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## RESOLUTION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON CHILDREN IN VULNERABLE SITUATIONS

The African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC), meeting at its 30th Ordinary Session, held from 6 to 16 December 2017, in Khartoum, Sudan

**Considering** its mandate on the promotion of the rights and welfare of the child in Africa pursuant to the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child;

**Recalling** Article 38(1) of the African Children's Charter that authorizes the ACERWC to establish its own Rules of Procedures, which the ACERWC developed and revised in 2013 and 2015 respectively;

**Considering** Rule 58 of the Revised Rules of Procedure, which allows the ACERWC to establish special mechanisms and assign specific tasks or mandates to either an individual member or group of members concerning the preparation of its sessions or the execution of special programs, studies and projects;

**Mindful** of the fact that the preamble of the Revised Rules of Procedure provides that "Special mechanisms" shall be understood to mean either special rapporteur, working group, study group, sub-committee or other subsidiary body established by the Committee with a specific mandate;

**Considering** the ACERWC's decision on the establishment of country and thematic based rapporteurs, adopted at its 28th ordinary Session held on 21 October – 1 November 2016 in Banjul, The Gambia;

**Noting** that children with disabilities, children who are separated from parents, and children of minorities and indigenous populations are vulnerable to violence, exploitation, discrimination and denial of basic rights;

**Recognizing** the need to give special attention and protection for children in vulnerable situations in order to ensure the enjoyment of their rights in the Charter;

**Decides** to appoint Mme Goitseone Nanikie Nkwe as Special Rapporteur on Children in vulnerable situations with effect from December 2017. The mandate calls on the Special Rapporteur to:

- i. Seek, receive, examine and act upon information on the situation of Children in vulnerable situations;
- ii. Mobilize action and political support to address problems and challenges faced by Children in vulnerable situations in Africa;
- iii. Cooperate and engage in dialogue with Member States, National human Rights Institutions, relevant intergovernmental organizations, international and regional mechanisms, UN Agencies and CSOs to ensure protection of rights of Children in vulnerable situations;
- iv. Develop strategies to ensure protection of the rights of Children in vulnerable situations;
- v. Formulate recommendations and proposals on appropriate measures and activities to ensure protection of rights of children in vulnerable situations;
- vi. Carryout awareness creation activities to raise awareness in African societies on Children in vulnerable situations;
- vii. Issue statements on Children in vulnerable situations where appropriate and if decided by the Committee;
- viii. Take the lead on developments of the Committee's documents, including General Comments and resolutions, related to Children in vulnerable situations;
- ix. Serve as a focal point on area of Children in vulnerable situations.
- x. Report to the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child annually on the activities undertaken under the mandate.

Done in Khartoum, Sudan, December 2017.