***ACHPR/Res.194 (L) 11:* RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP ON COMMUNICATIONS AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS**

*The African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights (the African Commission) meeting at its 50th Ordinary Session held in Banjul, The Gambia, from 24th October to 5th November 2011;*

***Recognising*** its mandate to promote and protect human and peoples’ rights pursuant to the

*African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights (the African Charter);*

***Noting*** its protective mandate which involves the consideration of Communications alleging human rights violations against Member States to the *African Charter* in terms of Articles 47 and 55 of the *African Charter*;

***Considering*** Rule 23(1) of its Rules of Procedure which requires *“The Commission to* c*reate subsidiary mechanisms such as special rapporteurs, committees and working groups;”*

***Further Considering*** Rule 97(2) of its Rules of Procedure which states that *“The African Commission may establish one or more working groups to consider questions of seizure, admissibility and the merits of any communication(s) and to make recommendations to the Commission;”*

1. ***Decides*** to establish a Working Group on Communications to meet twice a year during the intersession, and may also meet prior to the Sessions of the African Commission;

2. ***Appoints*** Commissioner Kayitesi Zainabo Sylvie as Chairperson of the Working Group for a period of two years, effective from 5 November 2011;

3. ***Further appoints*** Commissioner Reine Alapini-Gansou, and Commissioner Pacifique Manirakiza as Members of the Working Group;

4. ***Decides*** that paragraph three (3) notwithstanding, other Commissioners can participate in the activity of the Working Group subject to their availability;

5. ***Appoints*** the Secretary to the African Commission as a Member of the Working Group;

*6.* ***Further appoints*** Dr. Feyi Ogunade, Ms. Irene Desiree Mbengue Eleke and Mrs. Anita Bagona as the focal team of the Working Group at the level of its Secretariat;

7. ***Requires*** all Legal Officers at its Secretariat to provide assistance to the Working Group.