

ACHPR/Res.116(XXXXII)07: RESOLUTION ON THE RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE OF THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON REFUGEES, ASYLUM SEEKERS, INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS AND MIGRANTS IN AFRICA

The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the African Commission or ACHPR) meeting at its 42nd Ordinary Session held from 15 - 28 November 2007, in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo;

Recalling its mandate to promote human and peoples' rights and ensure their protection in Africa under the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (the African Charter);

Aware that in the exercise of its mandate, the African Commission has established various thematic mechanisms for the promotion and protection of human and peoples' rights in Africa;

Recalling that at its 35th Ordinary Session held from 21 May - 4 June 2004 in Banjul, The Gambia, the African Commission adopted Resolution ACHPR/Res. 72(XXXV)04 providing for the establishment of the mechanism of Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Internally Displaced Persons in Africa;

Cognisant of Resolution ACHPR/Res.72 (XXXVI) 04 adopted at Dakar during the 36th Ordinary Session which elaborated the mandate of the Special Rapporteur;

Recalling that at its 39th Ordinary Session held from 11 May to 25 2006 in Banjul, The Gambia, the African Commission adopted Resolution ACHPR/Res.95 (XXXIX)06 which extended the mandate of the Special Rapporteur to cover migration issues;

Noting with appreciation the accomplishments of the Special Mechanism's Rapporteur, Commissioner Bahame Tom Mukirya Nyanduga;

Considering the need to enable the Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Internally Displaced Persons and Migrants in Africa to continue to carry out his mandate, and address urgent issues falling within this mandate;

1. **Decides** to renew the appointment of Commissioner Bahame Tom Mukirya Nyanduga as Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Internally Displaced Persons and Migrants in Africa for another period of two years, effective 28 November 2007;

2. **Requests** States Parties to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, and the African Union to extend their cooperation to the Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Internally Displaced Persons and Migrants in Africa, and to provide the Special Rapporteur with adequate resources to enable him to undertake his mandate.