

ACHPR/Res.316 (LVII) 2015: Resolution on the Appointment of the Chairperson of the Working Group on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Africa and Renewal of the Mandate of its Members

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);

Recalling its Resolution ACHPR/Res.73 (XXXVI) 04 establishing and defining the mandate of the Working Group on Economic and Social Rights adopted at its 36th Ordinary Session held in Dakar, Senegal, from 23 November to 7 December 2004;

Further recalling Resolution ACHPR/Res.147 (XLVI) 09 appointing Commissioner Mohammed Bechir Khalfallah as the Chairperson of the Working Group on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Africa (the Working Group);

Mindful of its Resolutions ACHPR/Res.193 (L) 11 and ACHPR/Res.252 (LIV) 13 on the renewal of the mandate of the Working Group, and ACHPR/Res.296 (EXT.OS/XVI) 14 on the appointment of expert members of the Working Group;

Bearing in mind the Principles and Guidelines on the Implementation of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the African Charter on Human and People's Rights (Nairobi Principles and Guidelines) and the State Party Reporting Guidelines for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (Tunis Reporting Guidelines);

Recalling its Resolution ACHPR/Res.236 (LIII) 13 on illicit capital flight from Africa requesting the Working Group and the Working Group on Extractive Industries, Environment and Human Rights Violations in Africa to undertake an in-depth study on the impact of illicit capital flight on human rights in Africa;

Further recalling its Resolution ACHPR/Res.300 (EXT.OS/XVI) 14 on the right to water obligations requesting the Working Group to develop principles and guidelines on the right to water in order to assist States in implementing their obligations in relation to the right to water;

Noting with appreciation the work done by the Working Group on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Africa under the leadership of Commissioner Mohamed Béchir Khalfallah since his appointment on 25 November 2009;

Noting that the mandate of the Chairperson and members of the Working Group is coming to an end;

Further recognising the importance of the work of the Working Group in promoting and protecting economic, social and cultural rights in Africa and the need to enable the Working Group to continue to implement its mandate;

Decides to:

- **Appoint Commissioner Jamesina E.L. King** as Chairperson of the Working Group for an initial period of two years, with effect from 18 November 2015;
- **Renew** for the same period the mandate of **Commissioner Maya Sahli Fadel** and **Commissioner Soyata Maiga** as members of the Working Group;
- **Renew** for the same period the mandate of the following expert members:
 - i. Prof. Frans Viljoen
 - ii. Mr Ibrahima Kane
 - iii. Mr Chafi Bakari
 - iv. Mr Gaye Sowe
 - v. Ms Salima Namusobya
 - vi. Ms Nadia Ait-Zai
 - vii. Dr Martial Jeugue Doungue
 - viii. Mr Sidi Tidiane Gueye
 - ix. Ms Helene Ramos dos Santos

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