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INTERSESSION ACTIVITY REPORT
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This report is presented pursuant to Rule 72 of the Rules of Procedure of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Commission). The report outlines the activities I undertook in my capacity as Chairperson of the Commission during the intersession period. Highlights of the said activities are set out below.

1. I was invited to a Law Dinner organized by the Fako Lawyers Association in Buea, Cameroon on 24 November 2012. During the dinner, I presented a paper on the role of the contemporary African Lawyer in the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in Africa.
2. On 5 December 2012, I attended an inter organ meeting of the African Court on Human and Peoples Rights, the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), and the Pan African Parliament in Port Harcourt, Nigeria. The objective of the meeting was to discuss issues of common interest to the organs and develop a collaborative strategy for approaching the Policy Organs to address same.
3. From 6 - 7 December 2012, I was invited to represent the Commission and present the Keynote Address at an International Conference in Brussels, Belgium, under the theme "Ensuring the Universality of Human Rights - the Impact of Regional organizations". The Conference was organized by the European Commission in collaboration with the Dag Hammarskjold Foundation to commemorate the International Human Rights Day.
4. On 17 January 2013, I paid a courtesy visit to the newly elected members of the governing body of the National Human Rights Commission of Nigeria,

in Abuja, Nigeria, in order to discuss enhanced collaboration between the NHRC and the Commission.

5. From 21 - 30 January 2013, I attended the meetings of the Policy Organs and the 20th Summit of the Assembly of Heads of States and Government of the African Union in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where I presented the 32nd and 33rd Combined Activity Reports of the Commission which were adopted and approved for publication. Following the presentation of these reports, an exception was made allowing the Commission to henceforth present its report at each session of the Summit of Heads of States as against an earlier decision directing an annual presentation.
6. I chaired the 13th EOS of the Commission that was held from 19 - 25 February 2013, in Banjul, The Gambia. During the session, many issues were deliberated upon including consideration of communications.
7. From 4 - 7 March 2013, I attended the Session of the Human Right Council in Geneva, Switzerland and had discussions with the African Group and the President of the Council, Mr. Remigiusz Achilles Henczel, on ways of improving visibility of the Commission as a platform to give the African voice prominence in the Council. I also held discussions with the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Navi Pilay, on issues of Common interest.

Thank you