**Statement on Letter of Appreciation to the Republic of Kenya**

On 21 December 2020, the Chairperson of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights and country rapporteur on the human rights situation in Kenya, and the Chairperson of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations/Communities and Minorities in Africa, transmitted a letter of appreciation to His Excellency, Uhuru Kenyatta, the President of the Republic of Kenya, welcoming the decision of the Republic of Kenya to grant citizenship to 1,670 members of the Shona community and 1,300 stateless people of Rwandan origin, and urging the Government of Kenya to extend the same legal status to other groups in the same situation, as a necessary condition for ending discrimination and exclusion from the benefits of equal citizenship by such groups.