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RESOLUTION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON HEALTH, WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT

The African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC), meeting at its 35th Ordinary Session, held virtually from 31 August to 08 September 2020:

Considering its mandate on the promotion of the rights and welfare of the child in Africa pursuant to the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child;

Recalling Article 38(1) of the African Children's Charter, that authorizes the ACERWC to establish its own Rules of Procedures, which the ACERWC developed and revised in 2013 and 2015 respectively;

Considering Rule 58 of the Revised Rules of Procedure, which allows the ACERWC to establish special mechanisms and assign specific tasks or mandates to either an individual member or group of members concerning the preparation of its sessions or the execution of special programs, studies and projects;

Mindful of the fact that the preamble of the Revised Rules of Procedure provides that "Special mechanisms" shall be understood to mean either special rapporteur, working group, study group, sub-committee or other subsidiary body established by the Committee with a specific mandate;

Considering the ACERWC's decision on the establishment of country and thematic based rapporteurs, adopted at its 28th ordinary Session held on 21 October – 1 November 2016 in Banjul, The Gambia;

Considering Articles 5 and 14 of the ACRWC on the right of the African child to life, survival and development and the right to health respectively;

Noting with concern the inadequate attention given to health, welfare and development in State Parties that is manifest in the allocation of budget;

Recognizing the need to accelerate the reduction of high infant and child mortality in Africa;

Decides to appoint Mr. Aboubekrine El Jera as Special Rapporteur on Health Welfare and Development with effect from September 2020. The mandate calls on the Special Rapporteur to:

- i. Seek, receive, examine and act upon information on the situation of Health, welfare and development of children in Africa and, recommend measures on the basis of these information
- ii. Bring to the attention of the Committee instances of grave violations of the Charter in aspects of health, welfare and development of the child.
- iii. Mobilize action and political support to improve situation of health, welfare and development of children in Africa;
- iv. Cooperate and engage in dialogue with Member States, National human Rights Institutions, relevant intergovernmental organizations, international and regional mechanisms, UN Agencies and CSOs to enhance health, welfare and development of children in Africa;
- v. Recommend strategic directions to ensure health, welfare and development of children in Africa;
- vi. Formulate recommendations and proposals on appropriate measures and activities to boost health, welfare and development of children in Africa;
- vii. Issue statements on health, welfare and development of children in Africa where appropriate and if decided by the Committee;
- viii. Take the lead on developments of the Committee's documents, including General Comments and resolutions, related to health, welfare and development of children;
- ix. Serve as a focal point on area of health, welfare and development of children et
- x. Report to the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child annually on the activities undertaken under the mandate.

Done virtually, September 2020.