

ACHPR/Res.245 (LIV) 2013: RESOLUTION ON THE RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE OF THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN IN AFRICA

The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Commission), meeting at its 54th Ordinary Session held from 22 October to 5 November 2013, in Banjul, The Gambia:

Recalling its mandate to promote human and peoples' rights under the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights;

Taking note of 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;

Further recalling its decision taken at its 30th Ordinary Session, held from 17 to 27 October 2001 in Banjul, The Gambia, to appoint the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa ; the Resolution ACHPR/Res.63(XXXIV) 03, adopted at its 34th Ordinary Session, held in Banjul, the Gambia, from 6 to 20 November 2003; the Resolution ACHPR/Res.78(XXXVIII) 05, adopted at its 38th Ordinary Session, held from 21 November to 6 December 2005 in Banjul, the Gambia, on the renewal of the Mandate of the Special Rapporteur for a period of two years and its Resolution ACHPR/Res.112(XXXII) 07 adopted at the 42nd Ordinary Session, held from 15 to 28 November 2007 in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo, on the renewal of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa;

Recalling its Resolution ACHPR/Res154 (XLVI) 09, on the renewal of the mandate of Commissioner Soyata Maiga as the Special Rapporteur, adopted at the 46th Ordinary Session, held from 11 to 24 November 2009 in Banjul, The Gambia;

Taking note of its Resolution ACHPR/Res.205 (L) 11 on the renewal of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa;

Bearing in mind the adoption and entry into force of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa;

Considering the launching of the General Comments on Article 14(1) (d) and (e) of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa, which provide a better understanding of the Protocol and facilitates its use as an instrument to mitigate the disproportionate effects of HIV/AIDS on

women in Africa at the 53rd Ordinary Session, held from 9 to 23 April 2013 in Banjul, The Gambia;

Aware that many challenges confronting women on the African continent relate to the recognition, exercise and enjoyment of their human rights;

Recognizing the considerable amount of work done by Commissioner Soyata Maiga in her capacity as the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa;

Considering that the mandate of Commissioner Soyata Maiga has come to an end;

Decides to renew for two years the mandate of **Commissioner Soyata Maiga** as the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa, effective from 5 November 2013.

Done in Banjul, The Gambia, 5 November 2013