

16/88 Comité Culturel pour la Démocratie au Bénin v. Bénin, joined with 17/88 Hilaire Badjogoume v. Bénin and 18/88 El Hadj Boubacare Diawara v. Bénin

Complaint:

The communication, No. 16/88, submitted by "Comité Culturel pour la Démocratie au Bénin", alleges serious violations of various articles of the African Charter, committed by the Bénin Government. They refer to the detention of hundreds of citizens without charge or trial, torture, and the murder of a Mr Akpokpo.

The communication requests full and unconditional liberation of all political prisoners. A letter submitted by the Government on 9 May 1994 states that all political prisoners were released after the new Government's took over in 1990.

Finding:

Notices of hearing was sent to the parties, but only the representative of the Government of Bénin appeared. The Government representative was duly given the opportunity to present his case at the end of which the Commission, after due consideration decided that the present government of Bénin has satisfactorily resolved the issue of violations of human rights under the previous administration. This decision was communicated to the authors the communication. In the absence of a response, the Commission confirms that the issue had been satisfactorily resolved.