ACHPR/Res.237 (LIII) 2013: RESOLUTION APPOINTING EXPERTS MEMBERS FOR THE WORKING GROUP ON INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS/COMMUNITIES IN AFRICA

The African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights (the Commission) meeting at its 53rd Ordinary Session held from 9 to 23 April 2013, in Banjul, The Gambia;

Considering 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);

Recalling that the Commission established a Working Group composed of nine members, amongst them, three Members of the Commission;

Recalling its Resolution ACHPR/Res.65 (XXXIV) 03 on the Adoption of the “Report of the African Commission’s Working Group on Indigenous Populations/Communities” adopted at its 34th Ordinary Session held in Banjul, The Gambia, from 6 to 20 November 2003;

Bearing in mind Resolution ACHPR/Res.123 (XXXXII) 07 on the Composition and Renewal of the Mandate of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations/Communities in Africa adopted at its 42nd Ordinary Session held from 15 to 28 November 2007, in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo, renewing the mandate of the Working Group for two years;

Recalling Resolution ACHPR/Res.155 (XLV1) 09 on the Renewal of the Mandate of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations/Communities in Africa adopted during the 46th Ordinary Session of the Commission held in Banjul, The Gambia, from 11 to 25 November 2009, renewing the mandate of the Working Group for a period of two years;

Further Recalling Resolution ACHPR/ Res. 204 (L) 11: Resolution on the Appointment of the Chairperson and Members of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations/ Communities in Africa adopted during the 50th Ordinary Session of the Commission held in Banjul, The Gambia, 24 October to 4 November 2011;

Noting that Mr. Zephyrin Kalimba, a long-standing member of the Working Group, resigned in November 2012;

Cognizant of the need for the Working Group to expand its membership to continue to properly discharge its mandate;

Recognizing the importance of the work of the Working Group in the promotion and protection of the rights of indigenous populations/communities
in Africa, and the necessity to allow the Working Group to continue to carry out its mandate;

Decides to Appoint, for a period of two years:

I. Ms. Hawe Hamman Bouba (Cameroon) as a member of the Working Group to replace Mr. Kalimba; and

II. Ms. Lesle Jansen (South Africa) as an additional member of the Working Group.

Done in Banjul, The Gambia, on 23 April 2013