

ACHPR/Res.189 (XLIX) 2011: RESOLUTION ON THE NOMINATION OF EXPERTS AS MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE RIGHTS OF OLDER PERSONS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN AFRICA

The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the African Commission), meeting at its 49th Ordinary Session held in Banjul, The Gambia from 28th April to 12th May 2011

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);

Considering that the African Charter makes specific provisions under **Article 18(4)**, for the protection of the rights of older persons and people with disabilities, which stipulates that "*The aged and the disabled shall also have the right to special measures of protection in keeping with their physical or moral needs;*"

Considering further paragraph 20 of the Kigali Declaration, which "*calls upon States Parties to develop a Protocol on the protection of the rights of the elderly and people with disabilities;*"

Recalling its Resolution **ACHPR/Res.106 (XXXXI) 07** on the Rights of Older Persons; Resolution **ACHPR/Res.118 (XXXXII) 07** on the Appointment of a Focal Point on the Rights of Older Persons in Africa; Resolution **ACHPR/Res.143 (XXXXV) 09**, transforming the Focal Point on the Rights of Older Persons in Africa into a Working Group on the Rights of Older Persons and People with Disabilities;

Bearing in mind the mandate of the Working Group on the Rights of Older Persons and People with Disabilities, in particular to facilitate the process of drafting the Protocol on Ageing, ensuring compliance by States Parties with the recommendations contained in the AU Policy Framework and Plan of Action on Ageing;

Noting with appreciation the work already undertaken by the Working Group in elaborating a first Draft Protocol on the Rights of Older Persons which was submitted to the African Commission at its 49th Ordinary Session;

Recognizing the need to increase the number of experts of the Working Group to implement more efficiently its mandate;

Decides to appoint the following as Experts as the Members of the Working Group on Older Persons and People with Disabilities in Africa, for a period of two years, effective 12 May 2011:

I. Dr. Isabella Anika Gbemisola ABODERIN

- II. Mr. Kudakwashe Dube; and**
- III. Mr. Lawrence Murugu Mute**