

**DECISION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE AFRICAN COURT
ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS (AfCHPR)
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The Executive Council,

- 1. TAKES NOTE** of the Activity Report of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (AfCHPR) for the period 1 January to 31 December 2015, and the recommendations contained therein;
- 2. ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the reservation entered into by the State of Libya, in relation to paragraphs 19, 20 and 66 of the Activity Report of AfCHPR;
- 3. RECALLS** its Decision EX.CL/Dec.842(XXV) adopted by the 25th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council held in Johannesburg, South Africa in June 2015 declaring 2016 as the "*African Year of Human Rights with Focus on the Rights of Women*", and **NOTES** that 2016 coincides with the Tenth Anniversary of the operationalization of AfCHPR;
- 4. REQUESTS** AfCHPR, in collaboration with the AU Commission and the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC), to make arrangements to ensure the successful celebration of these two auspicious occasions;
- 5. CONGRATULATES** Member States that have ratified the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the establishment of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights and **CALLS ON** those that have not yet done so, to expedite the process;
- 6. URGES** Member States to continue to contribute to AfCHPR and comply with its Decisions;
- 7. REQUESTS** AfCHPR to:
 - i) Present, in collaboration with the AU Commission and the PRC, at the July 2016 ordinary session of the Assembly, through the Executive Council, a Declaration on the Commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of the operationalization of AfCHPR;
 - ii) Finalize, in close collaboration with the PRC and the AU Commission, the Study on the establishment of a Trust Fund specifying in particular, the sources of funds, sustainability, the benefits, and its impact on Member States assessed contributions.
- 8. REQUESTS** AfCHPR to submit a report on the implementation of this decision to the ordinary session of the Executive Council in January 2017.