



ADOPTED COUNTRY RECOMMENDATIONS

AT THE NGOS FORUM PRECEDING THE 64TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS AND 38TH AFRICAN HUMAN RIGHTS BOOKFAIR 20-22 APRIL, 2019 JOLIE VILLE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE

OLIE VILLE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE SHARM EL SHEIKH, ARAB REPULIC OF EGYPT

CREC/001/04/19: Burkina Faso

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Recommend to the African Commission to:

- 1. Conduct a promotional mission to Burkina Faso to assess the human rights situation in the country.
- 2. Let the African Commission's Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders, Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa issue a statement on the rights of Burkinabè human rights journalists to freely report on matters related to the conflict and to the conduct of counter-terrorism operations.

Done in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt – 22nd April, 2019

CREC/002/04/19: South Sudan

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Recommend to the African Commission to:

- 1. Call on the AU and the Government of South Sudan to ensure speedy establishment of the hybrid courts on South Sudan
- 2. Visit South Sudan to assess the human rights situation and make concrete recommendations to address ongoing human rights violations, protection of HRDs, and shrinking civic spaces;
- 3. Establish the HCSS to try perpetrators of human rights violations, with a focus on SGBV committed in the context of war:
- 4. Urge the government to respect fundamental freedoms including the freedom of peaceful assembly, association, and expression;
- 5. Call for the unconditional release of political prisoners, prisoners of war, and human rights defenders including Dong Samuel and Peter Biar; Aggrey Esbon Iddri, James Lual, Anthony Nyero
- 6. Support the parties in implementing the RARCSS including operationalization of the ceasefire; enforcement of cantonment sites; security and justice sector reform; adoption of the RACRSS; addressing the issue of internal state borders; and the timely establishment of RTGoNU; and
- 7. Coordinate and support Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) in mediating with non-signatories to the RACRSS so as to join the peace implementation
- 8. Request the Special Rapporteur on Prison Conditions, Detention and Policing in Africa and the Working group on the Death Penalty and Extra Judicial, Summary and Arbitrary Killings in Africa and the Committee on the Prevention of Torture in Africa to conduct an assessment or promotion mission to South Sudan
- 9. Urge the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child-South Sudan Commissioner to issue a statement focusing on recruiting of children in armed conflict and conduct a follow-up visit to their 2014 mission and report.
- 10. We call on the South Sudan government to grant entry and a conducive environment for humanitarian personnel offering relief incentives for IDPs and for conduct punitive measures to militias sexually harassing women and girls in the country

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