**ACHPR/Res. 328 (EXT.OS/XIX) 2016: Resolution on the Modification of the Mandate of the Working Group on Specific Issues relevant to the Work of the Commission**

*The African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights (the Commission) meeting at its 19th Extra-Ordinary Session held in Banjul, The Islamic Republic of The Gambia, from 16 to 25 February 2016;*

**Recalling** its mandate to promote human and peoples’ rights and ensure their protection in Africa under the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights;

**Recalling also** Resolution *ACHPR/Res.77 (XXXVII) 05* on the creation of a Working Group on Specific Issues Relevant to the Work of the Commission (the Working Group);

**Recalling further** its previous: *Resolution ACHPR/Res.124 (XXXXII) 07* and *Resolution ACHPR/Res.150 (XLV1) 09* renewing the mandate of the Working Group; *Resolution ACHPR/Res.233 (EXT.OS/XIII) 13* reconstituting the Working Group and modifying its mandate and composition; *Resolution ACHPR/Res.280* renewing the mandate of the Working Group; and *Resolution ACHPR/Res.311 (LVI1) 15* reconstituting the membership of the Working Group;

**Noting** with appreciation the accomplishments of the Working Group since its establishment;

**Bearing in mind** that the Working Group has in recent years been tasked with additional responsibilities pertaining to current matters relevant to the work of the Commission;

**Also bearing in mind** the establishment of a Legal Aid Fund for all African Union Human Rights Organs, as a result of which the mandate of the Working Group to establish a Voluntary Fund for Human Rights in Africa has become redundant;

**Recognizing** the need therefore, to modify the mandate of the Working Group;

The Commission:

**Decides** that the mandate of the Working Group be modified as follows, to:

i. Deal as a matter of priority with the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the Strategic Plan of the Commission for the years 2015 – 2019, and the associated resource mobilization strategy;

ii. Deal with the mechanism and procedure for the follow-up on the recommendations and decisions of the Commission other than those relating to Communications or those provided for under the Commission’s Rules of Procedures;

iii. Review the Rules of Procedure of the Commission (2010) in consultation with the Working Group on Communications, and propose amendments thereof to the Commission;

iv. Advise the Commission on the governance and functioning of the Commission and its Secretariat in close collaboration with the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Staff Matters; and

v. Perform any other tasks which may be entrusted to it

 by the Commission.

 **Requests** the Secretariat of the Commission to employ all necessary efforts to mobilize resources that would assist the Working Group to carry out its mandate.

**Done in Banjul, The Islamic Republic of The Gambia, 25 February 2016**