***ACHPR/Res.126(XXXXII)07:* RESOLUTION ON THE RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE AND APPOINTMENT OF THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON PRISONS AND CONDITIONS OF DETENTION IN AFRICA**

*The African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights (the African Commission) meeting at its 42nd Ordinary Session held from 15 – 28 November 2007, in Brazzaville, the 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);

**Reaffirming** the importance of observing the objectives and principles of the African Charter for the promotion and protection of the human rights of all, including those of detainees and prisoners;

**Recalling** its decision taken at its 20th Ordinary Session held in Grand Bay, Mauritius in October 1996 to establish the position of the Mandate, and to appoint a Special Rapporteur on Prisons and Conditions of Detention in Africa, as a prison monitoring mechanism;

**Recalling further** its decision taken at its 38th Ordinary Session held in Banjul, The Gambia in November/December 2005 to appoint Commissioner Mumba Malila as the Special Rapporteur on Prisons and Conditions of Detention in Africa;

**Considering** that the term of Commissioner Mumba Malila as the Special Rapporteur on Prisons and Conditions of Detention in Africa comes to an end on 5 December 2007;

**Appreciating** the work that Commissioner Malila has done as Special Rapporteur on Prisons and Conditions of Detention in Africa;

**Emphasising** the importance of the work of the Special Rapporteur and ***calling on*** all its partners to collaborate in his work in the search for solutions to the problems arising from the restriction of the freedom of the individual;

**DECIDES to reappoint** Commissioner Mumba Malila as the Special Rapporteur on Prisons and Conditions of Detention in Africa for a period of two years, effective 28 November 2007;