**ACHPR/Res. 452 (LXVI) 2020: 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 66th Ordinary Session, held virtually from 13 July to 7 August 2020:***

**Recalling** its mandate of promotion and protection of human and peoples’ rights in Africa under Article 45 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights (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 20th 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 38th 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 (XXXXII) 07 on the Appointment of the Special Rapporteur on Prisons and Conditions of Detention in Africa adopted at the 42nd Ordinary Session held from 15 – 28 November 2007, in Brazzaville, the Republic of Congo;

**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;

**Considering**Resolution ACHPR/Res.378(LXI) 2017 on the Appointment of Commissioner Maria Teresa Manuela as the Special Rapporteur on Prisons, Conditions of Detention and Policing in  Africa, adopted at the 61st Ordinary Session held from 1 to 15 November 2017, in Banjul, The Gambia;

**Noting**with appreciation the work already carried out by Commissioner Maria Teresa Manuela as the Special Rapporteur on Prisons, Conditions of Detention and Policing in Africa;

**Considering**that the mandate of Commissioner Maria Teresa Manuela as the Special Rapporteur on Prisons, Conditions of Detention and Policing in Africa, has come to an end on 10 May 2020;

**Noting** the Final Communiqué of the 28th Extraordinary Session held from 29 June to 1 July 2020 wherein responsibilities were assigned to Commissioners;

**Decides**to renew the mandate of **Commissioner Maria Teresa Manuela** as the Special Rapporteur on Prisons, Conditions of Detention and Policing in Africa, for a period of two (2) years, effective from 01 July 2020.

**Done virtually, 07 August 2020**