# ACHPR/Res. 385(LXI) 2017: Resolution on the Renewal of the Mandate and Reconstitution of the Working Group on Communications

## The African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights (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 under the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights (African Charter);

**Noting** its protection mandate which involves the consideration of Communications alleging human rights violations against States Parties to the African Charter, pursuant to Articles 47 and 55 of the African Charter;

**Noting** its Resolution ACHPR/RES.194 (L) 11 adopted at its 50th Ordinary Session held in Banjul, The Gambia, from 24 October to 5 November 2011 establishing a Working Group on Communications and appointing its members;

**Noting also** its Resolution ACHPR/RES.212 (EXT.OS/XI) 12 adopted at its 11th Extraordinary Session held in Banjul, The Gambia, from 21 February to 1 March 2012 defining the mandate of the Working Group on Communications;

**Further recalling** its Resolution ACHPR/RES.255 (LII) 12 on the extension of the mandate and modification of the composition of the Working Group on Communications adopted at its 52nd Ordinary Session held from 9 to 22 October 2012 in Yamoussoukro, Côte d’Ivoire;

**Recalling** its Resolutions ACHPR/Res.255 (LIV) 13 and ACHPR/Res.314 (LVII) 15 on the renewal of the mandate of the Working Group for two-year periods;

**Further recognising** the importance of the work of the Working Group on Communications;

**Noting** with satisfaction the work done by the Working Group under the leadership of Commissioner Lucy Asuagbor in her capacity as Chairperson of the Working Group;

**Considering** that the mandate of the Chairperson and the members of the Working Group has come to an end;

**Recognising** the importance of the Working Group and the need to allow the Working Group to continue to carry out its mandate;

# Decides to*:*

i. **Renew** the mandate of **Commissioner Lucy Asuagbor** as the Chairperson of the Working Group for a period of two years, with effect from 15 November 2017;

ii. **Renew** for the same period the mandate of **Commissioner Yeung Kam John Yeung Sik Yuen** and **Commissioner Solomon Ayele Dersso** as members of the Working Group;

iii. **Appoint** for the same period the following Commissioners as members of the Working Group:

- **Commissioner Kayitesi Zainabo Sylvie**;

- **Commissioner Lawrence Murugu Mute**;

- **Commissioner Rémy Ngoy Lumbu; and**

- **Commissioner Maria Teresa Manuela**

**Done in Banjul, The Gambia, 15 November 2017**