

**ACHPR/Res.261 (LIV) 2013: RESOLUTION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE FOR THE STUDY ON FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION AND ASSEMBLY IN AFRICA**

*The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Commission), meeting at its 54<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session held from 22 October to 5 November 2013 in Banjul, The Gambia;*

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

**Further recalling** Resolutions ACHPR/69(XXXV) 04 on the protection of human rights defenders in Africa, ACHPR/Res.119 (XXXII) 07 and ACHPR/Res.196 (L) 11 on the situation of human rights defenders in Africa;

**Mindful** of Resolutions ACHPR/Res151 (XLVI) 09 on the need to conduct a study on freedom of association, ACHPR/Res.179 (XLIX) 11 on the appointment of members of the Study Group on Freedom of Association in Africa and ACHPR/Res.229 (LII) 12 on the extension of the deadline for the study on freedom of association in Africa;

**Conscious** of the extension of the study to include freedom of assembly in Africa and the need to consolidate research on the study and gather as much information as possible;

**Further conscious** of the need to formulate guidelines on freedom of association and peaceful assembly;

**Noting** that the deadline set for the study is due to expire in October 2013, whereas the study report is being finalized;

**Decides** to extend the deadline for this study by one (1) year; and request that the report of the said study should be submitted for consideration by the Commission in October 2014.

**Done in Banjul, The Gambia, 5 November 2013**