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CALL FOR NOMINATION OF INDEPENDENT EXPERT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE AFRICAN COMMISSION'S WORKING GROUP ON EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES, ENVIROMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN AFRICA.

The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the ACHPR), meeting at its 46th Ordinary Session held in Banjul, The Gambia from 11 to 25 November 2009, established by resolution and in accordance with Rule 28 of its Rules of Procedure, a **Working Group on Extractive Industries, Environment and Human Rights Violations in Africa**, with a mandate to:

- i. Examine the impact of extractive industries in Africa within the context of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights;
- ii. Research the specific issues pertaining to the right of all peoples to freely dispose of their wealth and natural resources and to a general satisfactory environment favourable to their development;
- iii. Undertake research on the violations of human and peoples' rights by non-state actors in Africa;
- iv. Request, gather, receive and exchange information and materials from all relevant sources, including Governments, communities and organizations, on violations of human and peoples' rights by non-state actors in Africa;
- v. Inform the ACHPR on the possible liability of non-state actors for human and peoples' rights violations under its protective mandate;
- vi. Formulate recommendations and proposals on appropriate measures and activities for the prevention and reparation of violations of human and peoples' rights by extractive industries in Africa;
- vii. Collaborate with interested donor institutions and NGOs, to raise funds for the Working Group's activities;

viii. Prepare a comprehensive report to be presented to the ACHPR by November 2011;

The ACHPR appointed Commissioner Mumba Malila, as the Chairperson and Commissioner Soyata Maiga as a Member of the Working Group.

The ACHPR mandated its Secretariat to compile a list of interested candidates for consideration as independent expert members of the Working Group, due consideration being given to expertise on extractive industries and human rights abuse in Africa, and on the gender, geographic, legal and religious make up of the continent.

The Secretariat of the ACHPR is therefore inviting nominations from Member States of the African Union, National Human Rights Institutions, Non-Governmental Organisations and other interested individuals and institutions, and would be most obliged if the names suggested would also include the curriculum vitae of the candidates.

The ACHPR intends to nominate the members of the Working Group during its 47th Ordinary Session scheduled to take place from 12 to 26 May 2010 and the Secretariat would appreciate if proposed names could be sent not later than **31st January 2010**.