

Resolution on the Substitution of the Vice Chairperson of the Working Group on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Africa - ACHPR.Res.587(LXXIX) 2024

The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Commission), meeting at its 79th Ordinary Session, in a hybrid format from 14 May to 3 June 2024 in Banjul, The Republic of Gambia:

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

Recalling its Resolution ACHPR/Res.73 (XXXVI) 04 Establishing and defining the Mandate of the Working Group on Economic and Social Rights in Africa (the Working Group) adopted at its 36th Ordinary Session held in Dakar, Senegal, from 23rd November to 7th December 2004;

Recalling further its Resolutions ACHPR/Res.147 (XLVI) 09; ACHPR/Res.193 (L) 11; ACHPR/Res.252 (LIV) 13, ACHPR/Res.296 (EXT.OS/XVI) 14; ACHPR/Res.316 (LVII) 2015; ACHPR/Res.391(LXI) 2017; ACHPR/Res.425(LXV)2019; ACHPR/Res. 457 (LXVI) 2020; ACHPR/Res.532 (LXXIII) 2022; and ACHPR/Res.562 (LXXV) 2023, on the appointment of Expert Members and renewal of the mandate of the Working Group respectively;

Recognizing the importance of the mandate and effort of the Working Group in promoting and protecting economic, social and cultural rights in Africa and the need to enable the Working Group to continue to implement its mandate;

Bearing in mind the Standard Operating Procedures on the Special Mechanisms of the Commission (the SOPs on Special Mechanisms) adopted at its 27th Extraordinary Session held from 19 February to 4 March 2020 in Banjul, The Gambia;

Noting in particular the guidelines set out in the SOPs on Special Mechanisms, including the general roles and responsibilities of mandate holders, the composition of the mechanisms, the appointment of members and the duration of their mandate as well as the code of conduct for mandate holders;

Noting with appreciation the work done by the Working Group under the leadership of Commissioner Mudford Zachariah Mwandenga and all its former Chairpersons in the discharge of its mandate;

Further Noting with appreciation, the work done by Commissioner Remy Ngoy Lumbu as Vice Chairperson of the Working Group over the past four (4) years; and bearing in mind his multiple responsibilities as Chairperson of the Commission amongst other things;

Decides to:

1. Appoint Commissioner Salma Sassi Safer, as Vice-Chairperson of the Working Group on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Africa, to substitute Commissioner Remy Ngoy Lumbu, effective from this date thereof.

Done in Banjul, The Gambia, 3 June 2024.