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Relationship and Cooperation between the African Commission and National Human Rights Institutions and specialized human rights institutions in Africa

1. The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights recognizes the particular role that National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) play in the promotion and protection of human rights in Africa.
2. As mandated by Article 45(1) of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, the Commission has formalized its relationship with national human rights institutions through the grant of Affiliate Status.
3. **Resolution 370 on the Granting of Affiliate Status to National Human Rights Institutions and specialized human rights institutions in Africa** provides that the benefits of the grant of affiliate status include being invited to the Sessions of the Commission and participating, without voting rights, in deliberations on issues which are of interest to them.
4. **Resolution 370** also provides that NHRIs and specialized human rights institutions with Affiliate Status have the following responsibilities: assisting the Commission in the promotion and protection of human rights at the national level; and presenting their activity reports to the Commission every two years.

Status of granting Affiliate Status to National Human Rights Institutions and specialized human rights institutions in Africa

5. During the 79th Ordinary Session held in May/June 2024, The Commission granted Affiliate Status to Two (2) specialized human rights institutions in Africa, in accordance with the Resolution on the Criteria for Granting and Maintaining Affiliate Status to National Human Rights Institutions and specialized human rights institutions in Africa, namely:
 - i. **The National Mechanism for the Prevention of Torture of Mauritania; and**
 - ii. **The National Gender and Equality Commission of Kenya.**

Status of submission of Activity Reports to the Commission

6. As at the 79th Ordinary Session held in May/June 2024, **thirty-eight (38)** national institutions have been granted affiliate status with the Commission: **thirty-four (34)** National Human Rights Institutions and **four (4)** specialized institutions.
7. During the inter-session period prior to commencement of the 79th Ordinary Session, the Commission received **one (1)** activity report from:
 - (i) **The Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice - No. 24**
8. The following provides the status of submission of activity reports by NHRIs and specialized institutions to the Commission:

I. No reports owed:

Reports submitted during 2022 - 2024

1. The Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice of Ghana

Report submitted prior the 81st Ordinary Session October 2024

2. Cameroon National Commission for Human Rights and Liberties

Report submitted prior the 79th Ordinary Session in May 2024

3. Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance of Tanzania

Report submitted prior the 77th Ordinary Session in October 2023

4. The Ethiopian Human Rights Commission

Report submitted prior the 75th Ordinary Session in May 2023

5. National Commission for Human Rights and Citizenship (CNDHC), Cabo Verde

Report submitted prior the 75th Ordinary Session in May 2023

Granted Affiliate Status during 2022 – 2024

1. National Torture Prevention Mechanism Mauritania

Granted Affiliate Status during 79th Ordinary Session in May 2024

2. National Gender and Equality Commission (NGEC) Kenya

Granted Affiliate Status during 79th Ordinary Session in May 2024

II. List of NHRIs owing one or more Reports:

1. South Sudan Human Rights Commission;
2. Sahrawi National Commission for Human Rights;
3. National Human Rights Commission of Democratic Republic of Congo- DRC ;
4. National Human Rights Commission of Nigeria;
5. National Human Rights Commission of Mali;
6. National Human Rights Commission of Niger;
7. South African Human Rights Commission;
8. Uganda Human Rights Commission;
9. Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone;
10. National Human Rights Commission of Togo;
11. National Human Rights Commission of Chad;
12. National Human Rights Commission of Burkina Faso;
13. Senegalese Human Rights Committee;
14. National Human Rights Commission of Mauritania;
15. Zambia Human Rights Commission;
16. Mauritius National Human Rights Commission;
17. Independent National Commission on Human Rights of Burundi;
18. Zimbabwe Human Rights Commission.
19. The Commission for Gender Equality (CGE), South Africa
20. National Council for Human Rights of Côte d'Ivoire;
21. Benin Human Rights Commission;
22. The National Human Rights Commission of The Gambia;
23. The Institute of Human Rights and Peace of Cheikh Anta Diop University;
24. National Commission for Human Rights of Rwanda;
25. Kenya National Commission on Human Rights;
26. Malawi Human Rights Commission;
27. National Council for Human Rights of Algeria;
28. The National Commission for Human Rights of The Sudan
29. Independent National Human Rights Commission of Madagascar;
30. The Independent National Commission on Human Rights of Liberia; and
31. The National Council for Human Rights of The Arab Republic of Egypt

Conclusion

6. The Commission would like to encourage NHRIs with affiliate status with overdue activity reports, to submit them to the Commission in accordance with the requirements in **Resolution 370**.