

**ACHPR/Res.255 (LIV) 2013: RESOLUTION ON THE RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE OF THE WORKING GROUP ON COMMUNICATIONS**

***The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (The Commission), meeting at its 54<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session held in Banjul, The Gambia, from 22 October to 5 November 2013;***

**Recognizing** its mandate to promote and protect human and peoples' rights under the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (the African Charter);

**Noting** its protection mandate which involves the consideration of Communications alleging human rights violations against State Parties to the African Charter, pursuant to Articles 47 and 55 of the African Charter;

**Noting** Resolution ACHPR/RES.194 (L) 11, adopted during its 50<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session held in Banjul, The Gambia from 24 October to 5 November 2011 establishing a Working Group on Communications and appointing its members;

**Noting also** Resolution ACHPR/RES.212 (EXT.OS/XI) 12, adopted during its 11<sup>th</sup> Extra-Ordinary Session held in Banjul, The Gambia, from 21 February to 1 March 2012 defining the mandate of the Working Group on Communications;

**Further recalling** Resolution ACHPR/RES.255(LII)12 on the extension of the mandate and modification of the composition of the Working Group on Communications, adopted at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Session held from 9 to 22 October 2012 in Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire;

**Further recognizing** the importance of the work of the Working Group on Communications;

**Noting** with satisfaction the work done by the Working Group under the leadership of Commissioner Kayitesi Zainabo Sylvie in her capacity as Chairperson of the Working Group;

**Considering** that the mandate of the Chairperson and the members of the Working Group comes to an end on 5 November 2013;

**Recognizing** the importance of the Working Group and the need to allow the Working Group to continue to carry out its mandate;

***Decides to:***

**Appoint Commissioner Lucy Asuagbor** as Chairperson of the Working Group for a period of two years, with effect from 5 November 2013;

**Renew** for the same period the mandate of **Commissioner Reine Alapini Gansou** and **Commissioner Pacifique Manirakiza** as members of the Working Group; and

**Appoint Commissioner Yeung Kam John Yeung Sik Yuen** as a member of the Working group for the same period;

**Renew** for the same period the mandate of the support team of the Working Group at the Secretariat as follows:

- i. The Secretary to the Commission as coordinator of the support team;
- ii. Two (2) Senior Legal Officers; and
- iii. Two (2) Legal Officers.

**Done in Banjul, The Gambia, 5 November 2013**