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Call for nomination of independent expert members to serve with the ACHPR's Working Group on the Protection of Persons Living with HIV and Those at Risk, Vulnerable to and Affected by HIV in Africa

The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR), meeting at its 47th Ordinary Session held in Banjul, The Gambia, from 12 to 26 May 2010, in accordance with Rule 28 of its Rules of Procedure, established through Resolution **ACHPR/Res163 (XLVII) 2010**, a Working Group on the Protection of the Rights of People Living With HIV (PLHIV) and Those at Risk, Vulnerable to and Affected by HIV, with the mandate to:

1. Seek, request, receive, analyse and respond to reliable information from credible sources including individuals, community-based organisations, non-governmental organisations, specialised agencies, inter-governmental organisations, and State Parties, on the situation and rights of PLHIV and those at risk;
2. Undertake fact-finding missions, where necessary, to investigate, verify and make conclusions and recommendations regarding allegations of human rights violations;
3. Engage State Parties and non-state actors on their responsibilities to respect the rights of PLHIV and those proven to be vulnerable to these infections;
4. Engage State Parties on their responsibilities to respect, protect and fulfil the rights of PLHIV and those at risk;
5. Recommend concrete and effective strategies to better protect the rights of PLHIV and those at risk;

6. Integrate a gender perspective and give special attention to persons belonging to vulnerable groups, including women, children, sex workers, migrants, men having sex with men, intravenous drugs users and prisoners; and
7. Report regularly to the ACHRP.

The ACHPR mandated its Secretariat to compile a list of interested candidates.

In that regard, the Secretariat of the ACHPR is inviting nominations from AU Member States, National Human Rights Institutions, Non-governmental Organizations and other interested individuals and institutions. The names proposed should be accompanied by the curriculum vitae of the candidates.

In making nominations, due consideration should be given to the candidates' expertise on the protection of the rights of PLHIV and those at risk, vulnerable to and affected by HIV, the geographic, gender, linguistic and legal composition of the continent.

The ACHPR intends to appoint the Members of the Working Group during its 48th Ordinary Session, and the Secretariat would appreciate if proposed names could be sent **no later than August 31, 2010**.



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