

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