**ACHPR Res. 285 (EXT.OS/XVI) 2014: Resolution Appointing an Expert**

**Member for the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of People Living with HIV (PLHIV), and Those at Risk, Vulnerable to and**

**Affected by HIV in Africa**

*The African Commission on Human and  Peoples’ Rights ( the  Commission) at its 16 th Extraordinary Session held from 20 to  29 July  2014,  in  Kigali, Republic of Rwanda* ***;***

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

***Bearing in mind*** that the Commission established the Committee on  the Protection of  the  Rights of People Living with HIV  ( PLHIV), and  Those at  Risk, Vulnerable to and  Affected by  HIV (the Committee) composed of nine (9) members, amongst them, three(3) Members of the Commission;

***Recalling*** its  Resolution  ACHPR/Res.163  ( XLVII)  10,  adopted  at  the 47t h Ordinary Session of  the  African Commission on  the  establishment of  a Committee on  the  Protection of the  Rights of People Living with HIV ( PLHIV), and Those at Risk, Vulnerable to and Affected by HIV;

***Further Recalling*** its Resolutions ACHPR/172 (XLVIII) 10 and ACHPR/Res.195 ( L) 11 on the appointment  of  Members  of the Committee and that of  Commissioner  Lucy  Asuagbor as  the Chairperson of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of People Living with HIV ( PLHIV), and Those  at  Risk,  Vulnerable  to  and Affected by HIV in Africa;

***Recalling Further*** Resolution ACHPR/Res. 271 (LV) 14 on the Extension of the Mandate of the Committee on the  Protection  of  the  Rights  of People Living with HIV ( PLHIV), and Those  at  Risk,  Vulnerable  to  and Affected by HIV in Africa, extending the mandate of the Committee and eight 8. of its members for a period of two years taking effect from 12 May 2014;

***Noting*** the vacancy created by the decision of an expert member of the Committee not to renew her membership, and ***conscious*** of the need to appoint one (1) new member to replace her;

***Recognising*** the importance of the work of the Committee and the need to enable it to continue to effectively implement its mandate, and also that its success depends on the commitment and expertise of its members;

***Conscious*** of the need to ensure fair representation, taking into account the various geographical regions, languages, legal systems and gender;

1. ***Decides*** to appoint Ms Ann Strode as an expert member of the Committee for a period of two years; and

2. ***Calls Upon*** partners and other stakeholders to continue to assist the Committee in the implementation of its mandate.

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