

ACHPR/Res. 464 (LXVI) 2020: Resolution on the Renewal of the Mandate, Appointment of the Chairperson and Reconstitution of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Staff Matters

The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Commission), meeting at its 66th Ordinary Session, held virtually from 13 July to 7 August 2020:

Recalling its mandate of promotion and protection of human and peoples' rights in Africa under Article 45 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (African Charter);

Aware of the vital role of its Secretariat in ensuring the effective discharge of the mandate of the Commission;

Further conscious of the difficulties the Commission faces in the preparation, presentation and execution of its budget, and desirous of facilitating its budgetary preparation process;

Welcoming the decision of the Executive Council of the African Union (AU) to strengthen the human resource capacity of the Commission, through the recruitment of 33 more staff members over a period of five years from 2010 to 2014;

Recalling its decision taken during the 6th Extra-Ordinary Session to establish an Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Staff Matters to work with the Secretariat to prepare the Programmes Budget of the Commission;

Further recalling AU Executive Council Decision EX.CL/Dec.529 (XV) by which the African Union Commission (AUC), in consultation with the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC), is required to expedite the review of the honorarium and allowances of the members of the Commission, in accordance with AU financial rules and regulations;

Bearing in mind its Resolution ACHPR/Res 142 (XXXXV) 09, adopted at its 45th Ordinary Session, establishing an Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Staff Matters (Advisory Committee);

Mindful of Resolutions ACHPR/Res.191 (L)11, ACHPR/Res.256 (LIV) 2013 and ACHPR/Res.313 (LVII) 2015 on the renewal and expansion of the mandate of the Advisory Committee;

Recalling its Resolution ACHPR/Res. 388(LXI) 2017 on the Appointment of the Chairperson, Renewal of the Mandate and Reconstitution of the Advisory Committee;

Noting with appreciation the work undertaken by the Advisory Committee under the leadership of Commissioner Solomon Ayele Dersso in the discharge of its mandate;

Further noting that the term of the Chairperson and Members of the Advisory Committee has come to an end;

Recognizing the importance of the Advisory Committee and the need to allow the Advisory Committee to continue to carry out its mandate;

Bearing in mind the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) relating to its Special Mechanisms adopted during its 27th Extra-Ordinary Session held from 19 February to 4 March 2020, in Banjul, The Gambia;

Noting in particular, guidance provided by the SOPs on the working modalities of Special Mechanisms, general roles and responsibilities of mandate holders, the composition, appointment, tenure and conduct of mandate holders;

Noting the Final Communiqué of the 28th Extraordinary Session held from 29 June to 1 July 2020 wherein responsibilities were assigned to Commissioners;

Decides to:

- i. **Appoint Commissioner Hatem Essaïem** as Chairperson of the Advisory Committee for a period of 2 years with effect from 1 July 2020;
- ii. **Appoint** for the same period **Commissioner Alexia Gertrude Amesbury** as Vice-Chairperson of the Advisory Committee;
- iii. **Renew** the mandate of **Commissioner Remy Ngoy Lumbu** as Member of the Advisory Committee for the same period.

Done virtually, 07 August 2020