

ACHPR/Res.277 (LV) 2014: Resolution on the drafting of a Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Right to Nationality in Africa

The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Commission), meeting at its 55th Ordinary Session held from 28 April to 12 May 2014 in Luanda, Angola;

Recalling the provisions of Article 45(1) (b) of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights which stipulates that the Commission shall "formulate and lay down principles and rules aimed at solving legal problems relating to human and peoples' rights and fundamental freedoms upon which African Governments may base their legislation";

Bearing in mind its Resolution ACHPR/Res.234 (LIII) 13 on the Right to Nationality adopted at its 53rd Ordinary Session held from 9 to 23 April 2013 in Banjul, The Gambia;

Considering the roadmap for the implementation of Resolution ACHPR/Res.234 (LIII) 13 adopted in May 2013 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and the meeting of various stakeholders held in Midrand, South Africa, in April 2014;

Considering the adoption of the Study on the Right to Nationality in Africa by the Commission during its 55th Ordinary Session held from 28 April to 12 May 2014 in Luanda, Angola;

Stressing the need to take new decisive steps towards identifying, preventing and reducing statelessness and protecting the right to nationality;

Considering the need to prepare a Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Right to Nationality in Africa:

1. ***Decides*** to assign the task of drafting a Protocol to the Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Internally Displaced Persons and Migrants in Africa;
2. ***Calls upon*** civil society organisations and other stakeholders to support the mechanism.

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