***ACHPR/RES.212 (EXT.OS/XI) 2012*: RESOLUTION ON THE MANDATE OF THE WORKING GROUP ON COMMUNICATIONS OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION OF HUMAN AND PEOPLE'S RIGHT**

*The African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights (the African Commission) meeting at its 11th Extra-Ordinary Session held in Banjul, The Gambia, from 21 February to 1 March 2012;*

***Recognising*** its promotion and protection mandate pursuant to the *African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights (the African Charter);*

***Recalling*** the decision at its 50th Ordinary Session, held in Banjul, The Gambia from 24 October to 5 November 2011, to establish a Working Group on Communications in accordance with Rule 23(1) of its Rules of Procedure***;***

***Noting*** Resolution ACHPR/Res.194 (L) 11: Establishing a Working Group on Communications and Appointment of Members, adopted at its 50th Ordinary Session; ;

***Hereby*** decides that the mandate of the Working Group on Communications will be to:

 1. Consider Communications at the level of Seizure and inform the African Commission;

2. Consider Communications on Admissibility, and formulate recommendations to the African Commission, and where necessary, consider Communications on Merits;

3. Inform the African Commission on the status of Communications at all stages of the procedure;

4. Inform the African Commission on the status of implementation of its decisions on Communications;

5. Examine Communications to be referred to the African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights and make recommendations to the African Commission;

6. Advise the Bureau of the African Commission on requests for Provisional Measures made by Parties , where necessary;

7. Advise the African Commission on the withdrawal or closure of Communications;

8. Advise the African Commission on the need to grant oral hearings, if necessary;

9. Ensure that the final versions of decisions accurately reflect the comments and observations of Members of the African Commission.

 **Done in Banjul, The Gambia, 1 March 2012**