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Press Release

AFRICAN COURT ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS BEGINS 37TH ORDINARY SESSION IN ARUSHA 18 MAY TO 5 JUNE 2015

- *Two public hearings to be heard during the session*

Arusha, 13th May, 2015: The African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (AfCHPR) will hold its 37th Ordinary Session from 18 May to 5 June 2015 at its seat in Arusha, the United Republic of Tanzania.

The Judges, among others, will consider and adopt the Mid-term Activity Report of the Court to be submitted to the 25th African Union Summit in June, 2015 in South Africa, and examine applications already before it.

During the session, there will be two public hearings in the following matters:

- (i) **Application 006/2013- Wilfred Onyango Nganyi & 9 others v Republic of Tanzania on 21 May, 2015**
- (ii) **Application 007/2014- Mohamed Abubakari v the United Republic of Tanzania on 22 May, 2015**

In the first application, the Applicants, citizens of Kenya, allege they were lawfully in Mozambique probing business opportunities when they were without lawful resort to

legal measures or extradition, on 16 January 2006, kidnapped and put on a military aeroplane bound for Tanzania where they have been incarcerated since and charged with murder and three charges of armed robbery.

In the second application, Mr Abubakari, a Tanzanian, is challenging the conviction of 30 years jail for two counts of armed robbery in July 1998 by the District Court of Moshi.

The public hearings will be held at the Kibo Hall at the AfCHPR premises at the Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) buildings, Burka area, along Dodoma Road.

The Judges session will be preceded by a pilot media training of 20 senior editors and journalists from East Africa on the role of media to promote the African Court. The training is jointly organized by the African Court and the German International Development Agency (GIZ).

The Journalists will later be deployed to cover the two public hearings.

The hearings begin at 10:00 am prompt. The public is invited to attend the hearings. For security reasons, members of the public wishing to attend the hearings should send their names to the following:

1. Mr. Sukhdev Chhatbar, Senior Information and Communication Officer, schatbar@african-court.org and skchhatbar@yahoo.com and a copy to the Office of the Registry at Registry@african-court.org

NOTE FOR EDITORS:

1. The Court is composed of eleven judges, nationals of member states of the African Union elected in their individual capacity. The Court meets four times a year in Ordinary Sessions.

Further information can be obtained from the Court's website at www.african-court.org.