

## **Application No. 011/2011**

### **Reverend Christopher Mtikila v. The United Republic of Tanzania**

#### **Summary of facts:**

1. The Applicant, Reverend Christopher Mtikila, is a citizen of the United Republic of Tanzania. He submits that current Tanzanian Constitution violates his right to freedom of association and to participate in public/government affairs, by prohibiting independent candidates to contest presidential, parliamentary and local council elections, and that this prohibition also violates the principle of non-discrimination.
2. According to the Applicant, the Tanzanian Government violated the rule of law by initiating a constitutional review and subsequent amendment to settle an issue pending before the Courts of Tanzania. The Applicant claims that the action of the Government amounts to a violation of his rights guaranteed under Articles 2, 10, 13(1) of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (African Charter), Articles 22, 25, 26 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), and Articles 1, 7, 20 and 21(1) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

#### **Relief sought**

3. The applicant is seeking a declaration that current Tanzanian law barring independent candidates from seeking public/elective office is in violation of the African Charter and the ICCPR.

#### **Procedure**

4. The application was received on 10 June 2011 and registered on the same date.
5. By Note verbale dated 17 June 2011, the application was served on the Respondent.
6. By letter dated 17 June the application was notified to the AUC and other State Parties to the Protocol.

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