

ACHPR/Res.175 (XLVIII) 10: RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE WORKING GROUP ON EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES, ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN AFRICA

The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the African Commission), meeting at its 48th Ordinary Session held in Banjul, The Gambia from 10th to 25th November 2010

RECALLING its mandate to promote human and peoples' rights and ensure their protection in Africa under the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (African Charter);

RECALLING ALSO its Resolution *ACHPR/Res148(XLVI)09*: adopted at its 46th Ordinary Session, held in Banjul, The Gambia, from 11 to 25 November 2009, on the Establishment of the Working Group on Extractive Industries, Environment and Human Rights Violations in Africa;

CONSIDERING all relevant regional and international human rights instruments and, specifically Articles 21 and 24 of the African Charter , on the right of all peoples to freely dispose of their wealth and natural resources and to a general satisfactory environment favorable to their development;

MINDFUL OF the 2003 report of the African Commission's Working Group of Experts on Indigenous Populations/Communities and specifically the findings on the various violations of the rights of Indigenous Populations/Communities;

CONVINCED of the necessity of an improved protection of human rights through development of jurisprudence on holding non-state actors accountable for human rights violations in Africa;

RECOGNISING that the success of the Working Group depends on the commitment of its members including their expertise to carry out its mandate and the importance for research, knowledge and capacity building to the Working Group;

DECIDES to appoint a representative of the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, as a member of the Working Group on Extractive Industries, Environment and Human Rights Violations in Africa.