

ACHPR/Res. 330 (EXT.OS/XIX) 2016: Resolution on the Appointment of a New Expert Member of the Working Group on the Rights of Older Persons and Persons with Disabilities in Africa

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

Further recalling its Resolution ACHPR/Res.118 (XXXXII), on the Appointment of a Focal Point on the Rights of Older Persons in Africa, that was adopted at the 42nd Ordinary Session, held from 15 to 28 November 2007 in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo;

Further recalling its Resolution ACHPR/Res.143 (XXXXV) 09 transforming the Focal Point on the Rights of Older Persons in Africa into a Working Group on the Rights of Older Persons and People with Disabilities in Africa;

Considering that the African Charter makes specific provisions for the protection of these rights, under Article 18 (4), which stipulates that "*the aged and the disabled shall also have the right to special measures of protection in keeping with their physical or moral needs*";

Appreciating the work of the focal point in advocating for a rights-based approach towards protecting the rights of older persons;

Considering the mandate assigned to the Working Group on the Rights of Older Persons and People with Disabilities, and to facilitate the process of drafting the Protocol on Ageing, ensuring compliance by State Parties with the recommendations contained in the AU Policy Framework and Plan of Action on Ageing;

Recalling Resolution ACHPR/Res.189 (XLIX) 2011 adopted in May 2011, increasing the number of Experts of the Working Group to effectively implement its mandate;

Further recalling Resolution ACHPR/Res.250 (CCL) 13 on the renewal of the mandate and appointment of the Chairperson and other Members of the Working Group on the Rights of Older Persons and Persons with Disabilities in Africa;

Considering Resolution ACHPR/Res.312 (LVII) 2015 on the Renewal of the Mandate and Reconstitution of the Working Group on the Rights of Older Persons and People with Disabilities in Africa

Considering that the Working Group needs additional expertise to efficiently conduct its mandate;

The Commission:

Decides to complement the number of Expert Members of the Working Group with the appointment of Ms Geronime Tokpo (Benin) as Expert Member of the Working Group from this day 25 February 2016 to 4 November 2017.