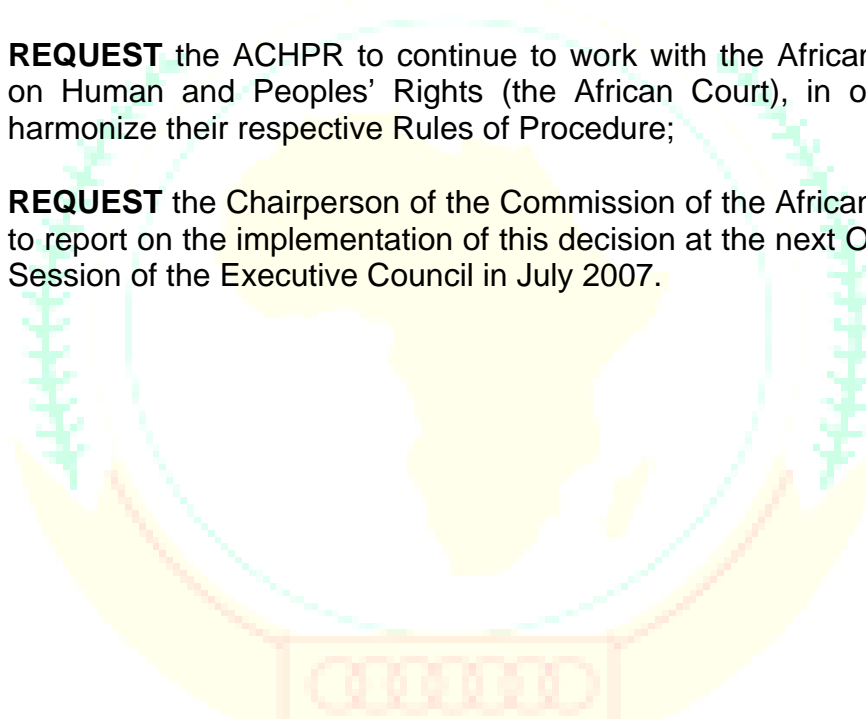


**DECISION ON THE 21ST ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION
ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS – DOC. EX.CL/322 (X)**

The Executive Council:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the 21st Activity Report of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights;
2. **RECOMMENDS** to the Assembly to:
 - i) **ADOPT** and authorize, in accordance with Article 59 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (the African Charter), the publication of the 21st Activity Report of the African Union Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the African Union Commission or the ACHPR) and its annexures;
 - ii) **CONGRATULATE** the ACHPR for the good work it is doing in the promotion and protection of human and peoples' rights on the continent in spite the difficult conditions under which it is operating;
 - iii) **REITERATE** its request to the Commission of the African Union to allocate adequate resources from its regular budget to the ACHPR as provided for in Article 41 of the African Charter to enable the ACHPR effectively and independently discharge its mandate under the Charter;
 - iv) **AUTHORIZE** the ACHPR to, beginning the 2008 financial year, present and defend before the Permanent Representative Committee (PRC) its annual budget independently from the budget of the Political Affairs Department;
 - v) **CALL ON** the Commission of the African Union in collaboration with the ACHPR to propose a new Structure for the latter to the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council taking into consideration the broad mandate of the ACHPR;
 - vi) **REQUEST** the Commission of the African Union in collaboration with other African human rights institutions charged with human rights protection (the ACHPR, Committee on the Rights of the Child, African court on Human and Peoples' Rights) to put in place the necessary modalities and structures for the effective operationalization of the Voluntary Contributions Fund for African Human Rights institutions provided for in the Kigali Declaration of 8 May 2003 and report to the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in July 2007;

- vii) **URGE** Member States that have not done so, to present their State Reports to the ACHPR in accordance with Article 62 of the Charter;
- viii) **CALL ON** Member States to which the ACHPR has made recommendations on the protection of human rights in their countries to work with the ACHPR and other relevant national and organs of the African Union to ensure the effective implementation of these recommendations;
- ix) **REQUEST** the ACHPR to continue to work with the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (the African Court), in order to harmonize their respective Rules of Procedure;
- x) **REQUEST** the Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union to report on the implementation of this decision at the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in July 2007.



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