

**ACHPR/Res. 378 (LXI) 2017: Resolution on the Appointment of the Special Rapporteur on Prisons, Conditions of Detention and Policing in Africa**

*The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Commission) meeting at its 61<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Session held from 1 to 15 November 2017, in Banjul, The Gambia:*

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

**Reaffirming** the importance of observing the objectives and principles of the African Charter for the promotion and protection of the human rights of all, including those of detainees and prisoners;

**Recalling** its decision taken at its 20<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session held in Grand Bay, Mauritius in October 1996 to establish the office and to appoint a Special Rapporteur on Prisons and Conditions of Detention in Africa, as a prison monitoring mechanism;

**Further recalling** its decision taken at its 38<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session held in Banjul, The Gambia, in November/December 2005 to appoint the Special Rapporteur on Prisons and Conditions of Detention in Africa;

**Bearing in mind** Resolution ACHPR/Res.126 (XXXXII) 07 on the Appointment of the Special Rapporteur on Prisons and Conditions of Detention in Africa adopted at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Session held from 15 - 28 November 2007, in Brazzaville, the Republic of Congo;

**Considering** Resolution ACHPR/Res.206 (L) 11 on the Appointment of Commissioner Med S.K. Kaggwa as the Special Rapporteur on Prisons and Conditions of Detention in Africa, adopted at the 50<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session held from 24 October to 5 November 2011, in Banjul, The Gambia;

**Recalling** Resolution ACHPR/Res.306 (EXT.OS/ XVIII) 2015 Expanding the Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on Prisons and Conditions of Detention in Africa to include issues relating to Policing and human rights with the following amended title: *The Special Rapporteur on Prisons, Conditions of Detention and Policing in Africa*;

**Noting** with appreciation the work already carried out by Commissioner Med S.K. Kaggwa as the Special Rapporteur on Prisons and Conditions of Detention in Africa and subsequently as the Special Rapporteur on Prisons, Conditions of Detention and Policing in Africa;

**Considering** that the mandate of Commissioner Med S.K. Kaggwa as the Special Rapporteur on Prisons, Conditions of Detention and Policing in Africa has come

to an end on 1 November 2017;

**Decides** to appoint **Commissioner Maria Teresa Manuela** as the Special Rapporteur on Prisons, Conditions of Detention and Policing in Africa for a period of two years, effective from 15 November 2017.

**Done in Banjul, The Gambia, 15 November 2017**