

ACHPR/Res.323 (LVII) 2015: RESOLUTION ON THE RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE OF THE WORKING GROUP ON INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS/COMMUNITIES IN AFRICA

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

Considering its mandate to promote human and peoples' rights and ensure their protection in Africa under the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (the African Charter);

Recalling that the African Commission established a Working Group on Indigenous Populations/Communities (the Working Group) composed of ten members, amongst them, three Members of the African Commission;

Further recalling its Resolution ACHPR/Res.65 (XXXIV) 03 on the Report of the African Commission's Working Group adopted at its 34th Ordinary Session held in Banjul, The Gambia, from 6 to 20 November 2003;

Recalling Resolutions ACHPR/Res.123 (XXXII) of 2007; ACHPR/Res.155 (XLV1) of 2009; ACHPR/Res.204 (L) of 2011; and ACHPR/Res.249 of 2013 all renewing the mandate of the Working Group for consecutive two years;

Bearing in mind ACHPR/Res.237 of 2013 appointing two new expert members for the Working Group;

Noting with appreciation the work undertaken by the Working Group under the leadership of Commissioner Soyata Maiga during the past two years in the discharge of its mandate;

Noting further that the term of the Chairperson and members of the Working Group has come to an end;

Recognizing further the importance of the work of the Working Group in the promotion and protection of the rights of indigenous populations/communities in Africa and the necessity to allow the Working Group to continue to carry out its mandate;

Decides to:

- ix. Renew the mandate of Commissioner Soyata Maiga as Chairperson of the Working Group;
- x. Renew the mandate of Commissioner Lucy Asuagbor as a member of the Working Group;

xi. Appoint Commissioner Reine Alapini-Gansou as a member of the Working Group;

xii. Maintain the membership of the following experts:

- Mr. Mohammed Khattali
- Ms. Marianne Jensen
- Dr. Melakou Tegegn
- Dr. Naomi Kipuri
- Dr. Albert Barume
- Ms Leslie Jansen
- Ms Hawe Bouba

The mandate of the Working Group is 2 years and shall take effect on 18 November 2015.

Adopted on 17 November 2015 at the 57th Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, held from 4 to 18 November 2015 in Banjul, The Gambia