

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE AFRICAN
COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS (ACHPR)
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The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Fortieth (40th) Activity Report of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR) and **AUTHORIZES** its publication along with its annexes;
2. **FURTHER TAKES NOTE** of the human rights situation on the continent as outlined in the 40th Activity Report, **WELCOMES** the positive developments identified and **URGES** Member States to take the necessary measures to address challenges that have been identified in their respective countries;
3. **ENCOURAGES** Member States to ratify and implement all human rights instruments and submit their State Periodic Reports in accordance with Article 62 of the African Charter on Human and People's Rights (African Charter) and Article 26 of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa (Maputo Protocol), and **COMMENDS** Member States that are up-to-date in this regard;
4. **CALLS ON** Member States to use the opportunity of the "African Year of Human Rights with Particular Focus on the Rights of Women" to take stock of their progress in the promotion and protection of human rights, **URGES** partners to extend their full support for the successful organization of the commemorative activities, and **EXHORTS** Member States to organise celebrations to mark this auspicious year in their respective countries;
5. **WELCOMES** the development by the ACHPR of the draft Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Africa, the draft Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Specific Aspects of the Right to a Nationality and the Eradication of Statelessness in Africa and **REQUESTS** the Commission to take the required steps to ensure the processing of these draft instruments in line with the procedures for the development of AU legal instruments;
6. **NOTES** the on-going efforts by the Commission to recruit for various positions at the ACHPR Secretariat and **REQUESTS** the Commission to expedite the process to enable the ACHPR to effectively carry out its mandate;
7. **TAKES NOTE** of the efforts of the Government of the Islamic Republic of The Gambia regarding the construction of the permanent headquarters of the ACHPR's Secretariat and **EXHORTS** the Government to expedite this process to its completion;
8. **TAKES NOTE** of the offer by the Republic of Niger to host the 60th Ordinary Session of the ACHPR (date).....in Niamey and **CALLS ON** other Member States to consider hosting one of the Sessions of the ACHPR, particularly those that have not yet done so.