

ACHPR/Res. 202 (L) 11: RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS IN AFRICA

The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the African Commission) meeting at its 50th Ordinary Session held from 24th October to 5th November 2011, in Banjul, The Gambia;

CONSIDERING its mandate to promote human and peoples' rights in Africa and to ensure their protection in accordance with the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights;

RECALLING its Resolution **ACHPR/ 69(XXXV) 04** of 4 June 2004 on the protection of human rights defenders in Africa adopted at the 35th Ordinary Session held from 21st May to 4th June 2004, in Banjul, The Gambia;

BEARING IN MIND its resolution **83(XXXVIII) 05** of 5 December 2005 on the appointment of a Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders in Africa; adopted at the 38th Ordinary Session held from 21st November to 5th December 2005 in Banjul, The Gambia;

CONSIDERING its Resolution **ACHPR/Res.125 (XXXXII) 07** on the renewal of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders in Africa, adopted at its 42nd Ordinary Session held in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo from 13 to 28 November 2007;

BEARING IN MIND that in the *Grand Bay (Mauritius) Declaration and Plan of Action*, the Organization of African Unity (African Union) called on Member States "to take appropriate steps to implement the UN *Declaration on Human Rights Defenders* in Africa";

Recalling Resolution **ACHPR/Res149(XLVI)09**, appointing Commissioner Lucy Asuagbor as Special Rapporteur on Human Rights defenders in Africa;

Noting with satisfaction the work accomplished by Commissioner **Lucy Asuagbor** in her capacity as Special Rapporteur of Human Rights Defenders in Africa;

Considering the needs of the mandate;

DECIDES to appoint Commissioner Reine Alapini Gansou as Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders in Africa for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 5th November 2011.

Done in Banjul, The Gambia, 05 November 2011