

## **ACHPR/Res.324 (LVII) 2015: Resolution on the Renewal of the Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on Prisons, Conditions of Detention and Policing in Africa**

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

**Recalling** 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);

**Reaffirming** the importance of observing the objectives and principles of the African Charter for the promotion and protection of the human rights of all, including those of detainees and prisoners;

**Recalling** its decision taken at its 20<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session held in Grand Bay, Mauritius in October 1996 to establish the office and to appoint a Special Rapporteur on Prisons and Conditions of Detention in Africa, as a prison monitoring mechanism;

**Further recalling** its decision taken at its 38<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session held in Banjul, The Gambia, in November/December 2005 to appoint the Special Rapporteur on Prisons and Conditions of Detention in Africa;

**Bearing in mind** Resolution ACHPR/Res.126 (XXXII) 07 on the Appointment of the Special Rapporteur on Prisons and Conditions of Detention in Africa adopted at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Session held from 15 - 28 November 2007, in Brazzaville, the Republic of Congo;

**Considering** Resolution ACHPR/Res.206 (L) 11 on the Appointment of Commissioner Med S.K. Kaggwa as the Special Rapporteur on Prisons and Conditions of Detention in Africa, adopted at the 50<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session held from 24 October to 5 November 2011, in Banjul, The Gambia;

**Bearing in mind** Resolution ACHPR/Res.228 (LII) 2012 on the need to develop guidelines on conditions of police custody and pre-trial detention in Africa adopted at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Session held from 9 to 22 October 2012, in Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire, which authorize the Special Rapporteur on Prisons and Conditions of Detention in Africa to develop '*Guidelines on the Conditions of Arrest, Police Custody and Pre-trial Detention in Africa*' including tools for its effective implementation;

**Considering** the adoption of the Guidelines on Conditions of Arrest, Police Custody and Pre-trial Detention in Africa during the 55<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Commission held from 28 April to 12 May 2014, in Luanda, Angola;

**Recalling** Resolution ACHPR/Res.306 (EXT.OS/ XVIII) 2015 Expanding the Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on Prisons and Conditions of Detention in Africa to include issues relating to Policing and human rights with the following amended title: The Special Rapporteur on Prisons, Conditions of Detention and Policing in Africa;

**Noting** with appreciation the work already carried out by Commissioner Med S.K. Kaggwa as the Special Rapporteur on Prisons and Conditions of Detention in Africa and subsequently as the Special Rapporteur on Prisons, Conditions of Detention and Policing in Africa;

**Considering** that the mandate of Commissioner Med S.K. Kaggwa as the Special Rapporteur on Prisons, Conditions of Detention and Policing in Africa has come to an end;

**Decides** to renew the mandate of **Commissioner Med S.K. Kaggwa** as the Special Rapporteur on Prisons, Conditions of Detention and Policing in Africa for a period of two years, effective from 18 November 2015.

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