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### Relationship and Cooperation between the African Commission and National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) 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. As at the 81<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Session held in October/November 2024, **thirty-eight (38)** National Human Rights Institutions and specialized human rights institutions in Africa have been granted affiliate status with the Commission: **thirty-four (34)** National Human Rights Institutions and **four (4)** specialized human rights institutions.

### Status of submission of Activity Reports to the Commission

6. During the inter-session period prior to commencement of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session, the Commission received **Four (4)** activity reports from:

- (i) National Human Rights Council of Cote d'Ivoire - No. 25;
- (ii) Cameroun National Commission on Human Rights and Liberties – No. 20;
- (iii) Commission for Gender Equality of the Republic of South Africa – No. 29;
- and
- (iv) The National Council for Human Rights of The Arab Republic of Egypt – No. 35

7. The following provides the status of submission of activity reports by NHRIs and specialized institutions to the Commission:

**I. No reports owed:**

- (A) Reports were submitted within the required timeframe; or
- (B) Affiliate Status was granted within the past two years, and the reporting deadline has not yet elapsed.

(A) Reports submitted  
Between May 2023 - May  
2025

**1. National Human Rights Council of Cote d'Ivoire**

Report submitted prior the 83<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session May 2025

**2. Cameroun National Commission on Human Rights and Liberties**

Report submitted prior the 83<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session May 2025

**3. Commission for Gender Equality of the Republic of South Africa**

Report submitted prior the 83<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session May 2025

**4. The National Council for Human Rights of The Arab Republic of Egypt**

Report submitted prior the 83<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session May 2025

**5. The Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice of Ghana**

Report submitted prior the 81<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Session October 2024

	<p><b>6. Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance of Tanzania</b></p> <p>Report submitted prior the 77th Ordinary Session in October 2023</p>
<p><u>(B) Granted Affiliate Status Between May 2023 - May 2025</u></p>	<p><b>1. National Torture Prevention Mechanism Mauritania</b></p> <p>Granted Affiliate Status during 79th Ordinary Session in May 2024</p> <p><b>2. National Gender and Equality Commission (NGEC) Kenya</b></p> <p>Granted Affiliate Status during 79th Ordinary Session in May 2024</p>

## **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. Benin Human Rights Commission;
20. The National Human Rights Commission of The Gambia;
21. The Institute of Human Rights and Peace of Cheikh Anta Diop University;
22. National Commission for Human Rights of Rwanda;
23. Kenya National Commission on Human Rights;

24. Malawi Human Rights Commission;
25. National Council for Human Rights of Algeria;
26. The National Commission for Human Rights of The Sudan
27. Independent National Human Rights Commission of Madagascar;
28. The Independent National Commission on Human Rights of Liberia;
29. National Commission for Human Rights and Citizenship (CNDHC), Cabo Verde; **and**
30. The Ethiopian Human Rights Commission.

## **Conclusion**

7. 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**.