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**Final Communiqué of the 24<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Session of the  
African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights**

**Banjul, Republic of The Gambia**

**30 July- 8 August 2018**

1. The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (Commission) held its 24<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Session from 30 July to 8 August 2018 in Banjul, Republic of The Gambia.
2. The Session was convened to consider the various items on the agenda, namely Communications, recommendations arising from the 33<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session of the Executive Council of the African Union held on 28 and 29 June 2018 in Nouakchott, Mauritania, as well as other urgent outstanding issues from its previous sessions.
3. The Session was chaired by Honourable Commissioner Soyata Maïga, Chairperson of the Commission, assisted by Honourable Commissioner Lawrence Murugu Mute, Vice-Chairperson.
4. The 24<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Session was attended by the following members of the Commission:
  - i. Honourable Commissioner **Soyata Maïga**, Chairperson;
  - ii. Honourable Commissioner **Lawrence Murugu Mute**, Vice-Chairperson;
  - iii. Honourable Commissioner **Kayitesi Zainabo Sylvie**;
  - iv. Honourable Commissioner **Lucy Asuagbor**;
  - v. Honourable Commissioner **Maya Sahli-Fadel**;
  - vi. Honourable Commissioner **Jamesina Essie L. King**;
  - vii. Honourable Commissioner **Solomon Ayele Dersso**;
  - viii. Honourable Commissioner **Essaiem Hatem**;
  - ix. Honourable Commissioner **Teresa Manuela**; and
  - x. Honourable Commissioner **Rémy Ngoy Lumbu**.
5. Honourable Commissioner **Yeung Kam John Yeung Sik Yuen** was absent with apologies.

6. Following the adoption of the agenda, the Chairperson of the Commission, Honourable Commissioner Soyata Maïga, presented the report on meetings with policy organs held during the African Union Summit which took place from 25 June to 2 July 2018 in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania.
7. The Chairperson also presented to Honourable Commissioners Decision EX.CL/1015(XXXIII) of the Executive Council on the recommendations of the Joint Retreat between the Permanent Representatives Committee and the Commission that was held on 4 and 5 June 2018 in Nairobi, Kenya.
8. The Commission took the following measures to give effect to some of the recommendations that were made to the Commission:
  - i. Adoption of a decision on the withdrawal of the Observer Status granted to the NGO Coalition of African Lesbians (CAL), with a letter of notification addressed to CAL;
  - ii. Establishment of a Committee comprised of three Commissioners to conduct research on all relevant aspects that can be useful in developing a Code of Conduct for Commissioners;
  - iii. Establishment of a Committee comprised of three Commissioners to prepare a document on the interpretative mandate of the Commission.
9. The Commission considered and adopted the following documents:
  - i. Report of the Secretariat on follow-up actions of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Session of the Commission;
  - ii. Study on Transitional Justice in Africa;
  - iii. Report on Communications Audit.
10. The Commission considered and deferred to its next Session the adoption of the Draft Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Citizens to Social Protection and Social Security.

11. The Commission considered its draft revised Rules of Procedure and deferred the document to its next sessions for finalisation, towards moving to the next stages before its formal adoption by the Commission.
12. The Commission was briefed on the following documents:
  - i. Report of the Meeting on the Addis Ababa Roadmap held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 8 June 2018;
  - ii. Update on the African Governance Architecture;
  - iii. Report on Financial and Budgetary Matters;
  - iv. Update on the support project for Strengthening the African Human Rights System (PANAF);
  - v. Document on preparations for the Tripartite Consultative Workshop on the proposed Joint Compliance Monitoring Framework for the Implementation of Decisions of the Commission, the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights and the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child.
13. The Commission considered a total of twenty-three (23) Communications:
  - i. **Six (6)** Communications on Seizure: the Commission decided to be seized of **five (5)** and dismissed **one (1)**. The Commission also dismissed **one (1)** request for Provisional Measures;
  - ii. **Seven (7)** Communications on Admissibility: the Commission declared **six (6)** admissible and deferred **one (1)**;
  - iii. **One (1)** Communication on the Merits: the Commission adopted the Communication;
  - iv. **Three (3)** Communications for Strike-out: the Commission struck-out all the three Communications;
  - v. The Commission granted requests for the withdrawal of **two (2)** Communications;

- vi. The Commission gave guidance on **four (4)** Communications.
14. The Commission adopted the following Resolutions:
- i. Resolution on the Development of General Comment on Article 7(d) of the Maputo Protocol;
  - ii. Resolution on the Upcoming Legislative Elections in Guinea-Bissau.
15. The Commission adopted the Report of the Promotion Mission to the Federal Republic of Nigeria and deferred to its next session the consideration of the following reports:
- i. Report of the Promotion Mission to the Democratic Republic of Congo;
  - ii. Report of the Promotion Mission to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania;
  - iii. Report of the Promotion Mission to the Republic of Angola.
16. The Commission decided to hold its 63<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session from 24 October to 13 November 2018 in Banjul, Republic of The Gambia.
17. The Commission expresses its sincere gratitude to the Government and people of the Republic of The Gambia for the hospitality extended to members of the Commission during the 24<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Session.

**Done in Banjul, Republic of The Gambia, 8 August 2018**