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RESOLUTION NO.20/2022 ON THE APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON HEALTH

The African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC), meeting at its 40th Ordinary Session, held from 23 November to 01 December 2022 in Maseru, the Kingdom of Lesotho:

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, 2015 and 2020 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 insufficient attention accorded to children's health by State Parties, as reflected in inadequate budgetary allocations;

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

Decides to amend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on Health, Welfare and Development and appoint **Aboubekrine El Jera** as Special Rapporteur on Health. The mandate calls on the Special Rapporteur to:

- i. Seek, receive, examine and act upon information about the right to health of children in Africa and, recommend measures based on this information
- ii. Bring to the attention of the Committee instances of grave violations of the Charter in aspects of children's right to health;
- iii. Mobilize action and political support to improve the situation of children's health;
- 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 children's right to health;
- v. Recommend strategic directions to promote and safeguard the health of children;
- vi. Formulate recommendations and proposals on appropriate measures and activities related to children's health;
- vii. Issue statements on the right to health 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 the right to health;
- ix. Serve as a focal point on area of the right to health; and
- 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 in Maseru, Kingdom of Lesotho, 1 December 2022.