African Review on Human and Peoples' Rights".

(c) Observers

10. In pursuance of Rules 76 and 77 of its Rules of Procedure, the Commission has granted certain non-governmental organizations observer status.

11. The NGOs which have so far been granted observer status are in the list attached to this Report as Annex V.

III. Periodic Reports

12. The Commission considered at its Ninth Ordinary Session the Periodic Reports of the following countries: The Great Socialist Peoples' Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Tunisia and Rwanda. These documents are public documents and are available at the Secretariat of the Commission.

IV. Consideration of Communications

Protective Activities

13. At its Eighth and Ninth Sessions, the Commission considered 16 communications directed against States Parties to the Charter of which 6 were new.

V. Next Session

14. The Commission decided to convene its Tenth Session from 7-14 October 1991. At the same time, the Commission requested the Chairman to explore the possibility of convening the 10th Session in the southern part of Africa.

ANNEX I

African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights**List of Countries which have Signed, Ratified or Adhered to the Charter**

No.	Country	Date of Signature	Date of Ratification / Adhesion	Date Deposited
1.	Algeria	10/04/86	01/03/87	20/03/87
2.	Angola			
3.	Benin		20/01/86	25/02/86
4.	Botswana		17/07/86	22/07/86
5.	Burundi		28/07/89	30/08/89
6.	Burkina Faso	05/03/84	06/07/84	21/09/84
7.	Cameroon	23/07/87	20/06/89	18/09/89
8.	Cape Verde	31/03/86	02/06/87	06/08/87
9.	Central African Republic		26/04/86	27/07/86
10.	Chad	29/05/86	09/10/86	11/11/86
11.	Comoros		01/06/86	18/07/86
12.	Congo	27/11/81	09/12/82	17/01/83
13.	Djibouti			
14.	Egypt	16/11/81	20/03/84	03/04/84
15.	Equatorial Guinea	18/08/86	07/04/86	18/08/86
16.	Ethiopia			
17.	Gabon	26/02/82	20/02/86	26/06/86
18.	Gambia	11/02/83	08/06/83	13/03/83
19.	Ghana		24/01/89	01/03/89
20.	Guinea	09/12/81	16/02/82	13/05/82
21.	Guinea-Bissau		04/12/85	06/03/86
22.	Ivory Coast			
23.	Kenya			
24.	Lesotho	07/03/84		
25.	Liberia	31/01/83	04/08/82	29/12/82
26.	Libya	30/05/85	19/07/86	26/03/87
27.	Madagascar			
28.	Malawi	23/02/90	17/02/89	23/02/90
29.	Mali	13/11/81	21/12/81	22/01/82
30.	Mauritania	25/02/82	14/06/86	26/06/86
31.	Mauritius			
32.	Mozambique		22/02/89	07/03/90
33.	Namibia			
34.	Niger	09/07/86	15/07/86	21/07/86
35.	Nigeria	31/08/82	22/06/83	22/07/83
36.	Rwanda	11/11/81	15/07/83	22/07/83
37.	Saharawi Arab Dem. Rep.	10/04/86	02/05/86	23/05/86
38.	Sao Tome & Principe		23/05/86	28/07/86
39.	Senegal	23/09/81	13/08/82	25/10/82
40.	Seychelles			
41.	Sierra Leone	27/08/81	21/09/83	27/01/84
42.	Somalia	26/02/82	31/07/85	20/03/86
43.	Sudan	03/09/82	18/02/86	11/03/86
44.	Swaziland			
45.	Tanzania	31/05/82	18/02/84	09/03/84
46.	Togo	26/02/82	05/11/82	22/11/82
47.	Tunisia		16/03/83	22/04/83
48.	Uganda	18/08/86	10/05/86	27/05/86
49.	Zaire	23/07/87	20/07/87	28/07/87
50.	Zambia	17/01/83	19/01/84	02/02/84
51.	Zimbabwe	20/02/86	30/05/86	12/06/86

**Agenda of the Eighth Ordinary Session
(Banjul, The Gambia, 8-21 October, 1990)**

1. Opening of Session
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Organization of Work
 - (a) Appointment of Rapporteur
 - (b) Working hours: Morning 10.00am to 13.00 hrs
Afternoon 16.00 hrs to 19.00 hrs
4. Measures Taken for the Implementation of Recommendations and Decisions of the 7th Session:
 - (a) Report of the Chairman
 - (b) Report of the Secretary
5. Consideration of the Annual Report of the Commission by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government
6. Report of the Activities of the OAU Relevant to the Commission:
 - (a) Refugees
 - (b) Cultural Activities
 - (c) Economic Activities
7. Intersession Activity Reports of Members of the Commission
8. Consideration of Periodic Reports
9. Activities of the Commission:
 - (a) Protective Activities
 - (b) Promotional Activities
 - (c) Report of Consultants on Programme of Activities
10. OAU Convention on Privilege and Immunities: Privileges and Immunities of the Members of the Commission
11. Observers
12. Consideration of Rules of Procedure
13. Any Other Business
14. Date, Venue and Agenda of the 9th Session
15. Adoption of the Report
16. Final Communique
17. Closing Ceremony