

COMMUNIQUE OF THE EAST AFRICA CONSULTATIVE FORUM ON EXTRA JUDICIAL, SUMMARY AND ARBITRARY KILLINGS AND ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES

We, civil society and partners, drawn from Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda, and gathered here in Nairobi this 4th and 5th of October 2018 to reflect on the prevalence of extra-judicial killings and enforced disappearances in East Africa and the plight and challenges experienced by victims of these violations;

Having consulted with victims, human rights defenders, grassroots organizations, and state agencies;

Recalling the critical role of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR) in the promotion and protection of human and peoples' rights in Africa;

Recognizing the vital role that the ACHPR Working Group on Death Penalty, Extra-judicial, Summary and Arbitrary Killings plays in monitoring the application of the death penalty in Africa;

Noting the high prevalence and gravity of extra-judicial, summary and arbitrary killings and enforced disappearances perpetrated by security forces, and in particular the police;

Noting the state of denial, the high levels of impunity, and the lack of accountability and redress and reparations for survivors of extra-judicial killings and enforced disappearances;

Further noting the lack of political goodwill by East African countries in enacting and/or implementing laws and policies relating to enforced disappearances and extra judicial killings;

Understanding the grief, anguish and pain borne by families of victims of extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances;

Noting that it is only recently that the Working Group has started to pay attention to its expanded mandate relating to extra-judicial killings and enforced disappearances in Africa;

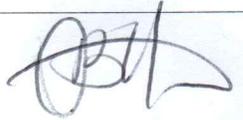
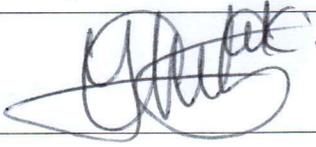
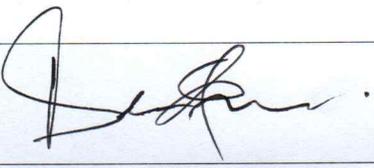
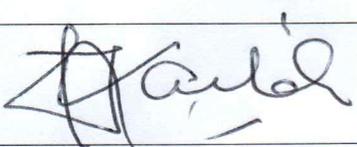
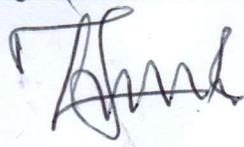
NOW do hereby call upon the ACHPR Working Group on Death Penalty, Extra-judicial Summary and Arbitrary Killings to urge East African members to:

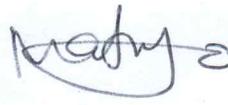
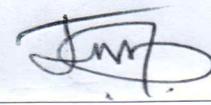
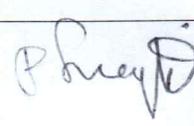
- (a) Ratify, if they have not done so, the relevant human rights treaties, and in particular the following:
 - International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance; and
 - Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.
- (b) Ensure command responsibility and accountability for senior officers that are involved in or under whose command junior officers commit

extra-judicial killings and enforced disappearances. Further ensure all security officers directly involved in extra-judicial killings and enforced disappearances are held to account both administratively and criminally.

- (c) Ensure redress and rehabilitation measures are put in place to alleviate the plight of victims through enactment and/or implementation of relevant laws and procedures.
- (d) Establish and/or enhance existing witness protection programmes.
- (e) Establish and/or strengthen independent police civilian oversight bodies.
- (f) Issue a standing invitation to the Working Group to conduct country visits.

Signed at Nairobi this 5th Day of October 2018

ORGANIZATION		SIGNATURE
1.	INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS-KENYA (ICJ-K)	
2.	KARIOBANGI PARALEGALS NETWORK	
3.	SHIELD FOR JUSTICE	
4.	HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH	
5.	AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL-KENYA	
6.	LAW SOCIETY OF KENYA (LSK)	
7.	INDEPENDENT POLICING OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY (IPOA)	
8.	MATHARE SOCIAL JUSTICE	
9.	KENYA NATIONAL COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (KNCHR)	
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13.	DANDORA COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTRE	
14.	INDEPENDENT MEDICO LEGAL UNIT (IMLU-KENYA)	
15.	HAKI AFRICA	
16.	MUSLIMS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (MUHURI)	
17.	THE LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CENTRE(LHRC)TANZANIA	
18.	TANZANIA HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS COALLITION (THRDC)- TANZANIA	
19.	AFRICAN CENTRE FOR TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF TORTURE VICTIMS -(ACTV-UGANDA)	
20.	FOUNDATION HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES (FHRI) UGANDA	