***ACHPR/Res.125(XXXXII)07:* RESOLUTION ON THE RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE OF THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS IN AFRICA**

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

**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);

**Recalling** its Resolution **ACHPR/ 69(XXXV) 04** of 4 June 2004 on the protection of human rights defenders in Africa adopted at the 35th Ordinary Session held from 21st May - 4th June 2004, in Banjul, The Gambia;

**Recalling** its Resolution ***83(XXXVIII) 05*** of 5 December 2005 on the appointment of a special rapporteur on human rights defenders in Africa; adopted at the 38th Ordinary Session held from 21st November - 5th December 2005 in Banjul, The Gambia;

**Bearing in mind** its mandate to promote human and peoples’ rights and ensure their protection in Africa under the *African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights*;

**Mindful** that in the *Grand Bay (Mauritius) Declaration and Plan of Action*, the Organization of African Unity (African Union) called on Member States “to take appropriate steps to implement the UN *Declaration on Human Rights Defenders* in Africa”;

**Considering** that the term of Mme Reine Alapini-Gansou as Special Rapporteur comes to an end on 5 December 2007;

**Considering** the report of the Special Rapporteur;

**Noting** with appreciation the work she has done as Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders in Africa since her appointment in 2005,

**Emphasizing** The importance of the work of the Special Rapporteur as regards the search for solutions to the problems arising from the protection of human rights defenders;

 **Considering** the necessity to allow the Special Rapporteur on Human rights Defenders in Africa to continue to carry out its mandate as contained in resolution **ACHPR/ 69(XXXV) 04,**

**Decides** to renew Commissioner Reine Alapini-Gansou as Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders in Africa for a period of two (2) years effective 28 November 2007.