

## 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-first (51<sup>st</sup>) and Fifty-second (52<sup>nd</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, in 2022, of the thirty-fifth (35<sup>th</sup>) anniversary of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights under the theme: "**35 Years of Commitment to the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights in Africa**";
4. **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 their reports 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;
5. **REITERATES** its request to Member States that have not yet ratified various African Union (AU) human rights instruments to take all necessary measures to do so;
6. **CALLS UPON** States Parties to comply with the requests for interim measures issued by the ACHPR, and **ENCOURAGES** States to implement the decisions rendered by the ACHPR on the Communications to which they are party, as well as the recommendations issued pursuant to promotion missions and periodic reports;
7. **WELCOMES** the progress made by the Government of the Republic of The Gambia towards the construction of a permanent headquarters for the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights in accordance with Decisions EX.CL/Dec.1045 (XXXIV) and EX.CL/Dec.1080 (XXXVI), and **DIRECTS** the AUC to work jointly with the Government of The Gambia and the ACHPR to mobilize resources to support accelerated efforts to build the headquarters;
8. **COMMENDS** the progress made in the review by the ACHPR of its organisational structure in consultation with the African Union Commission, pursuant to Executive Council decision EX.CL/Dec.995(XXXII), and **DIRECTS** the PRC through its relevant Sub-Committee to consider the financial, structural and legal implications thereof, and to make recommendations for its adoption by the Executive Council at the next Summit.

9. **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, in accordance with Decision EX.CL/DEC.1097(XXXVII), and **AUTHORIZES** the PRC to consider through its relevant Sub-Committees the allocation of an appropriate budget to hire additional critical staff to vacant ACHPR positions at its next supplementary budget session;
10. **TAKES NOTE** of the budgetary difficulties encountered by the ACHPR in the implementation of Executive Council Decision **EX.CL/Dec.1045(XXXIV)** which institutionalizes an annual joint retreat of the PRC and the ACHPR in order to improve relations between the two institutions; and **EX.CL/Dec.1126(XXXIX)** relating to the resolution of the Commission's governance issues; and **INSTRUCTS** the PRC through its relevant Sub-Committees to allocate budgetary support to the ACHPR through the supplementary budget process to ensure the implementation of these decisions and the organization of physical public sessions;
11. **REQUESTS** for enhanced collaboration between the ACPHR and the Commission also between ACHPR and Member states;
12. **AUTHORIZES** the publication of the 52<sup>nd</sup> and 53<sup>rd</sup> Combined Activity Reports of the ACHPR taking into consideration inputs and observations made by Member States; and in this regard;
13. **REQUESTS** States Parties, if they so wish, to submit, within fourteen (14) days of the closing date of the Executive Council session at which this decision is adopted, their written comments on the activity report, which shall be annexed to this report upon its publication
14. **REQUESTS** the PRC through its relevant Sub-Committees, to consider the new structure of the ACHPR and report to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session of the Executive Council.