

ACHPR/Res.206 (L) 11 : RESOLUTION ON THE 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 50th Ordinary Session held from 24th October to 5th November 2011, in Banjul, The Gambia;

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 office 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;

Bearing in mind Resolution ACHPR/Res.126 (XXXXII) 07 on the Appointment of the Special Rapporteur on Prisons and Conditions of Detention in Africa adopted at the 42nd Ordinary Session held from 15 – 28 November 2007, in Brazzaville, the Republic of Congo;

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 2009;

Considering further Resolution ACHPR/Res156(XLVI)09, adopted during the 46th Ordinary Session held from 11 to 25 November 2011 appointing Commissioner Catherine Dupe Atoki Special Rapporteur of Prisons and Conditions of Detention in Africa;

Noting with appreciation the work Commissioners Mumba Malila and Catherine Dupe Atoki have done as Special Rapporteur on Prisons and Conditions of Detention in Africa;

Considering that the mandate of Commissioner Catherine Dupe Atoki has come to an end;

DECIDES to appoint Commissioner Med Kaggwa as the Special Rapporteur on Prisons and Conditions of Detention in Africa for a period of two years, effective 5 December 2011.

Done in Banjul, The Gambia, 05 November 2011