



Federal Republic of Nigeria

*INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION OF  
THE AFRICAN CHARTER ON  
HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS*

Whereas the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights was done in Banjul on the 19th day of January, 1981;

Whereas the Charter was adopted unanimously by the Summit Meeting of the Organisation of African Unity in Nairobi, Kenya in June 1981;

Whereas the African Heads of State at the aforesaid Summit Meeting directed that each Member State of the Organisation of African Unity should endeavour to give legislative backing to the Charter;

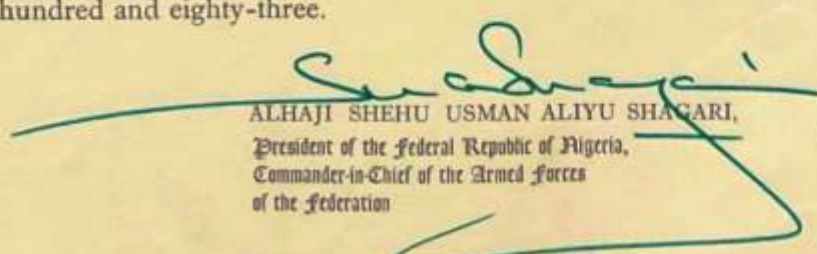
Whereas the said Charter has now been given legislative backing by virtue of the provisions of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (Ratification and Enforcement) Act 1983;

And Whereas it is provided in Article 63 (2) of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights that the Charter shall be open to signature, ratification or adherence of the Member States of the Organisation of African Unity;

Now, Therefore, I, ALHAJI SHEHU USMAN ALIYU SHAGARI, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, on behalf of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, hereby ratify the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to be affixed to these presents.

Done at Lagos this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, in the year One thousand nine hundred and eighty-three.

  
ALHAJI SHEHU USMAN ALIYU SHAGARI,  
President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,  
Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces  
of the Federation