

**DECISION ON THE 2016 ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE
AFRICAN COURT ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS
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The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Activity Report of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Court) for the period 1 January -31 December, 2016, and the recommendations therein;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** that 2016 marked the Tenth (10th) Anniversary of the operationalization of AfCHPR and **CONGRATULATES** the latter for its contribution since its establishment towards the promotion and protection of human rights on the continent;
3. **CALLS ON** the AfCHPR, in collaboration with the Commission and the PRC, to expedite the operationalization the Trust Fund for the Court, as well as the establishment of a Legal Aid Fund for African Union Human Rights Organs and submit a report thereof at the next session of the Assembly;
4. **CALLS UPON** Member States to comply with the Orders of AfCRHPR in accordance with the Protocol of the Court and **URGES** in particular the State of Libya to implement the Order of the Court¹;
5. **WELCOMES** the measures taken by both Burkina Faso and Tanzania to comply with the judgments of the AfCHPR, and **URGES** both States to take pursue the efforts undertaken to apply the AfCHPR's orders and report accordingly;
6. **URGES** Member States that have not already done so, to accede to the Protocol and deposit the declaration required under Article 34 (6) of the Protocol; and in this regard, **FURTHER URGES** the States concerned to accede to the Protocol and deposit the declaration as part of activities and their commitment to celebrate 2016 as African Year of Human Rights with particular focus on the Rights of Women and to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the AfCHPR;
7. **INVITES** State Parties that have not already done so, to appoint Focal Points for the AfCHPR from the relevant Ministries, to facilitate communication between the Court and State Parties;
8. **EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION** to the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania for the facilities it has placed at the disposal of the AfCHPR, and for the architectural designs for the construction of the permanent premises of the Court that have already been prepared, and **URGES** the Government of the United

¹ *Takes note of the reservation made by the State of Libya regarding para 4 of the Decision.*

Republic of Tanzania and the African Union Commission, in collaboration with the AfCHPR, to take steps to ensure the speedy construction of the premises;

9. REQUESTS the AfCHPR, in collaboration with the PRC and the AU Commission, to report on the implementation of this Decision at the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in July 2017.