Foreword

This Journal examines the state of African development since independence. It compares the past and the present and addresses the issues systematically. Most of the materials in this Journal were based on other activists and IAHRAC interventions on issues relating to Human Right abuses. Some of the materials were also collected from already existing journals and issues on Africa affairs especially from the UN point of view.

The Journal dwells on the role of leaders with special emphasis on some countries as well as the role of individuals in various countries' development. The materials in this Journal critically reviewed the factors hindering Africa's development and encouraged leaders to take meaningful steps forward, after fifty years of independence.

The materials in this Journal are categorized into eleven chapters. Chapter 1 introduces the role of International Advocacy for Human Rights and Anti-Corruption. Chapter 2 gives an overview of economic development in developing countries and explains the fundamental options and tradeoffs that are involved in selecting the type of techniques for assessing economic impacts of a country. Chapters 3 and 4 explore the factors responsible for the under-development in most African states with meaningful recommendations for a change and outline some of the problems as corruption and mismanagement of resources. Chapters 5 and 6 discuss the plethora of proven failures and successes in Africa agriculture and resource management, they also dwell on the state of food security in the continent. Chapter 7 addresses the rate of police brutality and the death of refugees in Europe. Chapters 8 and 9 discuss Africa's political situations and cite examples of African Union (AU) and United States of Africa (USA) as probably a way forward for advancement. Chapter 10 of this paper

explores the effects of good governance in Africa, while chapter 11 provides overview on regional integration as a prelude to globalization for African countries.

In the conclusion of each chapter, meaningful recommendations on methods of political change and unification were put forward for leaders in African as means of advancement.