# ACHPR/Res.381 (LXI) 2017: Resolution on the Appointment of the Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders and Focal Point on Reprisals in Africa

## The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Commission), meeting at its 61st Ordinary Session held from 1 to 15 November 2017, 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 (African Charter);

**Bearing in mind** its Resolutions ACHPR/Res.83 (XXXVIII) 05, ACHPR/Res.149 (XLVI) 09, ACHPR/Res.171 (XLVII) 10, and ACHPR/Res.202 (L) 11 on the

appointment of the various Special Rapporteurs on Human Rights Defenders in Africa;

**Recalling** its Resolutions ACHPR/Res.248 (LIV) 2013 and ACHPR/Res.315 (LVII) 15 on the Renewal of the Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders in Africa;



**Considering** the new responsibilities of the Special Rapporteur as the focal person for cases of reprisals against human rights defenders in Africa;

**Considering** the end-of-term report of the Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders and Focal Point on Reprisals in Africa;

**Noting** with appreciation the work undertaken by Commissioner Reine Alapini Gansou as the Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders and Focal Point on Reprisals in Africa;

**Noting** the importance of the work of the Special Rapporteur regarding the search for solutions to problems relating to the protection of human rights defenders;

**Considering** the need for the mechanism of the Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders and Focal Point on Reprisals in Africa to continue to carry out its mandate;



**Done in Banjul, The Gambia, 15 November 201**7