

**DECISION ON THE ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION  
ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS (ACHPR)**

**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the combined Fifty-fourth (54<sup>th</sup>) and Fifty-fifth (55<sup>th</sup>) Activity Reports of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR);
2. **EXPRESSES** its appreciation for the efforts made by the ACHPR during the period under review to promote and protect human rights on the continent;
3. **WELCOMES** the commemoration of 2023 edition of the African Human Rights Day and the twentieth anniversary of the Maputo Protocol by organising a series of activities including the High-level Panel entitled "**Commemorative High-Level Panel of the African Human Rights Day on Maputo@20: Call for Universal Ratification, Implementation, Domestication and Reporting on the Maputo Protocol**";
4. **COMMENDS** the United Republic of Tanzania for hosting successfully the 77<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the ACHPR from 20<sup>th</sup> October to 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 in Arusha, and **INVITES** other States Parties which have never hosted a Session of the ACHPR to consider doing so by extending an invitation to the ACHPR to hold its future Sessions on their territories;
5. **COMMENDS** those States Parties to the African Charter (States Parties) that have fulfilled their reporting obligations and **ENCOURAGES** those States Parties that have never submitted reports, as well as those with more than three outstanding periodic reports, to submit them in accordance with Article 62 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (African Charter), Article 26 of the Maputo Protocol and Article 14 of the Kampala Convention;
6. **INVITES** Member States that have not yet ratified various African Union (AU) human rights instruments to take all necessary measures to do so;
7. **URGES** States Parties to comply with the decisions rendered by the ACHPR on the Communications involving them, as well as the recommendations issued pursuant to promotion missions and periodic reports review;
8. **WELCOMES** the progress in the implementation of Executive Council Decision **EX.CL/Dec.1045(XXXIV)** which institutionalises an annual joint retreat of the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) and the ACHPR in order to improve relations between the two institutions, in view of the Joint Retreat of the ACHPR and the PRC Subcommittee on Human Rights, Democracy and Governance, which was held from 5 to 7 December 2023 in Dakar, Senegal;

9. **COMMENDS** the efforts made by the Government of the Republic of The Gambia towards the construction of a permanent headquarters for the ACHPR, and **REITERATES** its directive to the African Union Commission (AUC) to work jointly with the Government of The Gambia and the ACHPR to mobilize resources to accelerate efforts towards building the headquarters;
10. **COMMENDS** the ongoing efforts in the review by the ACHPR of its organisational structure in consultation with the AUC, pursuant to Executive Council decision EX.CL/Dec.995(XXXII), and **DIRECTS** the PRC through its relevant sub-committees to accelerate the review of the ACHPR's new structure and report accordingly to the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council;
11. **FURTHER COMMENDS** the ACHPR, working in collaboration with the AU Commission and the R10, for progress made in the recruitment of some critical staff for the ACHPR, including top management positions in accordance with Decision EX.CL/DEC.1097(XXXVII), and **DIRECTS** the PRC through its relevant Sub-Committees to consider at its next supplementary budget session allocation of appropriate budget to hire additional critical staff to vacant ACHPR positions;
12. **TAKES NOTE** of the budgetary difficulties encountered by the ACHPR in the implementation of some aspects of its mandates and **DIRECTS** the PRC to consider proposals to address these difficulties;
13. **ENCOURAGES** the ACHPR to continue to work towards improving cooperation and collaboration mechanisms with State Parties and the AUC for enhanced protection of human rights in Africa; and
14. **AUTHORIZES** the publication of the 54<sup>th</sup> and 55<sup>th</sup> combined activity reports of the ACHPR, considering the contributions and observations made by the States Parties.