

Thematic Recommendation (NGO/TREt/-05-09

**THEMATIC RECOMMENDATION ON REFUGEES AND INTERNALLY DISPLACED
PERSONS**

We, the participants to the Forum on the Participation of NGO's in the 44th Ordinary Session of the in the 45th Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights held in Banjul, The Republic of the Gambia from 9 to 11 May 2008

Call on the African Commission to

- Urge the Government of the Republic of South Africa to develop clear and coordinated interdepartmental strategies to prevent a recurrence of xenophobic violence, ensure greater protection of foreign nationals and provide greater protection to Somali nationals
- Urge all States Parties to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights to adopt and ensure the effective implementation of legislation and policies regarding the detention of non-nationals in accordance with relevant international human rights norms and standards
- Urge all States Parties to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, in particular, Mauritania, South Africa and Senegal to ensure that Status Determination processes are fair, reasonable and accessible

Call on the African Commission to urge the African Union to :

- Continue efforts to bring peace to the Darfur region of Sudan, including calling for full deployment of the hybrid forces to protect civilians and calling for all parties to participate seriously in the peace talks to end the conflict in the Darfur
- Request Member States to ensure equitable gender representation within the

African Union peace keeping force and that the Code of Conduct effectively responds to sexual violence perpetrated by members of the African Union peace keeping force

Request the Special Rapporteur on Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons to endeavor to conduct official visits to South Africa and Mauritania as a matter of urgency .

11 May 2009, Banjul- Gambia