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Final Communiqué of the Extraordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights

1. The African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights held its Extraordinary Session, from 20 to 29 July 2011 in Kigali, Rwanda.
2. The Session was convened to deal with commitments outstanding from past Sessions of the Commission.
3. The Chairperson of the Commission, Honourable Kayitesi Zainabo, Sylvie, presided the Session, with the assistance of Honourable Commissioner Béchir Khalifa Ould Abdoulahi as Vice-Chairperson.
4. The Session was attended by the following Commissioners:
 - Honourable Commissioner Kayitesi Zainabo Sylvie
 - Honourable Commissioner Moshemerd Béchir Khalifa Ould Abdoulahi
 - Honourable Commissioner Resende Aden Gainsou
 - Honourable Commissioner Pasison Etlakula
 - Honourable Commissioner Simone Soyata Maiga
 - Honourable Commissioner Lisio Asuagbor
 - Honourable Commissioner Mesdok Agwa
 - Honourable Commissioner Msiya Saifadhel
 - Honourable Commissioner Pasidonure Mani; rakiza
 - Honourable Commissioner Liawonere Murugu Mute
5. Honourable Commissioner Yeung Kam John Yeung was absent with apologies.
6. The following activities were held prior to the Extraordinary Session:
 - (i) Fourth Meeting of the Working Group on Extractive Industries, Environment and Human Rights Violations in Africa;

(ii) Meeting of the Working Group on Communications;

(iii) Sixth Meeting between the Bureau of the Commission and the African Court on Human and Peoples Rights (the

(iv) Third Annual Joint Meeting between the Commission

7. The Chairperson, Honorable Commissioner Kayitesi Zainab, briefed the Members of the Commission on the African Union (AU) Summit, which took place from 20 to 27 June 2014, in Guinea.

8. Additionally, the Chairperson reported meetings and activities which the Bureau attended on the margins of the Summit.

9. The Commission considered and adopted six (6) Communications as follows:

(i) Nine (9) Communications on Salzwedden provisions were granted on four (4) of these Communications. Two communications were deferred awaiting further information.

(ii) Twelve (12) Communications on Admissibility, with one declared admissible, two (2) declared inadmissible and seven deferred for additional information;

(iii) Three (3) Communications on the merits, with one Communication deferred for further information.

(iv) The Commission also considered and adopted one (1) Communication for want of diligent prosecution. It also reviewed an admissibility decision on one (1) Communication.

10. Additionally, the Commission provided directions on Communications on which the Working Group on Communications had sought guidance.

11. The Commission deliberated on and adopted the following:

(i) Report of the Chairperson on the AU Policy Organisations

(ii) Report of the Working Group on Communications.

12. The Commission adopted the following Resolutions:

- (i) Resolution UN World Conference on Indigenous Peoples
- (ii) Resolution on the Need to Conduct a Study on Child Marriage in Africa;
- (iii) Resolution on the Need for the Conduct of a Study
- (iv) Resolution on Human Rights Abuses in Egypt
- (v) Resolution Condemning the Perpetrators of Sexual Violence in the Arab Republic of Egypt;
- (vi) Resolution on Freedom of Expression in the Kingdom
- (vii) Resolution Appointing an Expert Member for the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of People Living with
- (viii) Resolution on the Food Crisis in Somalia.

13 Further, the Commission issued a Press Release on the political situation in the Central African Republic

14. The Commission deliberated on the following:

- (i) Update on Cases before the Court;
- (ii) Report of the Study Visit to the Court;
- (iii) Guidelines on Referral of Cases to the Court;
- (iv) Paper on the Pros and Cons of fusing the Admissibility stages of the Communications Procedure;
- (v) The Draft Strategic Plan of the Commission, 2014-2018;
- (vi) The Status of Budget Execution
- (vii) Collaboration with the Africa Committee on the Rights and Welfare of the Child;
- (viii) Sample Format of the General Comments of the Commission
- (ix) Update on the Governance Architecture Process.

15. The Commission was briefed by Mr. Christopher Kachiza, from the Strategic Planning Department of the National Commission for Democracy and Good Governance, following which the Commission established linkages with the Commission's strategic planning process.
16. Additionally, the Commission was briefed by representatives from the American Association for the Advancement of Science on the use of geospatial technology in the investigation of human rights violations.
17. The Commission expresses its sincere and profound appreciation to the Government and People of the Republic of Rwanda for the extended hospitality extended to the Members of the Commission during the Session.

Done in Kigali, Rwanda during the 16th Extraordinary Session of the Commission from 20 to 29 July 2014

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