

ACHPR Res. 285 (EXT.OS/XVI) 2014: Resolution Appointing an Expert Member for the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of People Living with HIV (PLHIV), and Those at Risk, Vulnerable to and Affected by HIV in Africa

The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Commission) at its 16th Extraordinary Session held from 20 to 29 July 2014, in Kigali, Republic of Rwanda ;

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

Bearing in mind that the Commission established the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of People Living with HIV (PLHIV), and Those at Risk, Vulnerable to and Affected by HIV (the Committee) composed of nine (9) members, amongst them, three(3) Members of the Commission;

Recalling its Resolution ACHPR/Res.163 (XLVII) 10, adopted at the 47th Ordinary Session of the African Commission on the establishment of a Committee on the Protection of the Rights of People Living with HIV (PLHIV), and Those at Risk, Vulnerable to and Affected by HIV;

Further Recalling its Resolutions ACHPR/172 (XLVIII) 10 and ACHPR/Res.195 (L) 11 on the appointment of Members of the Committee and that of Commissioner Lucy Asuagbor as the Chairperson of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of People Living with HIV (PLHIV), and Those at Risk, Vulnerable to and Affected by HIV in Africa;

Recalling Further Resolution ACHPR/Res. 271 (LV) 14 on the Extension of the Mandate of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of People Living with HIV (PLHIV), and Those at Risk, Vulnerable to and Affected by HIV in Africa, extending the mandate of the Committee and eight 8. of its members for a period of two years taking effect from 12 May 2014;

Noting the vacancy created by the decision of an expert member of the Committee not to renew her membership, and *conscious* of the need to appoint one (1) new member to replace her;

Recognising the importance of the work of the Committee and the need to enable it to continue to effectively implement its mandate, and also that its success depends on the commitment and expertise of its members;

Conscious of the need to ensure fair representation, taking into account the various geographical regions, languages, legal systems and gender;

1. *Decides* to appoint Ms Ann Strode as an expert member of the Committee for a period of two years; and
2. *Calls Upon* partners and other stakeholders to continue to assist the Committee in the implementation of its mandate.

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