

INTERSESSIONAL ACTIVITY REPORT OF COMMISSIONER

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In the inter sessional period between the last Ordinary Session in November last year and this session, I was able as a member of the Commission to undertake the following activities:

1. Meeting with AIDS and Human Rights Researchers

In January 2008, I held a series of meetings with a team of researchers in Zambia who intended to undertake research on the prevalence of AIDS amongst men who have sex with men (MSM) with a view to recommend intervention measures.

In view of the penal provisions against same sex relations in Zambia, we examined the human rights issues of such research and the best way to structure their research proposal.

2. Extra Ordinary Session of the ACHPR

In February from the 14th to the 24th, I attended the extra ordinary session of the ACHPR which was held in Banjul, The Gambia. The meeting examined the draft rules of procedure of the ACHPR.

3. Promotional Mission to Malawi

Between the 7th and the 11th April, 2008, I undertook a promotional mission to Malawi, one of the countries under my charge. The mission was undertaken with the help of Dr Robert Eno, Legal Officer from the Secretariat. We met with many institutions including NGOs, the National Human Rights Commission, the Anti Corruption Bureau, media organizations and the Law Faculty of the University of Malawi. We also undertook a visit to and Zomba Maximum Prison. Amongst the people that we held discussions with were cabinet Ministers, the Acting Chief Justice, the Speaker of Parliament, the Director of the National AIDS Commission, the Deputy Commissioner of Police and the Chairman of the Electoral Commission. A draft report of that mission will be tabled for consideration before the Commission in private session as soon as it is finalized.

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