

Resolution on the Appointment of the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa - ACHPR/Res. 505 (LXIX)2021

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The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Commission), meeting at its 69th Ordinary Session, held virtually from 15 November to 05 December 2021;

Recalling its mandate of promotion and protection of human and peoples' rights in Africa under Article 45 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (African Charter);

Recalling its Resolution ACHPR/Res.38 (XXXVIII) 99, adopted at its 25th Ordinary Session, held from 26 April to 5 May 1999 in Bujumbura, Burundi, on the establishment of a Special Mechanism on the Rights of Women in Africa and appointment of a Special Rapporteur;

Recalling its Resolutions ACHPR/Res.63 (XXXIV) 03; ACHPR/Res.78 (XXXVIII) 05; ACHPR/Res.112(XXXII) 07; ACHPR/Res.154 (XLVI) 09, ACHPR/Res.205 (L) 11; ACHPR/Res.245 (LIV) 13;ACHPR/Res.380(LXI)2017 and ACHPR/Res.425(LXV)2019 on the renewal of the Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa;

Recalling also its Resolution ACHPR/Res. 454 (LXVI) 2020 on the Renewal of the Mandate and Appointment of Commissioner Kayitesi Zainabo Sylvie as the Special Rapporteur;

Bearing in mind the resignation of Commissioner Kayitesi Zainabo Sylvie in November 2020 and the interim appointment of Commissioner Maria Teresa Manuela as Special Rapporteur;

Cognizant of the fact that women's rights need sustained promotion and protection as many women and girls in Africa are still vulnerable and seriously exposed to human rights violations;

Recalling the Commission's goal to continue to advocate for the ratification and implementation of the Protocol to the African Charter on the Rights of Women in Africa (the Maputo Protocol) by all States Parties to the African Charter;

Reaffirming the importance of the mechanism of the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa and the need to continue the implementation of its mandate;

Decides to appoint Commissioner Janet Ramatoulie Sallah- Njieas Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa.

Done virtually, on 5 December 2021