

ACHPR/Res.271 (LV) 2014: RESOLUTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE IN AFRICA

The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Commission) meeting at its 55th Ordinary Session held in Luanda, Angola, from 28 April to 12 May 2014;

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);

Mindful of the provisions of Article 45(1)(b) of the African Charter which provides that the Commission shall "formulate and lay down principles and rules aimed at solving legal problems relating to human and peoples' rights and fundamental freedoms upon which African governments may base their legislation;"

Considering the provisions of Article 24 of the African Charter on the right of all peoples to a satisfactory environment favourable to their development;

Recalling its Resolution ACHPR/Res.153(XLVI)09: Resolution on Climate Change and Human Rights and the Need to Study its Impact in Africa, adopted at the 46th Ordinary Session of the Commission held in Banjul, The Gambia, from 11 to 25 November 2009, in which the Commission decided to carry out a study on the impact of climate change on human rights in Africa;

Convinced that the conduct of an in-depth study on the impact of climate change in Africa will contribute to the development of effective human rights-based measures and solutions;

Requests the Working Group on Extractive Industries, Environment and Human Rights Violations in Africa (the Working Group on Extractive Industries) to undertake an in-depth study on the impact of climate change on human rights in Africa;

Calls on civil society and other stakeholders to support the work of the Working Group on Extractive Industries.

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