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**PRESS RELEASE
OF THE
MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE DEATH PENALTY IN AFRICA
PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA
24-26 MARCH 2011**

The Secretariat of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (Secretariat) wishes to inform the general public that it will be organizing a meeting of its Working Group on the Death Penalty from 24th to 26 March 2011, in Pretoria, South Africa.

The meeting, which is part of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (African Commission) promotion mandate, is being organized in accordance with Article 45 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights. It is also being organised to give effect to ACHPR /Res.79 (XXXVIII) 05, that requires the Working Group to, amongst other things, develop Strategic Plan(s), including a practical and legal framework on the abolition of the death penalty; and collect information and continue to monitor the situation of the application of the death penalty in African States.

The meeting of the Working Group is intended to map out the current work of the Working Group and to finalize the draft document of the Working Group on 'The Question of the Death Penalty in Africa', with a view to having the document ready for presentation to the African Commission at its 49th Ordinary Session, scheduled to take place from 28 April to 12 May 2011, in Banjul, The Gambia.

Commissioner Zainabo Sylvie Kayitesi, Member of the African Commission and Chairperson of the Working Group on Death Penalty in Africa and Commissioner Mumba Malila, Vice-Chairperson of the African Commission and Member of the Working Group on the Death Penalty in Africa, will lead the discussions. The expert members of the Working Group, Professor Philip Iya and Professor Carlson Anyangwe, as well as some staff members of the Secretariat will be in attendance.

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