

**ACHPR/Res.229 (LII) 2012: RESOLUTION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE FOR THE STUDY ON FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION IN AFRICA**

*The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Commission), meeting at its 52<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Session held from 9 to 22 October 2012 in Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire;*

**Recalling** its mandate to promote and protect human and peoples' rights in Africa in accordance with the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (the African Charter);

**Recalling further Resolutions ACHPR/69(XXXV) 04** on the protection of human rights defenders in Africa, **ACHPR/Res.119 (XXXXII) 07** and **ACHPR/Res.196 (L) 11** on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders in Africa;

**Recalling also Resolution ACHPR/Res151 (XLVI) 09** on the need to conduct a study on freedom of association and **Resolution ACHPR/Res.179 (XLIX) 11** on the appointment of members of the Study Group on Freedom of Association in Africa;

**Noting** that research on the study is being undertaken despite the lack of adequate resources;

**Aware** of the need to strengthen the expertise of the Study Group, consolidate its research on the ongoing study and gather as much information as possible;

**Mindful** of the need to consolidate and finalize the research undertaken as part of the study, and extend it to include freedom of peaceful assembly;

**Considering** that the one-year deadline fixed for conducting the study expired since May 2012;

**Decides to:**

- I. Extend the scope of the study to include freedom of peaceful assembly;
- II. Appoint Commissioner Lucy Asuagbor as a Member of the Study Group on Freedom of Association;
- III. Extend by one year the deadline for the study; and
- IV. Request that the report of the study be submitted for consideration by the Commission in October 2013.

**Adopted at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights in Yamoussoukro, Cote d'Ivoire, 9 to 22 October 2012**