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## PRESS RELEASE

### TWO NEW JUDGES APPOINTED TO THE AFRICAN COURT ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS

**Arusha, 3 February, 2017:** At the just-ended 28<sup>th</sup> Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 30-31 January 2017, appointed two Judges to the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights for a period of six years.

The Judges are Hon. Justice Bensaoula Chafika from Algeria and Hon. Justice Chizumila Rose Tujilane from Malawi. The two are replacing Hon. Justice Fatsah Ouguergouz (Algeria) and Hon. Justice Duncan Tambala (Malawi) whose term came to an end on 5 September, 2016.

The two Judges will be sworn-in during the 44<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Court which begins on 6 March, 2017 in Arusha, the United Republic of Tanzania.

For the first time in the history of the Court, there will be five female judges sitting on the 11-member court.

The increased number of female Judges is the fulfilment of the adequate representation provided for in Article 12(2) and Article 14(3) of the Protocol establishing the court.

The swearing in ceremony will be held at the Kibo Hall at the African Court premises at the Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) building, Burka area, along Dodoma Road, from 9:00am and members of the public are welcomed.

The ceremony will be live streamed via the link <http://original.livestream.com/afchpr/>

**NOTES FOR EDITORS:**

1. The Court is composed of eleven judges, nationals of Member States of the African Union elected in their individual capacity. The Judges are elected for a period of six years and can be re-elected for second and final term of another six years.
2. The Court meets four times a year in Ordinary Sessions and may hold Extra-Ordinary Sessions.
3. Up to 31 January, 2017, the Court had received 125 applications of which 32 have been finalized. Four applications have been transferred to the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.

***Further information can be obtained from the Court's website at [www.african-court.org](http://www.african-court.org).***