

ACHPR/Res.314 (LVII) 2015: Resolution on the Renewal of the Mandate and Reconstitution of the Working Group on Communications

The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Commission), meeting at its 57th Ordinary Session held from 4 to 18 November 2015 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);

Noting its protection mandate which involves the consideration of Communications alleging human rights violations against States Parties to the African Charter, pursuant to Articles 47 and 55 of the African Charter;

Noting its Resolution ACHPR/RES.194 (L) 11 adopted at its 50th Ordinary Session held in Banjul, The Gambia, from 24 October to 5 November 2011 establishing a Working Group on Communications and appointing its members;

Noting also its Resolution ACHPR/RES.212 (EXT.OS/XI) 12 adopted at its 11th Extraordinary Session held in Banjul, The Gambia, from 21 February to 1 March 2012 defining the mandate of the Working Group on Communications;

Further recalling its Resolution ACHPR/RES.255 (LII) 12 on the extension of the mandate and modification of the composition of the Working Group on Communications adopted at its 52nd Ordinary Session held from 9 to 22 October 2012 in Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire;

Further recognising the importance of the work of the Working Group on Communications;

Noting with satisfaction the work done by the Working Group under the leadership of Commissioner Lucy Asuagbor in her capacity as Chairperson of the Working Group;

Considering that the mandate of the Chairperson and the members of the Working Group comes to an end on 5 November 2015;

Recognising the importance of the Working Group and the need to allow the Working Group to continue to carry out its mandate;

Decides to:

Re-appoint Commissioner Lucy Asuagbor as the Chairperson of the Working Group for a period of two years, with effect from 5 November 2015;

Renew for the same period the mandate of **Commissioner Reine Alapini Gansou** and **Commissioner Yeung Kam John Yeung Sik Yuen** as members of the Working Group;

Appoint for the same period **Commissioner Jamesina E.L. King** and **Commissioner Solomon Ayele Dersso** as members of the Working Group;

Renew for the same period the mandate of the support team of the Working Group at the Secretariat as follows:

- i. The Secretary to the Commission as Coordinator of the support team;
- ii. Two (2) Senior Legal Officers; and
- iii. Two (2) Legal Officers.

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